

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, October 20, 2009, following the swearing in of the new Board Members.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
Julie R. Jones	Secretary
Anita Yeckel	Commissioner
Bill Miller	Commissioner
Steve Garrett	Attorney
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director
Joseph E. Donahue	Director

Mr. Kellett called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. Mr. Donahue introduced the Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors to the new Board Members.

Mr. Kellett opened the Public Forum. Phillip Michaels, a volunteer with Missourians for Honest Elections (MHE), spoke on working for election transparency and a continued request to get rid of the electronic voting machines and use paper ballots exclusively. He addressed audit capabilities, reviewing software, costs of time and resources and vulnerability to hacking. He referenced a report that in Florida ES&S had a back door in their programming with an over-ride of all passwords.

Joan Botwinic, a poll worker, spoke of the voters who told her they preferred to vote a paper ballot. She said it would eliminate long lines and as a taxpayer she did not want to pay for more electronic equipment and feels that you can't trust what comes out of machines.

James Cain, of Robinwood West Community Improvement District (RWCID), said that voters are perplexed by the problems of their district and that some directors of their district were trying to get around the election laws.

John Strake, also of RWCID, spoke of a hearing he attended pertaining to the RWCID election and the principle of one person – one vote.

Ginger Harris, of MHE, spoke of her concerns that there be enough paper ballots for the November 3 election.

Mr. Kellett closed the Public Forum and asked Attorney Garrett for his presentation on the Sunshine Law. Mr. Garrett explained open meetings law and forms of communication.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Anita Yeckel made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2008 Board Meeting and Mr. Miller seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kellett then called for the Directors Report.

Mr. Donahue reported the 2010 Budget has been scheduled for County approval on December 2. The County has reviewed our Personnel policy and made a lot of changes. Copies have been given to our Assistant Directors for items they think are pertinent to our office and should be changed.

Mr. Donahue also updated the Board Members on poll worker recruiting efforts for the November 3 election. We will continue to go back to the colleges and recruit because we feel it is important to get young people.

Judge Goeke explained about the identification card security system now in place and grants we are applying for pertaining to ADA modifications for the front door and absentee exit door. A "tabber" has been purchased and on the first mailing only resulting in a savings of over \$11,000.00. The equipment purchase qualified for a grant, also.

November 3 Election Day will include the General Election and the Special Election for the 73rd State Representative District and consists of 450 polling places and 10 different ballot styles and will utilize 3,576 election judges. The first results should be available between 7:45 and 8:00 pm and unofficial final results anticipated by 11:00 pm.

Several purchases need to be made for election improvements from the Election Services Fund. This needs to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Kellett made a motion to authorize use of the Election Services Fund. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to receive and file the Variance Reports dated August 31, 2009 and September 30, the Itemization of Bills dated through October 13 and the Personnel Action Reports for August, September and October. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were received and filed.

Mr. Miller made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary