

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, November 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Chairman Kellett.

Present at the meeting were:

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

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

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 Board Meeting and Ms. Yeckel 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 that the Election Board recruited around 300 people from the college tour where 22% of them worked. Our personnel made a great effort and we will continue this recruitment process in the future.

There is a little over \$1 million in the state grant for us to spend in 2010. The rules have been tightened up by the State and some things have been denied but others, including poll worker training and equipment, will be allowed.

We didn't use high school students at the polls this year because all school districts were open on Election Day. We have sent out a letter to those districts who participated last November in closing their schools asking them to do the same for the November 2010 election and another letter to those who didn't participate encouraging them to do so. We will do a major recruitment for high school students because their participation seemed to get good feedback last year especially in using the Palm Pilots.

Judge Goeke told the Board Members that the story of the November election was turnout. The highest turnout in the County was Kirkwood with 32% and the lowest was Riverview Gardens School District with 9%. The special election in the 73rd State Representative District had a turnout of 24%. With a turnout nearing 20%, it would be expected that absentee ballots number about 4,600. There were absentee ballots in excess of 7,000.

All polling places in the November 3 election were open by 6:00 a.m. Overall turnout was 19.65% and almost 50,000 paper ballots were unused. Touch screens were used by 83% of the voters.

There were very few tech calls received at the Election Board. A report from our IT Manager showed that the techs were very active, but all problems were resolved in the field and did not require assistance from the office. Revised deputy procedures ensured that we had hourly updates on the status of polling places within the County.

The Robinwood West Community Improvement District election of November 10 will be certified later this week.

No one having signed cards to speak at the Public Forum, Mr. Kellett closed that portion of the meeting.

Mr. Kellett addressed members of the public in attendance and asked that any materials they wished to present to the Board Members in the future be delivered to the Election Board office and not to the homes of the Board Members. He assured them the staff would then deliver the materials to the Board Members.

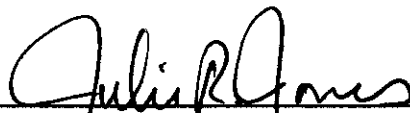
There was no Old Business and no New Business to address.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to receive and file the Variance Report dated October 31, 2009. Mr. Kellett 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 litigation. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Miller, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Mr. Kellett, yes; Ms. Yeckel, yes. The board then went into closed session.

Following the closed session the Board again went back into open session. The Board was briefed on a media inquiry regarding extended work week payments made during 2008 and 2009. The extended work week procedures and reasons therefore were discussed. Mr. Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Richard H. Kellett, Chairman

  
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Julie R. Jones, Secretary