

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 16, 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
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. Cynthia Richards, President of Missourians for Honest Elections, again spoke to the Board against the use of touch-screen machines for voting. She quoted from the tech logs instances of technicians dealing with the paper tapes. She said if the paper tapes always worked correctly, they can conceivably be used as an audit. She advocated having one touch-screen machine per polling place for the disabled. She asked that the Board "do the right thing" and use paper ballots.

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

Chairman Kellett asked if everyone had read the Minutes. Senator Yeckel moved that the minutes of the July 19, 2011 Board Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner Jones seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke told the Board that we are still working on redistricting and that the question about Congressional redistricting has been resolved. He informed the Board that a letter is being prepared to go to the municipalities, giving them a map with wards and census tracks notated, to aid them in redistricting if they choose to do so. They are not mandated to redistrict, but if they intend to do so before the April General Municipal election, we would need to know by October 10 in order to make the changes.

As for the mezzanine project, the footings have been dug out and they are getting ready to pour concrete. We anticipate having the project completed before election preparation would necessitate moving equipment offsite.

Judge Goeke supplied the Board with a copy of Kathy Perkins' notice of retirement, effective September 1. He reminded the Board that the Directors hire and promote employees at the level of Supervisor and below, but that Board approval is needed for Assistant Directors and above. Ms. Perkins is the Assistant Director over accounting. He asked that the Board approve the promotion of Theresa Dintleman to Assistant Director over accounting. She has been with the Election Board since 1997 and has been the Supervisor over accounting, handling human relations and payroll since 2004. She spent 10 years in accounting with Pioneer Bank and Trust and is well qualified for the position.

Chairman Kellett said that he did not wish to act on anything critical without the full Board being present.

He asked for a motion to accept Judge Goeke's report. Commissioner Jones so moved and Senator Yeckel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Judge Goeke's Director's report was accepted.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days told the Board that the EIS (Election Information Services) manual is being redone and the fee schedule revised. These documents were included in the Board packet. She asked Board approval for the new fee schedule.

Senator Days reported a successful August election with the exception of one glitch which was handled by the Project Manager. She reported receipt of more than 2,400 registrations, which are being processed in a timely manner. Senator Days said the budget is scheduled to go before the County Council on December 6. She also said we are working with the Secretary of State's Office on reciprocity reports, cleaning up the voter registration files.

Senator Days informed the Board that Charlene LaRosa's mother had passed away and that Judge Goeke's mother-in-law had passed away. Chairman Kellett asked that the Board be notified of all such matters.

Chairman Kellett then asked for a motion to accept Senator Days' Director's report. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Director's Report and Senator Yeckel 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.

Under Financial reports, Commissioner Jones asked about the budget item listed as warehouse ventilation. Judge Goeke replied that it was the ceiling fan in the warehouse and Mr. Donahue had taken care of it. It was paid for by a federal grant. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the Financial reports as filed. Senator Yeckel seconded and the voting was unanimous to accept the reports.

Senator Yeckel asked about the advisability of leaving a position such as Kathy Perkins' vacant until the next Board Meeting. Chairman Kellett stated that whenever the Board is going to vote on hiring or firing, or other important business, it would be done with the full Board present. The Board therefore deferred a vote on the recommendation to promote Theresa Dintleman to Assistant Director over accounting and on the EIS fee schedule.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept and file the Personnel Action report and Senator Yeckel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Mr. Crotzer informed the Board that there was no report under Legal. Commissioner Jones asked that legal reports or opinions be given to the Board Members. Chairman Kellett said such reports would be given to Senator Days and that she would disseminate them to the Board Members.

There being no need for a closed session, Chairman Kellett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn and Senator Yeckel seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Commissioner Jones, aye; Senator Yeckel, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary