

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, April 17, 2012, 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.

There being no one to speak at 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 February 21, 2012 Board 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 reported the April 3, 2012 election turnout was 13.91%, although Ladue School District had larger numbers. On election day 83.9% of voters chose to use touch-screen over paper ballots, as has been the case in past elections. Seven races fell within the less than 1% margin, although Attorney Crotzer has been contacted by only 4 to date. In the City of Bel-Ridge, there were 40 absentee ballot applications requesting a ballot be mailed to the address of one candidate. Police spoke with the candidate and the voters and it appears the candidate was not present when the ballots were voted; in some instances she was in her car. It appears that no laws were violated.

A police report was filed in the City of Berkeley, but it would be up to the losing party to file an election contest.

MCVR is being updated for redistricting in the time between the certification of the election and the opening of absentee voting in the next election. State representative districts were updated between the February and April elections. Senate and County Council districts were updated after the April election. The next opportunity will be after the certification of the June election until absentee voting opens for the August election. The City of Wildwood has submitted their redistricting changes, but these need only be done before the April 2013 election.

June 5 will be the Metropolitan Sewer District election consisting of a revenue bond and 8 charter amendments. It will be a paper-only election with the exception of absentee voting at the counter. There is only 1 ballot style. Ballots are being ordered to support a 30% voter turnout, which is much higher than is expected. The touch-screens used in the April election need to be held for 30 days after certification of the election and would not be available for the June election.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days presented the Board with a draft response to a letter from Miranda Jones and reported new registrations of 3,500 for the previous month, bringing registered voters to 655,365.

Senator Days informed the Board that our expenditures are in line with the current budget and there are openings for summer temporary positions at the Election Board.

Commissioner Yeckel made a motion to accept the Directors' Report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Under Old Business Commissioner Jones asked about the status of raises for poll workers. Senator Days replied that she had made 3 contacts and has yet to receive a response. Chairman Kellett said that he would make the next contact in reference to a \$25 raise to take effect January 1, 2013 for the poll workers.

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.

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 as filed.

Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer updated the Board on matters pertaining to recounts and the August election.

Two similar actions have been filed in the matter of Leslie Broadnax's candidacy for the 4<sup>th</sup> County Council District. When candidates file for office at the Election Board, the Administrative Assistants check their address and districts in MCVR. While the Court had determined the new County Council Districts days earlier, MCVR did not reflect those changes. When it became apparent that redistricting placed Ms. Broadnax in the 1<sup>st</sup> County Council District, Senator Days sent her a letter advising her of such.

Commissioner Jones moved that the Board adopt and affirm the decision of the Democratic Director to deny a ballot position to Ms. Broadnax for the 4<sup>th</sup> County Council District and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Commissioner Jones, aye; Commissioner Pluemer, aye; Senator Yeckel, aye.

There being no more business to be brought 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