

April 8, 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, Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Diehl, Jr.

Present at the meeting were:

Chaim Zimbalist	Secretary
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Steve Garrett	Attorney
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Joseph E. Donahue	Director

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

Mr. Zimbalist opened the Public Forum. Fredricka Lainoff spoke at length about the lack of handicap accessibility at her polling place, Hamilton Christian Church. She said the church does have a ramp, which would improve matters, but it is in storage. Ms. Lainoff said she spoke with the CEO of the JCC who said the only reservation he had about offering the JCC as an alternate polling place is the adequacy of parking. Judge Goeke offered to meet with Ms. Lainoff after the meeting to discuss the situation.

As there were no more speakers, Mr. Zimbalist 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 February 20, 2008 and Mr. Miller seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Zimbalist called for old business. Judge Goeke said MCVR will be implemented beginning April 21 or May 5. The Secretary of State's Office will provide five trainers for a period of two weeks, and one other for three or four weeks.

We now have to manually prepare a report for petitions, as the program we use is no longer fully functional.

We have had few equipment calls so far this election day.

In an April election many races are decided by one or two votes. It is vital that the voters are given the correct ballot style and vote at the correct polling place. This was a problem in the February election, but had no impact as the ballots were identical except for style number. We gave remedial training to the supervisors before this election on ballot style and affidavits.

In this election there were many "no shows." One polling place had eight people scheduled to work and one showed up. We reassigned a supervisor from one polling place, an assistant supervisor from another polling place and had a technician help them set up. Twenty locations had only one assistant supervisor.

Judge Goeke referenced an editorial in the Post-Dispatch by Patricia Berg reporting on her review of tech logs and calls to the tech line from the February election. She cited 181 problems. Office staff reviewed the information and Dawn James created a spreadsheet from our records. Our records showed 24 calls to the tech lines about iVo's and 12 calls on the M100's. Of these calls, 19 were before 8:30 am; we had 17 calls the rest of the day. Many of the references on the tech logs had to do with routine checking of paper rolls and equipment, not problems.

Other issues in the editorial referenced a GAO Report on the 2006 election in Florida, which actually had to do with ballot layout. Other references had to do with Diebold equipment and other manufacturers, not ES&S.

Mr. Donahue reported on pollworker recruitment efforts. The legislature is considering several options, such as treating working at the polls like serving on a jury, which is being done in other states.

Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Reports and Personnel Action Reports. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion passed to file the reports as received.

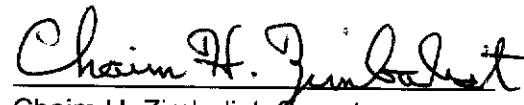
Senator Rita Days sponsored a legislators' meeting at the election board to discuss various concerns with poll workers and election equipment. Most of her concerns were addressed and the meeting concluded with pledges to work closely to address the needs of the election board and the voters.

Other new business included the upcoming election for the Robinwood West Community Improvement District and the small June 3 election. Robinwood West is a mail election and will be done on old-fashioned paper. The biggest cost will be for postage; not setting up the election in Unity reduces cost by \$2,000 to \$3,000.

The June 3 election will be done with all opti-scan ballots. There are ten locations, eight for Creve Coeur and one each for Country Club Hills and Twin Oaks.

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Yeckel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, aye; Mr. Zimbalist, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Anita Yeckel, Commissioner


Chaim H. Zimbalist, Secretary