

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, December 8, 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
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. Kellett opened the Public Forum. Joan Botwinick addressed the Board on poll watchers or workers being picked like jurors for jury duty.

Ginger Harris thanked the Board for considering legislation for poll workers being recruited like jury duty. She said it is hard to speak at the beginning of a Board Meeting as she wished to speak about current things. She asked if the Board would consider having two short public forum portions of the meeting or allowing speakers during or after the meeting. Mr. Kellett said the Board would take that under advisement.

Mr. Kellett made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009 Board Meeting and Ms. Jones 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 explained the two copies of the proposed Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual before the Board Members are for their review and possible approval at the next Board Meeting. The additional copy of the proposed manual has changes (additions and deletions) from the previous manual notated in red.

Mr. Donahue invited the Board Members to the office Christmas Lunch/Party on December 16. He told the Board that Senator Tim Green had introduced Senate Bill 609, similar to Nebraska law where poll workers are selected in a process similar to jury duty. State Representative Margo McNeil will be introducing a similar bill in the House.

Judge Goeke reported that there will be a February election. Bel-Ridge certified a tax levy to be put on the ballot. The authorized official of Bel-Ridge was told they would bear the total cost of the election which could be between \$6,000 and \$7,000, much higher than an election such as in April where they would share the cost with all the entities on the ballot. Bel-Ridge held an emergency meeting and decided to hold the election as certified. In the interests of cost savings they agreed to have just one polling place. The election will have only paper ballots.

Judge Goeke told the Board we have been consolidating polling places for several years. By the next April election we should be finished with that project. Some polling places will need to be changed for federal elections, but this is the current practice because of different ballot styles.

Judge Goeke said there were several bills pertaining to elections being considered in the legislature, but none of them addressed anything new.

There was no Old Business to be addressed. Under New Business Mr. Kellett asked for a motion that Board Meetings should be held the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Jones made that motion and Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Ms. Jones made a motion to accept and file the Financial Reports. Ms. Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted and filed.

Judge Goeke informed the Board the only Personnel issue was an employee who passed away the day after the last Board Meeting. Mr. Kellett asked that we observe a minute of silence on behalf of Lisa Stephanie Sidoti.

Mr. Garrett said there were no Legal issues to be addressed at this meeting.

There being no need to enter into a closed session, Ms. Yeckel made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary