

March 14, 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, March 14, 2006, at 3:30 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
Steve Garrett	Counsel

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

Mr. Diehl opened the Public Forum.

In the Public Forum Virginia Harris asked to receive a copy of this year's budget as well as last year's budget. Mr. Diehl thanked Ms. Harris and asked her to speak with the Administrative Assistant following the meeting regarding copies of the budget. As there were no more speakers, Mr. Diehl closed the Public Forum.

Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of February 21, 2006 and Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke asked the board members to please note that the Variance Report in their packets covers two pay periods per month. He stated that what has actually been paid is one pay period behind the report.

Judge Goeke stated that the lottery system used for first day filings for the August Primary went smoothly. He stated that the programming was complete for the April Election and that there is a shortfall of Election Judges.

Judge Goeke stated that the request for an increase in pollworker compensation had been made to the County. He stated that the County could not increase the pay this year, as it is not currently in the budget. Judge Goeke stated that the County is not unopposed to enacting the pay increase now, effective the first of the year 2007.

Judge Goeke stated that Kathy Toth had been moved from Team 1 to take over for the supervisor that resigned in the Judge Clerk department. He stated that it is expected that a Republican team supervisor will be retiring soon, thus leaving a vacancy of one (1) Republican supervisor and one (1) Democrat supervisor. Judge Goeke stated that it may be appropriate to combine the four teams into two at that time.

Judge Goeke stated that there is an open warehouse position that requires computer experience. He stated that Mr. Diehl had the name of a gentleman interested. Judge Goeke stated that the hiring of a Republican clerk is in process.

Judge Goeke stated that a canvass began on February 21. He stated that 90,000 cards were returned. He stated that letters had been mailed out and those would be forwarded. Judge Goeke stated that the system needed to be reworked due to a change in Post Office procedure regarding forwarding orders.

Judge Goeke stated that the new project manager should be in office this week.

Judge Goeke stated that the County Council had approved the lease on the new space and that he was to meet today with Cozad and Bruce Koethe of Public Works.

Mr. Diehl asked Judge Goeke where we are with MCVR.

Judy Taylor responded that they have received our street file and that we have a timeline from them regarding implementation.

Mr. Diehl stated that there is no Old Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Diehl asked Steve Garrett to please give a brief overview of the negotiation process regarding the contract with ES&S.

Mr. Garrett stated that things were slow to materialize at first, as we didn't fully understand how the system would work. He stated that the vendor spent two (2) days answering questions and going through the election process step-by-step. Mr. Garrett stated that consultants were brought in to help us understand what we needed to know. He stated that the mock election that was held on those two days, gave us a greater understanding and thus enabled us to move forward much quicker in the negotiation process. Mr. Garrett stated that there are just a few items that need changes, but that, in essence, we are there.

Mr. Garrett stated that the board would need to approve the contract with certain changes. He stated that the Chairman could then sign the contract once the changes are made. Mr. Garrett stated that the contract would also have to be submitted to the Secretary of State's office for approval. He stated that he would prefer approval from the Secretary of State's office before signing in case there are any changes necessary. He stated that both the board and vendor would submit a request for money. Mr. Garrett also stated that the County would have to sign off as well, prior to public release.

Mr. Garrett stated that the money will go from the Secretary of State's office to the County where it must be properly appropriated in order to pay the vendor.

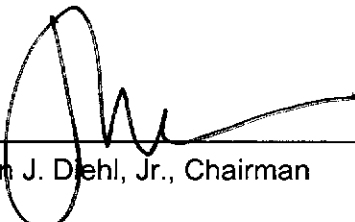
Under Financial, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive the variance report and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

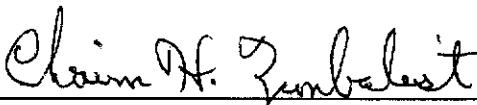
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Itemization of Bills and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

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. Mr. Diehl stated that they would not reopen the session. 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, April 11, 2006.

  
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John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman

  
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Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary

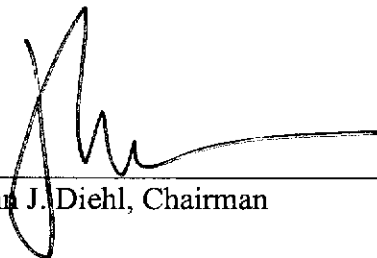
**Meeting of Board of Election Commissioners March 14, 2006 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Closed Session Minutes**

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

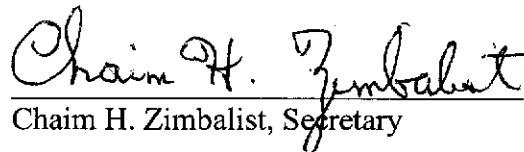
Upon a vote to close a portion of the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 610.021 to discuss personnel, legal communications and contract document negotiations, the following personnel and legal issues were discussed by the Board:

Mr. Garrett discussed the ES&S equipment contract with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Zimbalist and seconded by Commissioner Miller to authorize Chairman Diehl to sign the contract with ES&S provided certain specified changes were made to the contract document. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Garrett advised the Board that the agreement would become public once all parties executed same.



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John J. Diehl, Chairman



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Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary