

April 26, 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, Wednesday, April 26, 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
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Judy Taylor	Director
Steve Garrett	Counsel

Mr. Diehl called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken.

Mr. Diehl opened the Public Forum.

Virginia Harris requested a copy of the contract for the new voting equipment. Mr. Diehl stated that the contract has been approved by the County Council, but not yet signed by the County Executive. Mr. Diehl stated that once the contract was signed it would become public record. Ms. Harris inquired as to whether or not there would be any more purchasing contracts in connection with the new equipment. Judge Goeke answered nothing more related to vote tabulation would be purchased. He stated that carts for storage and delivery as well as bags would be acquired on a purchase order basis. As there were no more speakers, Mr. Diehl closed the Public Forum.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of March 14, 2006 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Ms. Yeckel abstained, as she was not present at the meeting on March 14, 2006.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed session Board Meeting of March 14, 2006 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved. Ms. Yeckel abstained, as she was not present at the meeting on March 14, 2006.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke reported the following:

Regarding the April Election:

- One (1) tie occurred in the Ward 4 Aldermanic race in the city of Pine Lawn
- Two (2) races were within 1%; the Mayor's race in the City of Overland and the race for Director of the Board of Education in the University City School District.
- One (1) lawsuit has been filed, an election contesting an Aldermanic seat in the City of Jennings. The Election Board has been given notice but has not been named in the suit. It is likely that the Election Board will be brought in.

Ms. Yeckel asked what was going on in regard to absentee ballot problems in the City of Manchester. Judge Goeke stated that he knew of none. Judy Taylor stated there is no problem.

Judge Goeke continued his report:

- Red flags were raised in the absentee department regarding absentee ballots received from the City of Pine Lawn and the City of Jennings. The findings were passed on to the Prosecuting Attorney's office prior to the election. The Prosecuting Attorney's office has offered no comment on the subject.
- The increase in poll worker pay has been approved by the County Council and will become effective in 2007.

- The new project manager has arrived and is a great improvement. Things are moving forward at a fast pace. The project manager is responsive and informed.
- In regard to the lease with Cozad, they understand the timeline. A walkthrough of the space took place today. The office is using a temporary warehouse space in Kenrick Plaza to store extra supplies.
- The tab room equipment is in office and installation should be complete by noon tomorrow.
- The funding grant has been authorized to County Council and hope to request first payment to ES&S tomorrow.
- Poll worker training pay is currently set at \$25 for a two (2) hour session. The assistant supervisors and supervisors will now be required to attend a six (6) hour training session. This will require and increase in class pay, but it is not in the budget. There are funds left over from the 2004 HAVA training supplied by the Secretary of State. This will provide the source of funds for the increase in class pay.
- A resolution is needed to allow spending from the Election Services fund if necessary. The flexibility of its availability is necessary.

Mr. Diehl stated that a resolution should be put together as well as researching the state statute on the funds use.

Judge Goeke continued his report:

- ES&S has given the Voter Outreach program to us at no cost. Each household with registered voters will receive a mailing before the August and November elections regarding the new voting equipment.

Under Old Business Judge Goeke stated that 25 M100s have been received and 24 bases. He stated that 50 Ivotronics have been received as well. Most of the Tab room equipment has been received. The next shipment of M100s is due May 5 and the next shipment of Ivronics is due June 15. Judge Goeke stated that the issue of the MCVR migration is up to the Secretary of State and would be further discussed in closed session.

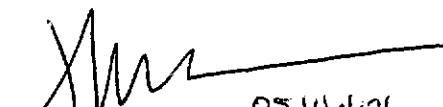
There is no New Business.

Under Financial, Ms. Yeckel made a motion to receive the variance report and the Itemization of Bills. Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were approved.

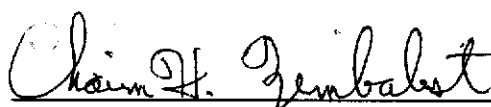
Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

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, May 16, 2006.



 John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



 Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary