

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, September 20, 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. Helen McIntosh spoke to the Board about phasing out touch-screens for 2012, and that only 1 DRE should be used for handicap voters. Her reasons were that it would save money, increase election security, reduce mechanical glitches and failures, and reduce waiting time at the polls.

Mr. Kellett reminded everyone that we passed a resolution stating the board meetings will start on time with no exceptions.

Virginia Harris spoke that it was a good time of year and cost effective to consider phasing out the DRE's. Ms. Harris said she was not here 3 meetings ago and did not know of the new on-time rule.

Denise Lieberman addressed that any malfunctions that occurred in 2008 will be comparable to the 2012 elections. She suggested one technician be assigned to each poll.

Kurt Leemann expressed enthusiasm for doing the right thing when it came to DRE's. Paper ballots are cheaper, faster, and more secure.

Janet Dietrich is a voter in Midland township and she spoke about always using paper ballots. She heard in a past election that a location was out of paper. She has no confidence in the touch screens.

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

Senator Yeckel moved that the minutes of the August 16, 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 updated the Board on redistricting. We sent letters and maps to the entities with a deadline of October 10 to respond. The November election will consist of State Representative District 83, City of Florissant, and City of St. George. Within days of receiving the certified candidates for the 83rd District, absentee should be open.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days told the Board about the closing of the Maplewood Post Office. Rich Wall did a great job explaining the ramifications of closing this branch. The Board approved the revised Board services schedule. Robinwood is coming up soon and we should get approval today.

There are 3,000 new registrations. There is an Ethics Training seminar here, at the office, on October 5. The County Budget looks good and is aligned with the 2008 election year.

Chairman Kellett 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.

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

There was nothing to discuss in an open session under Legal.

Mr. Kellett moved that the Board enter into a closed session to discuss 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