

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, May 15, 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
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Charlene LaRosa	Deputy Director
Debbie Quicke	Deputy Director

Mr. Diehl called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum was present, thus the meeting was called to order. Mr. Diehl asked that the record reflect that Board Member Anita Yeckel was not present, as she was returning from Jefferson City and caught in traffic resulting from a storm. He spoke with her via cell phone at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Diehl opened the public forum and Joan Botwinick stated that her polling location in the November Election was very crowded and had very long lines for the DREs. She stated that it was her belief that most voters were unaware that the opti-scan ballot was available and the BOEC needed to address getting word to voter that they have an option. Chairman Diehl asked for the name of her polling location and Ms. Botwinick stated that she voted at the Crown Center at Del Crest. Chairman Diehl stated that the trainers would be sure to discuss the issue with the poll workers at this location.

Ms. Pat Berg was also present in the public forum and stated that she had sent a list of questions to Mr. Diehl. She asked him to forward those questions on to the other board members and that she would like to read them aloud. Mr. Diehl stated that he was not prepared to address those questions in the current forum, as he did not receive them until between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock the afternoon prior to the meeting. He stated that Judge Goeke was out of the office and Mr. Diehl wants to ensure that all questions are answered accurately.

Ms. Berg asked if there would be any re-elections for ties from the April Election and Mr. Garrett stated that one entity with a tie race opted to flip a coin and that one race will be recounted. Ms. Berg stated that DREs would cause problems in a recount because the machine count will always be the same. Mr. Diehl responded that the DREs have a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and that a recount was conducted last August in the State Auditor race. In that recount, he stated that the VVPAT were used to conduct the recount, not the DREs electronic results. Ms. Berg concluded her statements.

Ms. Virginia Harris was also present in the public forum and stated that in her experience, the problem with the VVPAT was that voters do not read them. She stated that the poll worker at her location in the April Election told her that she didn't have to bother to check the VVPAT, as it would always record what she was entering on the touch screen. Ms Harris also stated that the printing was too small. Mr. Diehl asked her polling location and Ms. Harris responded that it was the St. Louis County Library Headquarters. Mr. Diehl stated that the BOEC would counsel the poll workers at that location on the importance of the VVPAT.

Ms. Harris concluded her statements. 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 April 17, 2007 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

As Judge Goeke was not present, Mr. Diehl went over several items from the written Director's Report presented in the board packet. Judge Goeke reported the following in his report:

- The April 3, 2007 General Municipal Election came in mostly under budget. All but one entity received a refund.
- One recount has been called for in the City of Wildwood, Ward 2.

Mr. Garrett stated that the required lawsuit to ask for a recall election had been filed and that the recount has been set-up for Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

Mr. Diehl continued with the Director's Report:

- The money from the original HAVA equipment grant has all been used.
- Approval by the board is needed to apply for the 2008 Second Chance Voting HAVA Grant.
- Monies will be used to purchase additional equipment from ES&S (including PEBs, flashcards and paper) for project manager days and certified tech training for BOEC warehouse personnel. The project manager days are days that cannot be billed to an election. Board approval is needed to move forward with the contracts for project manager days.
- There are two pending equipment purchases:
 1. Padded bags for the iVo Screen – to be used when sending only iVo screen to polling locations.
 2. PDAs for polling locations to look up registered voters.
- Regarding Election Day phone needs, the County suggests the use of IVR (integrated voice recognition). Mr. Diehl stated that he would like to look into this further and check some companies that currently use the system to gauge how effective it is.
- MCVR implementation will begin August 1st. The June and August Elections will be run simultaneously in REJIS (current system) and MCVR to test if the statewide system will do what the BOEC needs it to do. Mr. Diehl stated that it might be necessary to hold a large mock election to test the system at high volume prior to the February 2008 election.

Regarding the mapping department, Ms. Quicke stated that there are currently over 1700 precincts in St. Louis County and that it is getting too large. The department is working on combining precincts along the polling place list in order to cut back.

Under Financial, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Itemization of Bills dated April 11 – May 10 and the Variance Report dated April 30 and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

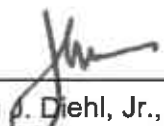
Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Personnel Action Reports dated April 2007 and May 2007. Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

There is no Old Business.


There is no New Business.

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; 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, June 19, 2007.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary