

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 19, 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.

Mr. Kellett opened the Public Forum. Marge Paglusch spoke of the long hours required for poll workers and said \$100.00 for a 15 hour day is not enough and suggested that a \$25.00 increase would be reasonable. Ms. Jones thanked her for her work and said the Board would look into it.

Ron Marklund, Ward 2 Alderman in Ballwin, addressed the accuracy of the certification of candidates in the April 5th election. Mr. Crotzer said the certification of candidates is the responsibility of the municipality. Judge Goeke mention that someone of standing is able to bring suit for an election contest, but said he could not give a legal opinion.

No one else having signed a card to speak during the Public Forum, the Public Forum was closed.

Ms. Yeckel moved that the minutes of the March 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 the April election was the smoothest he's seen since 2006. The turnout was 17.01% with 15.7% voting on Election Day. There were 1,340 DREs and 82.4% of voters voted touch screen. Paper ballots were available, sufficient for a 10% turnout and 72% of them were unused. He said unless the Board decided otherwise we would continue to print 10% paper ballots. There were 37 tech calls on Election Day and 18 of those were equipment related; the rest were training issues or issues with cell phones or palm pilots. There were 13 warehouse calls and 5 polling place calls. There were over 200 staffing calls, but many of them had to do with late-arrivals.

All but 2 of the iVos were properly closed and there were some paper ballots that had not been run through the M100s. The audit was as good as we've ever had and can be attributed to training.

On election night it appeared that there could be 14 possible recounts. The final results brought that down to 7.

Mr. Kellett read Mr. Donahue's letter of retirement, which will be effective July 8. He said Mr. Donahue will be missed; he was always nice and accommodating and the Board wishes him the best.

Mr. Donahue said the success of the April election was due to the outstanding work of the training department. They went back to hands-on training with classes set up as polling places and their enthusiasm was evident. The downside of the election was the website which went down to the number of hits. Mike Duncan assured Mr. Donahue that this would never happen again.

The number of poll workers for this election was 3,520. There were 73 election morning cancellations, 60 no-shows and overall 130 Republican shortages and 66 Democratic shortages. Still, it was a smooth election.

Judge Goeke said poll worker pay is set by county ordinance and any increases need to be done a year ahead of time. Travel and training is in addition. Poll workers are paid \$100 for Election Day and \$30 for training. Supervisors are paid \$130 for Election Day and \$50 for training. Assistant Supervisors are paid \$115 for Election Day and \$65 for training.

Ms. Yeckel mentioned the increase in gas expense for the poll workers. Ms. Jones asked if many people quit because of the low pay. Mr. Donahue related that most quit because of the many hours and the hassle.

It was mentioned in last month's board meeting that a pilot program for debit cards for poll worker pay would be instituted. The ordinance did not pass, so the poll workers will receive paper checks as usual.

Ms. Yeckel asked about the recruitment of college students in light of the decrease in older poll workers. Mr. Donahue said it has not been widely successful in that of the 125 who signed up, only 28 showed up to work on election day.

Ms. Jones made a motion that Mr. Donahue check into the feasibility of a \$25 raise for poll worker and Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' Report and Ms. Pluemer seconded and the voting was unanimous to accept the report.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business.

Under New Business, Judge Goeke presented the 2011 Redistricting Plan for the Townships of St. Louis County. He suggested that the Board postpone approving the plan until the County Committeepersons of the major parties had a chance to look it over. Mr. Kellett moved that the Board postpone approval of the plan and Ms. Pluemer seconded. The voting was unanimous to postpone approval.

Judge Goeke mentioned that we have a June election involving the West Overland EMS and Fire Protection District and a Valley Park annexation. It is anticipated that we will have an August election for a vacancy in the City of Florissant and sometime in the future an election will be called to fill the 83rd State Representative District.

Mr. Kellett moved that the Board accept the certification of the April 5, 2011 election and Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous to accept the certification.

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

Mr. Kellett moved that the personnel reports be accepted as filed and Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous to accept the reports as filed.

There being no legal or personnel matters necessitating a closed session, Mr. Kellett moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ms. Pluemer 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 meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary