

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, March 8, 2011, 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
Darold Crotzer	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 having signed a card to speak during the Public Forum, the Public Forum was closed.

Ms. Yeckel moved that the minutes of the February 8, 2011 Board Meeting be accepted and Ms. Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke said preparations are going well for the April election. Logic and Accuracy testing has been completed for the M-100's and 650's and is 63% completed on the iVo's. Most polling places will have 3 iVo's and the 12 larger polling places will have 4 iVo's, for a total of approximately 1300, instead of the usual 1700.

The election day ballots have been received. They are being checked now in preparation for packing to begin on Monday, ahead of schedule.

We are in the midst of redistricting. The Missouri House is charged with the congressional districts and there are committees for the senate, state representative and county council districts. The requirement to redistrict the townships was legislated in 2000. We have 6 months from the time the census is given to the US President, which means we have a deadline of June 21. Our target population for each township is 35,677. Joe Bennett and Jeanne Suntrup have been making numerous maps based on census information. The last two redistricting efforts resulted in law suits based on racial makeup of townships. We were instructed that 5 of the 28 townships have 60% or greater African-American population. Our current efforts should result in 6 townships with 70% or more non-white population. Mr. Donahue wants to invite the central committee county chairmen to see the work that has been done. We're hopeful that we'll be finished by April, but will definitely be finished by May.

Mr. Donahue said we need 3522 to work the April election, of which 1800 are supervisors or assistant supervisors. Training has been completed for 1300 of the 1800. Calls have been made to local unions to recruit poll workers.

A recently proposed senate bill would give principals the right to refuse the use of their schools as polling places. St. Louis County uses approximately 175 schools in a county-wide election.

St. Louis County is starting a pilot program to give poll workers debit cards in lieu of paper checks for working the polls. This should prove interesting.

Installation of fans in the warehouse and work on the mezzanine will begin the week of the election and should be completed in about a month.

Mr. Donahue presented the Board with overtime estimates of exempt employees for the April election for approval.

The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for the April election is March 25.

Mr. Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' Report and Ms. Pluemer seconded and the voting was unanimous to accept the report. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the overtime hours for exempt employees, Ms. Pluemer seconded and voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

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There were no questions regarding the Financial Reports or Personnel Reports. Ms. Yeckel made a motion to accept the reports as filed. Ms. Pluemer seconded and the voting was unanimous to accept the reports as filed.

There being no other business to discuss in an open session, Mr. Kellett moved that the Board adjourn the open session and enter into a closed session to discuss personnel and legal matters and Ms. Jones seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Mr. Kellett, aye; Ms. Jones, aye; Ms. Yeckel, aye; and Ms. Pluemer, aye. The Board then entered into closed session.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary