

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, December 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
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.

Chairman Kellett opened the Public Forum and Sandie Diamond gave a presentation on Kids Voting, a national, non-partisan kindergarten through high school program. Ms. Diamond told the Board that 16 of the school districts in St. Louis County have agreed to participate in the program for 2012. The program is designed to prepare students to participate in the election process. They register to vote and experience "early voting" and will be casting e-ballots. Over 200,000 youth are expected to cast a ballot. There will be four different ballots, based on the age and location of the students participating. The program is open to private and parochial schools in addition to public schools.

Kids Voting requested a formal statement of support from the Board, a sample of which Ms. Diamond provided.

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.

Chairman Kellett moved that the minutes of the November 15, 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 informed the Board that absentee voting for the February 7 election will begin on Tuesday, December 27. Military ballots will be sent out beginning Friday, December 23.

Redistricting requires significant changes in MCVR and very little time to implement them. Judge Goeke said the mezzanine project received its final approval and the front door is now handicapped accessible.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days said the December 6 presentation of our budget to the County went well and we have received no call back. Assistant Supervisor and Supervisor training has begun and Poll Worker training will begin shortly.

Senator Days gave the Board information on the Champion of Democracy program, along with the High School Volunteer program, to help in staffing the polls. Daryl Brown and Audra Spencer are the coordinators for the high school program. Senator Days informed the Board that Shane Anthony is the Post-Dispatch reporter over elections, taking the place of Phil Sutin who retired earlier this year.

Commissioner Jones asked for an update on getting a pay increase for Poll Workers. Senator Days said it's an expense charged to the elections and is not a budget item. It does require an ordinance change. If approval is received the first of the year it would be in place for the following year. For the August and November 2012 elections we can increase the amount paid for training, which is not covered by ordinance. Commissioner Jones made a motion that Senator Days request an ordinance to increase the pay for Poll Workers by \$25.00 and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Senator Days informed the Board of a request she received for information pertaining to the subpoena served on us by Franklin Inventions.

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.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial report and Commissioner Jones seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Personnel report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer told the Board of a subpoena for records received pursuant to a suit brought against E S & S by Franklin Inventions. He contacted Bob Evans, attorney for E S & S who will handle all discovery requests and motion to quash the subpoena, at E S & S's cost. Attorney Crotzer asked the Board to ratify a formal agreement authorizing Attorney Evans to represent the Board in this matter. Chairman Kellett made a motion to ratify the agreement and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the agreement was ratified.

After wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year, 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