

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, April 17, 2007, 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
Debbie Quicke	Deputy Director

Mr. Diehl called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. All board members being present, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Diehl opened the public forum and Pat Berg made the following statements:

- Sarasota County in Florida recently held an election on ES&S machines. After a study done by scientists, a report came out that the machines were vulnerable to viral hacking.
- Voted on the touch screen for the first time, and considers it to be a violation of the constitutional right to vote. The Missourians for Honest Elections are looking for a legislative resolution to this.
- Looked through the records from the November Election and is disturbed by a comment found on one of the Deputy Comment sheets. A statement was made that a woman with no identification spent 15 minutes at a machine, was not voting and stated she was there to help. Were we aware of the issue and was there an investigation?

Mr. Diehl asked if she had the polling location number and Ms. Berg did not. He told her to call him with the exact location for answers to her questions.

Ms. Berg stated that she had no further comments. 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 20, 2007 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:

- The April 3, 2007 General Municipal Election was certified on Friday, April 13, 2007. Results meshed when compact flashcards and PEBs were read. Two races ended in a tie:
 1. City of Bel-Ridge – Trustee – No decision as to when they will hold the runoff election.
 2. City of Velda City – Alderman, Ward 2 - City chose to do a coin flip to determine the winner as allowable by state statute, to which the candidates agreed.
- The City of Overland has indicated that they intend to hold their new mayoral race in August, but have yet to submit in writing. Bel-Ridge may hold runoff in August as well.
- There is a mail election in May in the Robinwood Community Improvement District. This CID has about 800 registered voters.
- The results in seven (7) races in April were decided by less than a 1% differential and are therefore entitled to a recount if they ask for it. They must do this through the court system.

Mr. Diehl stated that the following was his impression of the approach to the three (3) Federal Elections and the one (1) General Municipal Election for next year:

- To use opti-scan only for the Presidential Primary in February
- To use touch screen only in April
- To use a blended system in August and November

Judge Goeke responded that there must be 1 touch screen at each polling location in February to provide handicap accessibility. April will be conducted on the blended system in April to work out any kinks prior to August and November.

Mr. Diehl asked if there would be enough time to convert the touch screens used in February before the April Election. Judge Goeke answered that there would be enough time.

Mr. Miller asked how the electorate was notified when their polling place has been changed and Judge Goeke replied that postcards containing the name and address of the current polling place are mailed to all active voters. On Election Day, a sign is placed at the old polling place containing the name, address and map to the new polling place.

Mr. Miller inquired if something could be done on the postcards to make the changes more noticeable and Judge Goeke responded that the cards are pre-designed and that there is very little room for alterations.

Ms. Quicke stated that Highway 40 reconstruction should to be looked at in regard to polling place accessibility.

Mr. Diehl asked about plans for poll worker recruitment and Judge Goeke responded that ES&S contracted with Fleishman-Hillard to handle PR prior to the August 2006 Election. There is \$50,000 left on that contract and they will be assisting with poll worker recruitment. Mr. Diehl stated that we need a renewable pool of poll workers and need to get to community groups, the regional business council, and the municipal league. Ms. Quicke responded that Dick Bauer is currently working on that project and is putting together a packet that will be presented to Mr. Diehl prior to its going out. She stated that Mr. Bauer does understand that Mr. Diehl wants to be personally involved.

Judge Goeke stated that he would like to set up a system with a commitment from a college fraternity to get people on a yearly basis. He said that he would like to pay the fraternity itself rather than the individual member, but that the County will not allow it.

Ms. Yeckel inquired how much poll worker training was needed and who would be conducting the training. Judge Goeke responded that BOEC staff would conduct all training. He stated that class length is dependent upon the position for which training is received and can run 2 hours, 4 hours, 5 hours or 6 hours.

Mr. Diehl stated that he would like to look into producing a cd of the training class that can be handed out when the class is over. This cd can then be reviewed by the poll workers to refresh their memories prior to Election Day.

Judge Goeke stated the following regarding palm pilots that were used at 5 locations in April:

- The palm pilots were loaded with the voter rolls
- Very well received by the poll workers
- The goal is to have one in every polling place in February, 2008
- There are potential funds from the County to pay for them
- Training manuals, PDFs, videos of poll operation and street files can all be loaded on to the palm pilots

Under Financial, Mr. Diehl made a motion to receive and file the Itemization of Bills dated February 15-March 14 and March 14 - April 10. Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the itemizations were received and filed.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to receive and file the Variance Reports dated February 28, and March 31. Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

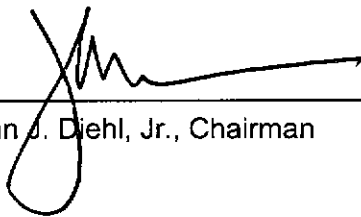
Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Personnel Action Reports dated February 2007 and March 2007. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

There is no Old Business.

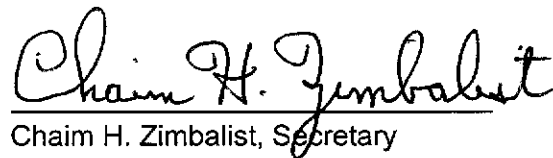
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Mr. Diehl made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss Personnel, Legal and Contract Negotiations pursuant to Chapter 610, RSMo, 610.021. and Mr. Miller seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Ms. Yeckel, 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, May 15, 2007.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary