

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, November 15, 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
Mary Wall	Deputy Director
Charlene LaRosa	Deputy Director

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

Noting that no one was present for the Public Forum, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Public Forum and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Commissioner Jones moved that the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Board Meeting and the Closed Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for the Directors' Report.

Judge Goeke referred to the position of Assistant Director to be named at a future time as discussed in the Closed Meeting and asked for the Board's approval for the promotion of Christian Tolbert to Assistant Director over the warehouse. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Director's recommendations and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the promotion was approved.

Judge Goeke said the vacancy in the warehouse had been filled and that the office has 73 of its 74 positions filled. The exception is an IT position that no qualified person has applied for. That position will remain open until a qualified applicant is found.

The November 8 Special Election results have been tabulated and will be certified and mailed out unless the Board has any objections. The election consisted of a Municipal Judge in the City of Florissant, a proposition to dissolve the City of St. George and a special election to fill a vacancy in the 83rd State Representative District. Chairman Kellett made a motion to certify the election and Commissioner Jones seconded. A vote was taken and the election was certified.

Judge Goeke said the mezzanine project is all but complete. They are painting lines now. The equipment will be brought in and shelving built for the rest of the items to be stored there. Except for a problem with a leak in the lift, which necessitated Warehouse Supervisor Rick Sides and Judge Goeke to come in early on their day off, the work went well. Judge Goeke said the lunch room was originally designed to be a venue for watching Logic and Accuracy (L & A) tests and now that the area outside the lunch room is no longer used for storage there will be room for 6 L & A teams to set up. At the present time we are only using 5 L & A teams.

Chairman Kellett praised the mezzanine project, noting that it saved the County a lot of money.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days said we have one final inspection for the mezzanine project and we expect no problems.

Senator Days also reported 2,400 new registrations this month. She also told the Board of the luncheon celebration which took place today, welcoming back Greg Allen, who had had a kidney transplant and is now back at work fulltime.

Senator Days said that we are in the second part of the ID card canvass and that it is going well. She also informed the Board that we would be presenting our budget to the County on December 6.

Commissioner Jones asked what was being done to address the problems of voters being removed from the precinct rosters, as a voter at her polling place said happened to him. Senator Days explained the canvass process for updating records and the use of Palm Pilots at the polls. If a voter's name is not found in the Palm Pilot the poll workers are instructed to contact the Election Board where we can look closely into MCVR (the statewide voter database). Judge Goeke also told of a common occurrence where people temporarily leave the County as in the case of voters spending the winter in a warmer climate and not informing the Election Board and consequently being placed in an inactive status when mail is returned by the Post Office. He also explained that voters who move after the precinct rosters are printed, or vote absentee, are included in a supplemental roster, printed out the night before the election and delivered to the polling places first thing election morning.

Judge Goeke added that we anticipate the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) may have something for the February 7, 2012 election and there is a possibility of a tax increase being sought by the Ladue School District, along with the Presidential Preference Primary. The deadline for submitting ballot issues is November 29.

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 report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

There was nothing to discuss under Personnel. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept and file the Personnel report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

There was nothing to discuss under Legal.

There being nothing else to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Commissioner Jones, aye; Commissioner Pluemer, aye; Senator Yeckel, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary