

August 19, 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, August 19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. on notice and call of the Chairman, John Fox Arnold.

Present at the meeting were:

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

Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order and opened the Public Forum. Phillip Michaels and Virginia Harris have signed cards to speak and were invited to the podium in the order they choose.

Mr. Michaels expressed his concerns with security plans and believes the BOEC is vulnerable to rigging. He also spoke about our ballot collection system and how he believes there is no safe way to perform an audit.

Ms. Harris came to the podium and wanted to thank Mr. Garrett for walking her through the ballot counting process on election night. She suggested that the BOEC have a tutorial on the election night process available to the public in order to educate them on what's happening.

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

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Board Meeting and Mr. Zimbalist seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Arnold called for the Directors' report. Judge Goeke reported there was a request from a member of the Green Party to be a poll worker. By state statute we have to have an equal number of poll workers from the two leading parties. It's not impossible, but we have to look it over in more detail. Judge Goeke requested we bring this up again in the September meeting and Mr. Arnold approved.

We believe having more techs out in the field helped with the low number of calls (less than 20) to the tech department in the August election. We reported over 84% did touch screen and we threw away over 100,000 paper ballots. There may be a recount on State Senate District 15 and on Midland Democrat Committeewoman. They believe the wrong ballot style was given out in Midland but Judge Goeke and Mr. Donahue went through and checked each paper ballot.

The November election is 11 weeks away. We are still having problems with MCVR so we will be running this election on REJIS. The ballot should consist of 4 statewide issues (maybe 6) and 2 or 3 countywide issues. We are 3 days behind in registrations and may need

to hire some temps when it gets closer to election day.

Mr. Donahue reported the 2009 Budget consists of a deduction in over \$2,000,000 in operating costs and an increase in the addition of a mezzanine for the warehouse. Mr. Miller asked why there isn't an account for the Board for possible employee training opportunities or appreciation days. Judge Goeke replied that we have those things available through the County. Mr. Miller asked why there is a reduction in ballots. Judge Goeke replied that since there are no big elections next year we will run on touch screen.

Ms. Yeckel asked if it would help to get the state law changed for printing in order to not waste money on unused paper ballots. Judge Goeke replied that if we have an 80% turnout in November, by law we have to have 106% ballots. So by law, we will waste 6%.

As there were no more questions about the 2009 Budget, Mr. Zimbalist made a motion to approve, Ms. Yeckel seconded and the 2009 Budget was approved.

Mr. Donahue reported that the video we have been producing over the last 6-8 months for the training programs has been finished and approved. It is in the producers hands and we should have copies soon.

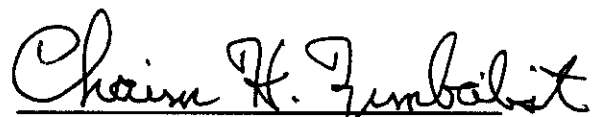
Poll worker recruitment is going very well and we have 11 corporations committed to helping. Mr. Donahue would like to thank these corporations for coming forward and helping in the process. The Post Dispatch reported that Maplewood employees will have off with pay on election day in order to work polls with pay.

There was no old business to bring before the Board. There was no new business.

Mr. Arnold asked if there were any questions about the financial reports. As there were no questions, Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Report, Itemized Bills and Personnel Action Reports. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the motion passed to file the reports as received.

Mr. Arnold asked for a motion to enter into closed session. Mr. Zimbalist made a motion that the Board enter into closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the Board entered into closed session.


John Fox Arnold, Chairman


Chaim Zimbalist, Secretary