

January 17, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

Chaim Zimbalist	Secretary
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Judy Taylor	Director
Steve Garrett	Counsel

The meeting was opened by Acting Chairman Zimbalist.

Mr. Zimbalist opened the Public Forum.

In the Public Forum Mr. Ken Parks stated that he would like to encourage the board to post the minutes of the board meetings on the website. He stated that it had been discussed in the board meetings of August and November and that he believed posting the minutes would go a long way toward voter confidence in the board.

Mr. Zimbalist thanked Mr. Parks and, as there were no more speakers, closed the Public Forum.

Mr. Zimbalist called for a motion to approve the board minutes of 11/15/2005. Mr. Garrett stated that he believed the minutes should be amended to merge the minutes of 12/20/2005 and 12/21/2005, as it was one meeting taking place over two days. He also stated that on page two, after "Legal" the phrase, "... Contract Negotiations would be discussed in a closed session pursuant to Chapter 610, RSMo, 610.021" should be added. Mr. Miller made a motion to combine the open meeting minutes of 12/20/2005 and 12/21/2005, to combine the closed meeting minutes of 12/20/2005 and 12/21/2005 and to amend the minutes. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were amended.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the board minutes of 12/20/2005 as amended and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Zimbalist called for the Director's Report.

Judge Goeke stated that the Final County Budget had been received and the PDAs had not been restored to the budget as anticipated. He stated that we were working with County IT to find lower cost laptops instead of PDAs. He stated that it was possible that the laptops could be added to the budget later.

Judge Goeke stated that the February 7, 2006 election has 62 polling places. He stated that the biggest races would be in the 93rd Representative district and the Mehlville School District.

Judge Goeke stated that a timeline was expected from the Secretary of State today regarding the implementation of MAXIMUS. He stated that we are working on getting our street files in order and anticipate going online with MAXIMUS on April 15, 2006. We have entered into an Implementation Plan with the Secretary of State's office

Judge Goeke stated he has been working with the landlord and Public Works on office space. He stated that the latest revision was for us to get the FDA and warehouse space, but not contiguous. Judge Goeke stated that he had confidence that we would get approval to make the changes to get the spaces contiguous.

Judge Goeke stated that Mr. Garrett is still working on the contract with ES&S. He stated that on January 11 the project manager came to the office and will not be back until January 20. Judge Goeke stated that the equipment will arrive to late to run the April election. He stated we will use punch cards for April and the electronic voting equipment in August.

Judge Goeke stated that our office received a request for a fiscal note on three pieces of proposed legislation. Senate Bill 801 would require all bills to be paid prior to certification of election. Judge Goeke stated our office is opposed to this legislation. Senate Bill 661 would do away with straight party voting. Judge Goeke stated that there would be no fiscal or administrative impact on this office and that we have no position on this bill. House Bill 1335 is in regard to early voting and the set-up of 6 satellite voting locations. Judge Goeke stated that our office is against the bill as written

Judge Goeke stated that our office would like to go to a lottery system for ballot position placement beginning in the August 8th Primary election. He stated that Ms. Taylor had discussed it with County Executive Dooley and that he had discussed it with Kurt Odenwald, Chairman of the County Council. Neither had any objection. The County Councilor had also been consulted and there is no restriction in the County Charter.

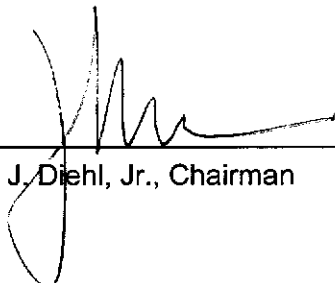
Mr. Zimbalist said he had no objection to the implementation of a lottery system and called for a motion to approve. Ms. Yeckel made a motion to authorize the lottery system and Mr. Miller seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Mr. Zimbalist stated there was no New Business.

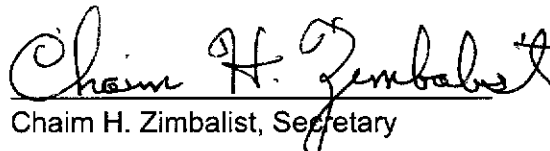
Under Old Business, Ms. Yeckel raised questions regarding the contract with ES&S.

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss Personnel, Legal and Contract Negotiations pursuant to Chapter 610, RSMo, 610.021. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye. The Board then entered into closed session to discuss legal, personnel and contract negotiations.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2006.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary

Meeting of Board of Election Commissioners January 17, 2006 – 3:30 p.m.

Closed Session Minutes

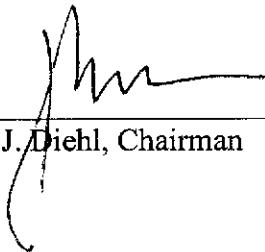
Present in the meeting were Commissioner Yeckel, Commissioner Zimbalist, Commissioner Miller, Director Goeke and Director Taylor. Also present was Board Counsel Steven Garrett.

Upon a vote to close a portion of the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 610.021 to discuss personnel, legal communications and contract document negotiations, the following personnel and legal issues were discussed by the Board:

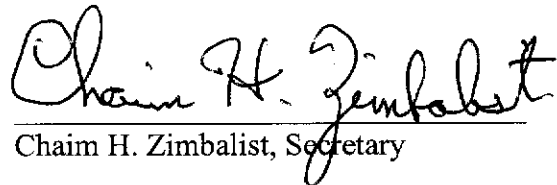
Mr. Garrett discussed with the Board the status of a lawsuit and human rights claim. No action was taken.

Mr. Garrett advised the Board regarding recent discussions with ES and S regarding an equipment contract. In addition, the Board discussed the contract documents related to the election equipment and services contract.

No votes were taken.



John J. Diehl, Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary