

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 17, 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
Ann Pluemer	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 signed a card to speak during the Public Forum. The Public Form was closed.

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 Board Meeting and Ms. Pluemer seconded. There were no changes or corrections. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke said when he started at the Election Board we had had 30 years to perfect the punch card system. The August election represented our 4th year with the new system and the first repeated election of the four-year cycle. He reported the election was as smooth as any punch card election. There were some machines which were not closed on election night, but we knew about them all and they were brought in the next morning. A few ballots in incorrect places were attended to and the audit was as good as any we've had in the last five years. The final count was +3 and -3, after comparing signatures, votes and voter tickets.

The Electnet command center with SmartBoard made its debut with this election and the remaining components will be phased in for November. Turnout was larger than previous primaries at 23% which were 11% and 18%, respectively.

Payroll checks will be issued on Thursday, much faster than the 4 to 5 weeks in previous years. Voter choice of touch-screen vs. paper ballot was 82.8%. There were enough paper ballots printed for 19% and a lot were thrown away after the election.

For the November election we have 6 schools, 6 municipalities, 2 constitutional amendments, 2 state propositions and 15 judges for retention so far. Unless other entities come in with very lengthy propositions we should be able to use a 17" ballot. This saves us about 2¢ per ballot over the 19". In addition to the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Constitutional parties there will be one Independent candidate for 69th State Representative district.

Mr. Donahue reported we needed 3,336 poll workers for the election and we had 3,509. There were 504 cancelations before Election Day, which were filled. There were 55 cancelations on Election Day and we had enough standbys to fill those positions.

Classes begin on Monday to train for the November election. We have gotten poll workers from family, friends, job fairs, The Secretary of State's Office, Craigslist and walk-ins.

We present our proposed budget to the County on September 22. Any questions about the budget will be addressed by Kathy Perkins, Judge Goeke or Mr. Donahue.

The operating budget is totaled on page 12 of the report and is a 6% reduction. The full budget is totaled on page 18 and is 22% lower than the revised 2010 budget. As 2011 is an "off year" for elections, expenses will be lower and current staff will be sufficient to handle the work load.

Ms. Jones made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the budget was accepted.

Under Old Business the Board had previously tabled reviewing the new personnel policy manual until the vacancy on the Board was filled. The manual will be mailed to the Board Members for their review.

Judge Goeke reported that the Republican IT Manager will be retiring as of September 1. He proposed promoting Tony Mendoza, our Electnet programmer, to IT Manager. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the promotion and Ms. Yeckel seconded the motion. The vote to promote Mr. Mendoza was unanimous.

There was no New Business to bring before the Board.

Ms. Yeckel made a motion to receive and file the financial reports and Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to receive and file the reports.

Ms. Jones made a motion to receive and file the Personnel report and Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to receive and file the report.

Mr. Garrett said that after certification only one race met the requirements for a recount. They have 5 days from certification to request it. The losing candidate has questioned several absentee voters, most of whom are on the permanently disabled list. Those on that list have an absentee ballot application automatically sent to them for every election they are eligible to vote in. All the voters in question were shown to be active voters. The candidate asserted that one voter had recently died.

Judge Goeke said the recount would only take 2 to 3 hours to complete.

There being no reason to enter a closed session, Mr. Kellett made a motion to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary