

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, July 19, 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.

One person was present for the Public Forum, but did not wish to speak. That portion of the meeting was closed.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of June 20, 2006 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed session Board Meeting of June 20, 2006 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke reported the following:

- Fleishman-Hillard, an advertising/PR firm has been assisting the office with our voter outreach program.
- A quick-start guide to the new voting equipment was mailed out to each household containing registered voters. The guides were mailed out at \$.09 a piece. The project came in \$37,000 under budget.

At this time, Nicole Slater with Fleishman-Hillard gave a report on the status of the voter education project. Each board member received a packet of materials. Ms. Slater gave a rundown of the information as follows:

- The project began in April with the goal of encouraging voter participation, awareness of the new machines and comfort and confidence in the new machines.
- Over 60 organizations were visited or contacted. Brochures, posters, articles for newsletters and linkage to the outreach website were among the items distributed to these organizations.
- Over 350,000 pieces of voter information were distributed
- The Board of Elections staff has been doing demonstrations and presentations to various political, civic and community groups.
- Over 70 demonstrations have been or are scheduled to be given.
- Over 2 million media impressions have been issued. These include articles, newscasts, radio spots etc.
- The voter project was officially launched on June 1st and almost all local media was present.
- A voter education website has been created and linked with the BOEC website. This website contains detailed information as well as interactive demos of the new voting system.

Ms. Slater was thanked for her information and assistance in voter outreach. Judge Goeke continued with the director's report:

- Because of the unanticipated surplus in the voter outreach budget, an "exit interview" has been proposed. These interviews would poll voters as they exit in August regarding several things:
 - Knowledge of the machines prior to voting
 - Where the voter got the information about the machines
 - General opinion of the new machines

- In regard to the absentee department:
 - 5500 ballots mailed out
 - 1500 returned so far
 - 116 nursing home ballots
 - 557 counter ballots
 - Total of 2173
 - Report from nursing homes is that the older voters are having troubling filling in the circles on the opti-scan ballots.
- In regard to petitions:
 - 4 statewide
 - 1 local from Grantwood Village
 - All in all, there were over 200,000 signatures with over 149,000 verified
 - A petition arrived this week with 2100 signatures to verify for the West County EMS & Fire Protection District.
- Regarding the August 8 Election:
 - M100s are almost completely loaded
 - Touchscreens are loaded for 200 of the 448 polling places
 - Estimate completion by Saturday

Judy Taylor reported the following regarding the MCVR:

- St. Louis County is now online.
- The duplicate list has been received, with a possible 7000 duplicate voters.
- The staff is working overtime to finish proofing/deleting duplicates in order to be finished by Friday evening.
- Precinct binders for the August 8 election will be run Friday evening.
- Any questionable registrations (i.e. no social security number or birth date) are being left on.

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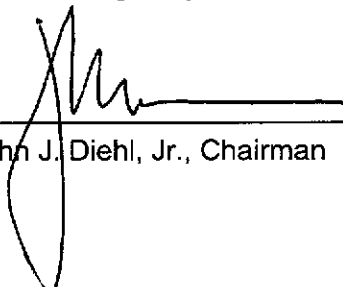
Under Financial, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive the Itemization of Bills. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to receive the Variance Report. Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved

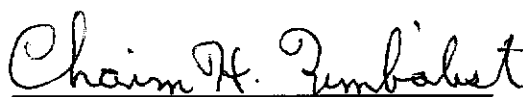
Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

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, August 22, 2006.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary