

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, July 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
Rita Heard Days	Director
Joseph A. Goeke, III	Director

Chairman Kellett called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Chairman Kellett opened the Public Forum. John Strake told the Board he felt he had been treated unfairly, overcharged for a CD of files he had requested and had not received a detailed enough explanation of the charges after complaining to the Attorney General. He asked for a formal letter from the Board giving the name of the Custodian of Records for the last twelve months.

Stephanie Michaels presented herself as an average person with knowledge of the responsibilities of the Board of Elections as it is involved with the Secretary of State's Office, voters and communities. She spoke of incorrect perceptions of the members of the Board and Directors, especially as it pertains to the use of the titles of "Senator" and "Judge".

Cynthia Richards, President of Missourians for Honest Elections, termed as a non-profit, non-partisan group, again spoke to the Board against the use of touch-screen machines for voting, citing lack of auditing capabilities, proprietary software that has not been reviewed, calibration problems, cost and speed of voting.

Phillip Michaels again spoke to the Board against the use of touch-screen machines for voting, emphasizing paper ballots are cheaper and faster. He said they have boxes of information they would be more than happy to share with the Board, bringing an independent view.

There being no one else to speak before the Board, the Public Forum was closed.

Commissioner Jones moved that the minutes of the June 21, 2011 Board Meeting be accepted and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke informed the Board of the passing of Macy Tolbert, daughter of Warehouse Supervisor Christian Tolbert. Under Chairman Kellett's direction, we observed a minute of silence for Macy.

Judge Goeke told the Board that the Biennial Report is now on our website and is being printed. The mezzanine project is going forward with the delivery of steel expected on Thursday. As he understands it, it will take two weeks to pour the fittings and allow them to dry, with the total project being completed by the end of September.

We anticipate a November election with the City of Florissant for a municipal judge vacancy, St. George for a proposition to disincorporate and perhaps Rockwood School District. The deadline for the November election is August 30.

The L&A testing for the August 2 election is completed. There are 5 polls, similar to the June 7 election.

The County Council has received the St. George petition for disincorporation. It needs 50% of registered voters to put the matter before the voters and a 60% majority for it to pass. We have received a list of 119 persons who the petitioners say are deceased or no longer live in St. George. We mailed a special canvass on June 21 and as a result 54 voters were put in an inactive status, 8 voters transferred to addresses outside of St. George and 8 voters responded that they are still living at the address given. After 30 days have passed, the 49 voters who did not respond to the mailing will be placed in an inactive status. Based on this information it appears that the petition will be sufficient to place the matter on the ballot.

Senator Days made her report to the Board after seven days on the job. She gave the Board information on upcoming funeral services for Macy Tolbert. She said we have received upwards of 2,800 new registrations and are on track for processing them.

Senator Days reported that she is working on cutting costs where we can and increasing the pay for our poll workers. One cost-saving measure is to have electronic payroll notifications as opposed to printing and distributing to each employee as was previously done.

Our ten million dollar budget is due to be submitted to the County Council around August 12. We are currently on target to be within our budget. A backup generator for election days is currently out on bid. Preventive maintenance is being done on our DREs and should be completed by the first of November.

Senator Days wished a happy birthday to Darold Crotzer, Judge Goeke, Charlene LaRosa and Mary Wall who all have birthdays in July.

Mr. Kellett asked if we were going forward with getting pay increases for our poll workers and Senator Days assured him that we were.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Director's Report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

There was nothing to discuss under Old Business. There was nothing to discuss under New Business.

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

Under Personnel it was noted that we have three new employees, Lance Wilson, Suzanne Walsh and Senator Days who replaced Joseph Donahue. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel Action report and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Mr. Crotzer informed the Board that there was nothing to discuss under Legal.

There being no need for a closed session, Chairman Kellett moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Commissioner Jones, aye; Commissioner Yeckel, aye; and Commissioner Pluemer, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary