

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, April 20, 2010, 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.

No one was present for the Public Forum.

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 Board Meeting and Ms. Yeckel seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kellett thanked and complimented the Election Board staff for a very smooth and quick operation on Election Day.

Mr. Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke said that we will certify the election this afternoon. On election night, a polling location in Sunset Hills had not closed down 4 out of their 5 machines. There were also a few other locations that hadn't closed down 1 of their machines. This would explain why we didn't have an unofficial final until 3:00 pm the following day. There was one tie in Bella Villa and we will hold a Special Election for them on June 8. In order to keep the cost down, we will use one polling place, paper ballots and do split shifts with our own employees. Absentee will open on Tuesday. There is a potential for 7 recounts. They have 30 days to request a recount, making May 20 or May 27 the projected day we will conduct the recounts.

Judge Goeke continued that all our voting equipment has a bar code that we scan when it goes to a polling location so we can document and prove our data.

On election night, we were told that someone was trying to get 80 absentee ballots notarized in Vinita Park. We pulled the absentee envelopes and found that many of them had been notarized by the same person. County police are investigating the matter.

The chief in Charlack was concerned about people who had moved out of the city but were still voting. We gave him a list of who voted and it is now in their hands.

Mr. Donahue said that because of a program designed in-house, election workers received their pay two weeks after the election. This is a great accomplishment.

State Representative Diehl introduced an early voting bill to which there were four amendments. The first three passed but the amendment dealing with poll worker recruitment like jury duty was defeated. Some of the objections to the bill included consequences for not showing up and the impression that all counties would be forced to implement the program; however it only would apply to those districts that choose to adopt it. It is very rare for such a bill to pass the first time. We will try again next year.

Election worker statistics show before Election Day there were 998 cancelations. On Election Day there were 59 cancelations and 78 no-shows. Of the no-shows, there were 11 Democratic and 3 Republican Supervisors, 14 Democratic and 9 Republican Assistant Supervisors and 102 Democratic and 119 Republican poll workers.

Mr. Kellett asked if there is a list of names of the people who didn't show up. A list is available, although we can't be selective because we don't have a large number of people to choose from.

Mr. Kellett moved that the Board approve the long-standing policy of Proposition Titles consisting of one letter or numeral. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was no Old Business to discuss. There was no New Business to be brought before the Board.

Under Legal, Steve Garrett said that recounts are technically litigation and they are performed under court supervision.

Ms. Jones moved that the financial and personnel reports be accepted and filed. Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted as filed.

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


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary