

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Monday, February 9, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Secretary, Chaim Zimbalist.

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

Mr. Zimbalist called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Yeckel agreed to act as Secretary while Mr. Zimbalist acts as Chairman.

No one was present for the Public Forum.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings of October 21, 2008 and November 20, 2008 and Ms. Yeckel seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Zimbalist then called for the Directors Report.

Judge Goeke reported the February 3, 2009 election was nice and smooth and finished by 8:30 pm. He said we are getting ready for the April 7 election; our first without REJIS. Ballot styles were determined manually, then done in MCVR and Unity and all three balanced. There are 347 styles, 771 different groupings and 414 polling places. The election will be conducted with paper ballots and iVotronics. Paper ballots for an optimistic turnout of 10% add another \$5,000 to \$6,000 to the cost of the election. Although we had established a policy of conducting a non-federal election with only iVotronics, the Directors agreed having paper ballots would be prudent.

Judge Goeke said as a result of five court actions two annexations were added to the April election (Valley Park and Florissant), one candidate was removed from Chesterfield, one candidate was added to St. George and the petition to remove the Mehlville Fire District propositions from the ballot was denied.

In order to accurately cover out-of-pocket expenses for services to the public such as maps, CDs of Voter History or other computer records and research now that REJIS is no longer providing these services, the fee schedule has been revised. Judge Goeke asked for Board approval for the new fees.

Ms. Yeckel moved that the Board ratify the new fees as outlined in *Costs for Board of Election Services* and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Judge Goeke said federal money has been available for election improvements and has been used wisely for expenses as they've been incurred. Additional federal money is available only after these funds have been expended. There have been expenses that were not budgeted for and there's a need for another mezzanine in the warehouse; there are 11 pallets of material from the November election alone. There is an Election Services Fund which is funded by a 5% fee charged to each entity in an election. The Election Board has never touched this fund. Judge Goeke asked the Board for authority to use some of these funds.

Mr. Miller made a motion to allow the Directors to utilize up to \$100,000 of the Election Services Fund for training, repair and any other use as statutorily authorized. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Donahue gave information about the Urban Board Conference that the Election Board will be hosting this summer. The venue is Harrah's in Earth City, the banquet at the Museum of Transportation. Hopefully speakers will include Governor Nixon, Secretary of State Carnahan and County Executive, Charlie Dooley.

Some of the expense will be covered by the \$140 fee per attendee. Ads will be solicited for the program book and sponsors sought for certain events. Vendors will be invited to display their wares. These are common practices for Urban Board conferences. The Directors asked for Board approval as the Election Board is currently doing business with some of the vendors and want to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest.

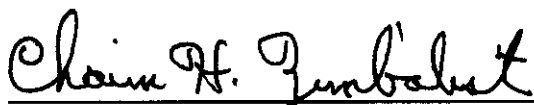
In the interest of improving recruitment, training and utilization of poll workers, technicians and deputies, a new department has been organized with Patrick Miller as supervisor and including Pat McCafferty, Eric Fey and William Ground. They were tasked with developing a plan for management review and approval to meet these goals. A meeting was held earlier today presenting the training materials and plans. They have a good handle on it and are doing an excellent job.

Mr. Donahue spoke with Representative Margo McNeil about sponsoring a bill treating working at the polls like jury duty. Although there are problems with this approach, it needs to be looked at. There will still be an emphasis on corporate recruitment.

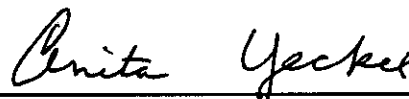
There was no Old Business and no New Business to address.

Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Reports dated October 30, November 30 and December 31, the Itemization of Bills dated October 15 through February 4 and the Personnel Action Reports for November and December. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

Mr. Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned and the Board enter into closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.



Chaim Zimbalist, Secretary/Acting Meeting Chairman



Anita Yeckel, Commissioner/Acting Meeting Secretary