

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 25, 2009, at 2:45 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. Zimbalist made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 Board and Mr. Miller 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 would like to talk about a few improvements for the Election Board facilities. First, we are planning on installing a security system due to people wandering in the back door and the smoking door. It would consist of all employees using their ID badges in order to access the building. The three doors involved are: the back warehouse door, the side training door near the bathrooms and the front smoking door.

Secondly, we would like to buy a gas generator in case of a power outage on election night. Supporting the machines coming in from polls and the Tab Room are our main concerns so it would have to be a good size generator.

Lastly, we constructed our mezzanine in the warehouse by using an eighth of the space. Now we are looking into expanding to a fourth of the space which will cost about \$350,000. The County recognizes we need it but are about \$200,000 short in funding it. An option we have in supporting the expansion is the Election Services Fund. An extra 5% from overall election revenue is put into the fund and it is currently close to \$1,000,000. The money is to be used for Election Board expenses and equipment so this money is usable for this cause. Renting space would be a waste of money when we can invest in this addition. In the past, we have only used \$7,000-\$8,000 of this money for the training program. Mr. Miller asked about the life span of the equipment and where we would get the money for updates. We have a separate account used for updating equipment and we wouldn't use the Election Services Fund.

Mr. Garrett made a motion to approve using the Election Services Fund to pay for the improvements and construction in the mezzanine. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Judge Goeke continued with the results of the August 4, 2009 election. Berkeley was a success with 97 votes YES and 72 votes NO which makes it a less than 3% turnout. University City was not a success with 1,748 votes NO and 1,037 votes YES with a 10.12% turnout.

The November 3, 2009 Election will be a county-wide election with 7 municipalities and 2 school districts. There will be 447 polling places and 10 ballot styles. Generally, 80% of voters use touch screen but since people still want paper we will do like the April 2009 election and have paper as well.

then we will meet the County Council for approval sometime in December.

We are negotiating a 5-year contract with ES&S for printing paper ballots, machine parts and the Project Manager, Dawn James-Townes. We have looked into using a few local companies instead of signing the 5-year contract with ES&S but they seemed overwhelmed with the work load St. Louis County would need.

Mr. Donahue continued with the reorganization of the office personnel. We promoted two people to Supervisor positions and combined the Absentee and EIS departments in order to have a Democrat and Republican Supervisor in each department.

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Reports dated March 31, 2009, April 30, 2009, May 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009, the Itemization of Bills dated February 5 through August 5 and the Personnel Action Reports for April, May, June and July. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

Mr. Miller made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and the Board enter into closed session to discuss legal 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