

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 30, 2007, at 4:00 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
Joseph E. Donahue	Director

Mr. Diehl called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Mr. Diehl opened the Public Forum.

Patricia Berg said she has received no response to their questions. She shared her view that DREs should not be used for financial reasons, because they have been proven to be unreliable, and because there is no way to prove the count is correct. She asked what other options are available for smaller communities. She asked if they could print their own ballots, which could then be hand counted, a method she feels is safer.

Virginia Harris said she has not received her copy of the biennial report. Mr. Diehl told her they have not been printed yet, but should be ready in about two weeks. She said that's what she was told at the last meeting.

Kurt Leemann read a prepared statement (attached) wherein he expressed his incredulity that the Board would still be weighing the possibility of procuring more touch-screen voting systems. He said these machines have been ruled out in other states and that the county seeking to obtain more either points to an incompetent lack of awareness of the technology or a sinister intent to subvert the voting process. He said a better alternative would be to use Optical scan ballots for all voters, which he said, would save time and money and gain back the trust and respect of the voters.

As there were no more speakers, Mr. Diehl closed the Public Forum and proceeded to the next order of business.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of October 3, 2007 and Mr. Miller seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the closed meeting of October 3, 2007 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Diehl then called for the Directors Report.

Judge Goeke said that the Palm Pilots could be in next week, and will be used in the February election.

Judge Goeke updated the Board on the MCVR project. The street file has been updated and is on its third proofing. The office is currently setting up a mock election in MCVR, without the use of REJIS, which will be 95% the same as the projected February election. This will allow us to look at projected ballots needed by party.

In the April 2007 election the results by office did not sort effectively. The offices have been rebuilt in the Unity program and should now be in the accustomed order.

The firmware upgrade has been completed for the M100s and 600 of the 1700 iVos are done. This upgrade will result in less paper being used, perhaps as much as 50% less.

Poll worker training has begun for the February election – three classes held yesterday and two held today. Classes are scheduled for 50 students, with an average attendance of 40. Poll worker classes are two to two and one-half hours; three are scheduled per day.

Next Tuesday's election is being held for the Kirkwood Public Library District, the City of St. Ann, the City of Brentwood and the City of Wellston.

Judge Goeke summarized the report of the last four elections held in the Kirkwood Public Library. In one election the signatures in the binder were off by two, however, the number of votes and the number of voter tickets were identical. The accounting was off at the polling place (counting of signatures, voter tickets, etc.) The audit found nothing incorrect or inaccurate with the votes cast or results certified.

Mr. Donahue reported a 750-letter mailing for poll worker recruitment to retired teachers just went out and six or seven responses have already been received.

Efforts are planned to recruit County retirees. Under the policy and rules now in effect, current county employees cannot serve as poll workers, due to the definition of "political activity." A change to allow working at the polls on election day could be accomplished by ordinance, but an amendment to the rules by the County Civil Service Committee would be quicker.

The PTA/PTO working at the polls as a fund-raiser project is going well. Favorable responses have already been received.

Firefighters have indicated a willingness to provide 100 roving technicians for election day.

Mr. Donahue said personal contacts would be made in reference to schools closing on election days. University City and Hazelwood School Districts have already agreed. Mr. Diehl iterated that this should be a "soft sell."

Preparations for the County phone bank are done and the program is established. The County is also furnishing drivers for deliveries before and after the election and will provide two-way radios for the technicians with the Election Board as the base station.

Dennis Riggs, the Director of HEC Television and winner of four Emmys, has promised to promote our cause on Channel 20 and wants to put together videos for us.

Mr. Hal Donovan, Video Communications Specialist from the Hazelwood School District, showed Mr. Donahue and Judge Goeke the techniques for making videos.

Mr. Diehl asked if training videos could be aired on HEC Television the day before the election. Judge Goeke said the plan is for a DVD to be given to each person at class containing all the training sessions.

Mr. Miller expressed his concern that the phone bank wouldn't be adequately stress tested before the elections. Judge Goeke said the County already has a service center established and it was successfully used during the storms and power outages and Revenue peak periods. Mr. Miller said there can always be a glitch - something as simple as forgetting to throw a switch.

It will be tested with the February and April elections. The service center will be utilized beginning six weeks before the August and November elections. Deputy Director LaRosa and Bill Eisele met with them yesterday.

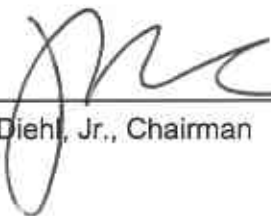
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Under Financial, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Report dated September 30, the Itemization of Bills dated September 20 and the Personnel Action Report for September. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

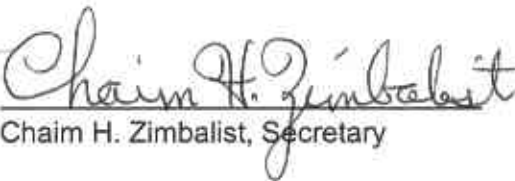
The next Board Meeting will be December 4, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

There being no need for a closed session, Mr. Diehl moved that the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the meeting was adjourned



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John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



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Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary