

January 24, 2008

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 11:00 a.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
Steve Garrett	Attorney
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Joseph E. Donahue	Director

Mr. Diehl called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. Bill Miller was not present on account of being out of town.

As there were no speakers for the Public Forum, Mr. Diehl proceeded to the first order of business.

Mr. Diehl made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of December 4, 2007 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. There was one small change by Mr. Diehl. He added that the main purpose of the previous Board Meeting was to conduct regular business that comes before the Board. A vote was taken and the minutes as amended were approved.

Mr. Donahue started with the Higher Education Video for the HEC. The video is currently in the process of being edited and should be finished within 30 days. Once completed, it will run 16 times a day as a public service announcement from now until November 2008.

Mr. Donahue confirmed that we currently have 45-50 students for February and we should fill the required poll workers for all 457 locations as soon as possible. He noted that we have run an ad in The Journal for recruitment of poll workers as well as a paid advertisement.

Mr. Donahue continued to say there are 9 confirmed closing school districts available and 3 tentative school districts. Mr. Donahue has to meet with Parkway. Mr. Diehl suggests that we remind the schools a week before Election Day to have someone available to open the schools that morning.

Mr. Zimbalist inquired about the "Poll Workers Assigned by Polling Place" chart for the February Election. Judge Goeke explained in more detail about the over and under number of poll workers we have. He added that we have a few stand bys just in case. Furthermore, the numbers on the chart do include those that still haven't returned their card. If by Friday, January 25, 2008, they still haven't returned the card, they will not be included as a poll worker.

In the IT Department, Bill had a group of people wanting a tour of the tab room. Since all lights were off and everything was locked for the weekend, Bill asked the Judge if it would be alright to turn on the lights and show them the room from the outside. The Judge said that was fine as long as no one stepped into the room. They ended up standing around for an hour trying to figure out how to hack into our system. Since all of our equipment is internal, there is no way for it to be hacked into. Mr. Diehl would like to publicize an ad regarding the safety of our system.

He will be contacting the ad agency soon.

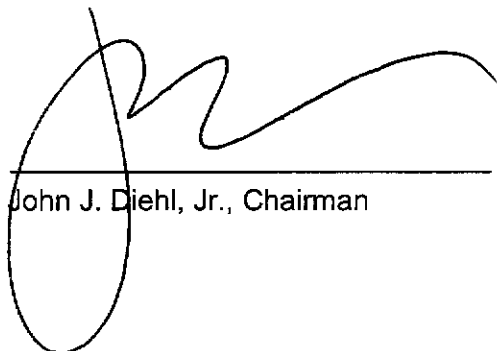
MCVR is on an indefinite hold because of the problems we have encountered. Judge Goeke explains how there are 19,000 exceptions, but most are easy fixes. The main concern is the street numbers. For example, if one number is missing from the address, it could throw the whole system off and a voters polling place could end up being 25 miles from their house. With this confusion, we have no confidence in the system.

The big question: What if the batteries go dead in the machines? The PCMCIA card batteries are hard wired. The deputies will be carrying extra PCMCIA cards in case the batteries die at the polling places. If ballots have already been cast, they will have to re-feed the ballots with the new PCMCIA card in place.

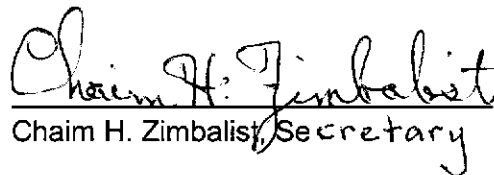
There is enough paper in the machines for 30% turnout but Judge Goeke believes we have the capability for a 60% turnout.

There has been a lot of interest from both parties (Democrat and Republican) in the use of the touch screen.

Mr. Diehl moved that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021, to discuss legal matters. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the Board entered into closed session.



John J. Diehl, Jr., Chairman



Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary