

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, October 17, 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.

Patricia Berg stated that she had look over records from the August Primary Election and had the following questions and concerns:

- There are locations that did not have any papers of problems phoned in on election day or technical problems reported. Where did those papers go?
- Concern regarding security gap with ES&S's use of temporary workers as election day technical rovers
- In regard to opti-scan ballots, understands the statute states that 133% of previous election must be provided. Spoke with the Secretary of State's office regarding this and was told that there must be enough opti-scan ballots provided for every person to vote opti-scan.
- Concerns with improperly shut-down machines
- Better maintenance records are needed

Ms. Berg concluded her statements.

Virginia Harris asked the following questions:

- How long does the board expect the machines to last and when they anticipate replacement?
- Is the board aware of the research funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) regarding technical issues and machine security?
- Is it possible to get a copy of the packet the board receives prior to the meeting in order to more easily follow the meeting?

Ms. Harris concluded her questions.

Mr. Diehl stated that there was no way to determine how long the machines will last or when replacement would be necessary. He stated to both Ms. Berg and Ms. Harris that it is difficult to properly answer questions on the day of the meeting. Mr. Diehl asked that, in the future, any questions for the board be submitted prior to the meeting in order that better answers can be given.

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 August 22, 2006 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. Mr. Zimbalist questioned the wording of a portion of Judge Goeke's director's report. The statement was modified to be better understood. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as amended.

Mr. Diehl called for the Directors' Report.

Ms. Taylor reported the following regarding MCVR:

- The Secretary of State's office conducted an in-office conference call with Bill Eisele and REJIS. The SOS will supply the BOEC with a T-1 connection. A second line is needed in case the first line goes down. REJIS will not be needed for anything but putting test data on after November election so staff can work all modules
- Training on MCVR will take place in mid January.
- Should be on full force in April

Chairman Diehl stated that he wanted to reiterate that all contact with the SOS is being documented.

Ms. Taylor responded that all calls and emails are being documented.

Judge Goeke reported the following:

- Should be finished loading the M100s for the November election today or tomorrow.
- There is a delay on the iVo because of latch problems (nothing is wrong with the electronics. Parts are due in this afternoon and ES & S is to fix them over the next day or so.
- Problems arose with the 19" ballots. The Print on Demand (POD) printer will print 19" ballots, but only one at a time. Therefore, the ballots were sent to ES & S for printing, as it was too time consuming to do them here one at a time. The expectation was that the 19" ballots would feed into the POD printer but they did not.
- The iVo ballot is 7-8 pages. Absentee is finding it is taking the voters a little longer to vote. The number of voters per iVo should be calculated at 100/iVo instead of the original 150 - 200 voters per. Ordering additional opti-scan ballots to cover in case iVos take too long.
- Three additional computers have been added in the tab room. This should speed up the reading and processing time. Time constraint rests on time getting the media to the office and the procedures being performed correctly at the polls.
- Regarding the State Auditor Recount:
 - Were to feed the opti-scan ballots through the machine with the electronic recount and read the paper trail on the iVos
 - There were 4300+ votes on the iVo and 2668 on the opti-scan ballots.
 - Decision was made to hand count the opti-scan ballots because it was quicker than running them through the machine.
 - The iVo votes came out 100 % the same as original election day results upon reading the paper trail.
 - Two changes occurred upon hand counting the opti-scan ballots, both for John Loudon. 1 voter marked an "X" instead of filing in the oval and 1 voter filled in the oval too lightly.

Mr. Diehl asked if anything had been done to speed up the drop-off at the front on election night

Judge Goeke replied that the deputies were not organized due to lack of information from us. Will be using more powerful lights and a tent, which will help speed up the process.

Ms. Taylor stated that a second station might be set up.

Judge Goeke continued his report

- The absentee numbers are very large so far. As of today, there have been 800 voters at the counter and have sent out over 10,000 in the mail. Requests are still coming in.

Ms. Yeckel asked Judge Goeke about an article in the Post-Dispatch regarding registration list problems.

Judge Goeke replied the there have been significant numbers of questionable registrations come in to the office and the office is trying to identify the reason.

Mr. Diehl stated that the registration cards issued from the SOS have a serial number on them.

Judge Goeke responded that these numbers are not matching the records of who received them from the SOS office. He stated that when the groups bring in the cards, the office has begun to keep a record of what group has brought them in. The office is refusing to accept cards without social security numbers or driver's license number. Judge Goeke stated that late in the day on October 11, a group dropped off cards without this information and the office refused to accept them. The group then submitted the rejected cards to the SOS office.

There is no Old Business.

There is no New Business.

Under Financial, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Itemization of Bills dated August 17-September 19 and the Itemization of Bills dated September 19-October 11. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were approved.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to receive and file the Variance Report dated August 31 and the Variance Report dated September 30. Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were approved

Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to approve the Personnel Action Report dated August 2006 and the Personnel Action Report dated September 2006. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were approved.

Judge Goeke stated that the Personnel Action Reports do not include the temp service temps. They will be hired under a contract and thus will appear on a later variance report.

Mr. Miller stated that he had concerns about the polling place changes that occur from election to election. He stated that voters need better notification of new polling places.

Judge Goeke stated that signs are placed at the previous polling locations with a map to the new polling location. He stated that it is published in the newspaper, by precinct, where the polling places are. He stated that the polling place card is a courtesy not a statutory requirement.

Mr. Miller stated that he believes we need to do more than the minimum required to notify voters of the changes. He stated that he thought a letter should be sent to each voter who has a polling location change.

Judge Goeke stated that a letter was cost prohibitive.

Mr. Zimbalist suggested putting the word "NEW" on the polling place cards in a different ink color.

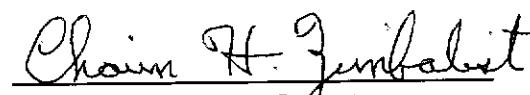
Judge Goeke stated that could be looked into.

Ms. Taylor stated that she had one issue for discussion in closed session.

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. Zimbalist 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, November 21, 2006.


John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman


Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary