

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, August 22, 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

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

Mr. Diehl opened the Public Forum.

Patricia Berg requested the date of the Logic and Accuracy testing for the November election and inquired as to how one could sign up to participate. Judge Goeke stated that the time and date of the testing would be posted on the website and that she was welcome to come. Ms Berg stated that she wanted to participate in the testing. Judge Goeke stated that he was unsure if that was still allowed, due to the change in voting technology. Chairman Diehl replied that the situation would be looked into and that she would be contacted regarding the answer. Judge Goeke stated that current law allows for participation in the Logic and Accuracy testing, but due to the technical nature of the new equipment, there is a proposal to strike that.

Ms. Berg stated that she had heard twelve (12) precincts were closed improperly during the August election and she wanted to know the outcome. Judge Goeke replied that some machines with zero (0) votes were not closed properly but that the precincts were closed properly, collecting all the votes. He stated that some of the pollworkers assumed that if a machine was not used, it did not have to be shut down with the PEB. He stated that once the machines were returned to the office, they were verified zero (0) votes.

Ms. Berg stated that she was informed that the November election would only use the DREs. Judge Goeke stated that this information was not correct. He stated that the November election would be the same as the August.

Virginia Harris stated that she had heard complaints that the type font on the paper audit was too small. Judy Taylor stated that magnifying sheets were available at every polling location. Chairman Diehl stated that the font size is mandated by the Secretary of State and the Federal Government.

Ms. Harris stated that voters need better training on how to use the new equipment. She stated that the terminology was "too technical". Ms. Harris stated that there were no reminders for voters to check the paper trail as they go along. 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 July 19, 2006 and Mr. Miller 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 July 19, 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:

- A response was given regarding the Kirkwood "smoke-free" petition. The group that submitted the petition was unhappy with the ballot. Response stated that it could not be modified without a court order and that it was not this office's responsibility to obtain a court order.
- Today the August election was certified. The packet contains the manual recount report. Statute states a random hand count of one (1) poll per hundred (100). Were required to do five (5) polling places and did six (6).
- The official final election results for the August election have been generated.
- An extension was received regarding the budget due date because of the election. There will be a decrease in the budget as next year is an off year.

Chairman Diehl asked if the board's approval of the budget was needed. Judge Goeke stated that approval of the board is not necessary.

Judy Taylor reported the following:

- Ryan Regan accessed MCVR on election day and was pleased with its speed. He stated that it was faster than the alchemy program.
- Ms. Taylor testified for the plaintiffs on the Voter ID Bill in Cole County yesterday (8-21-2006).

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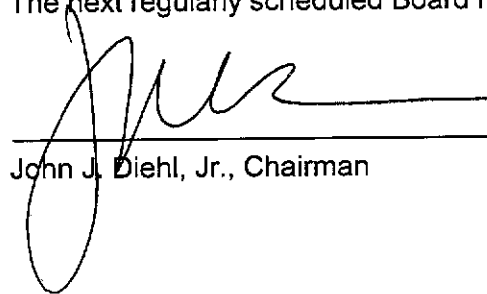
Under Financial, Ms. Yeckel made a motion to receive and file the Itemization of Bills. Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

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

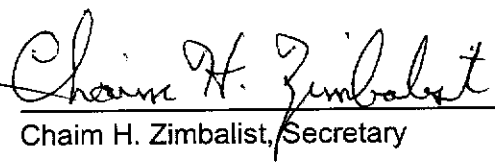
Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report. Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

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; Ms. Yeckel, 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, September 19, 2006.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary