

February 21, 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, February 21, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

John J. Diehl, Jr.	Chairman
Chaim Zimbalist	Secretary
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Judy Taylor	Director

Mr. Diehl stated that a quorum was present, and thus the meeting was opened and called to order.

As Mr. Diehl was absent from the previous Board Meeting, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of January 17, 2006 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Mr. Diehl abstained.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed session Board Meeting of January 17, 2006 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Mr. Diehl abstained.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke reported that the filings for the August Primary Election would begin on Tuesday, February 28. He stated that a lottery system has been put in place for first day filing.

Judge Goeke stated that things are moving forward in regard to the contract negotiations with ES&S. Judge Goeke stated that while the negotiations have been moving slowly, the contract should be better because of it. Judge Goeke stated that an outside consultant is assisting in the contract negotiations. Mr. Zimbalist inquired as to who the consultant is. Judge Goeke responded that her name is Connie Schmidt of Johnson County Kansas. He stated that she is also working with Franklin County Ohio to implement an ES&S system as well as being a consultant for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). He stated that she has also put together a training program.

Mr. Diehl asked if there would be a contract by the next Board meeting and Judge Goeke responded in the affirmative. Judge Goeke stated that the hold up on the contract was not affecting the office moving forward. Judge Goeke stated that we should be able to implement the new system in June, if an election is called for in June.

Judge Goeke stated that an internal mock election was recently held using the new equipment and aided by ES&S. He stated that office personnel did a run-through of all the processes and that this mock election answered a lot of questions.

Judge Goeke stated that Charlene LaRosa and Debbie Quicke are working on the timeline with the project manager. He stated that they are close to finalizing and should have a timeline and implementation schedule by week's end. Judge Goeke stated that a new project manager is coming in.

Judge Goeke stated that the warehouse has put together accommodations to make the current vote recorders usable with the Opti-scan ballots. He stated that the lease for the new space has been approved by the County Council. The new space will have four (4) training rooms, a mezzanine is being added to the warehouse, the lektrievers will move inside and the lunchroom will be expanded.

Judge Goeke stated that he has spoken with the County Council in regard to an increase in the pollworkers pay. He stated that the proposal would increase judge's pay from \$85 to \$100; supervisor's pay from \$100 to \$130 and would create a new position of Assistant Supervisor, which would pay \$115. He stated that the Committee of the Whole is considering it and that things looked favorable.

Judge Goeke stated that there is a Republican vacancy in the warehouse and a Democrat senior clerk vacancy in the mapping department. He stated that, in regard to the warehouse position, it would most likely need to be hired in above minimum due to the qualifications required. These qualifications include specialized computer skills needed for the new bar-coding.

Ms. Taylor stated that a Democrat supervisor had resigned today. She stated that she needed to think things over, as there are several ways to handle it.

Mr. Diehl stated that it was necessary to reschedule the next Board Meeting, as he would be out of town during the week of the regularly scheduled meeting. After discussion, it was decided that the next Board Meeting would be on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Diehl stated that he had skipped the public forum and thus opened the public forum.

In the public forum, Virginia Harris stated that she would like to obtain board minutes from the meeting she does not already have.

Ken Parks asked if there was a consensus on the average time it will take the voter to choose and option and cast their ballot.

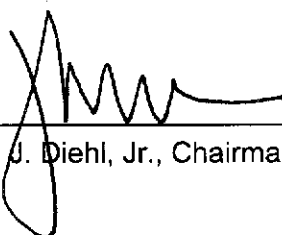
Mr. Diehl thanked Ms. Harris and Mr. Parks and, as there were no more speakers, closed the public forum.

Mr. Diehl stated that there was no old business or new business and thus moved on to the Financial portion of the meeting.

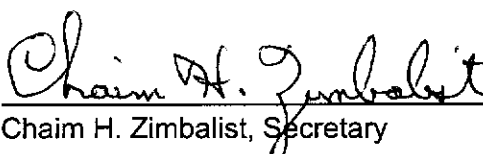
Mr. Diehl made a motion to receive the Variance report and Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the report was received. Mr. Diehl made a motion to receive the Itemization of Bills and Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the report was received. Mr. Diehl made a motion to receive the Personnel Action Report and Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Zimbalist inquired as to the nature of the report and it was explained that three (3) temporary employees were hired for the April Election, two (2) Democrats and one (1) Republican. The position is for six (6) weeks. A vote was taken and the report was received.

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

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2006.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary