

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Monday, September 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
John W. Siscel, III	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rita Heard Days	Director
Charlene LaRosa	Deputy Director
Mary Wall	Deputy Director

Commissioner Ann Pluemer was present via phone.

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 of Missouriian's for Honest Elections said she received no response from her proposal last August to discontinue the use of DREs (Touch-Screen) in St. Louis County and urged the Board to consider implementing the proposal as it would be the responsible thing to do. Ms. Richards said when the reports were given to the State of Ohio that the use of DREs was discontinued. She wants it on record that the reports have been given to the Board and she wants them in the public record.

Denise Lieberman, senior attorney for the Advancement Project, voiced concerns about the letter sent to voters informing them of the September 24, 2012 election for the 87th State Representative District Democratic Primary. She referenced the inaccurate information about signature ID and wanted steps taken to clarify the ID requirements for voters and poll workers. Senator Days informed her that a second letter has been prepared for voters, which includes the state statute on forms of identification. Deputy Director LaRosa said that wall charts are at every polling location with this same information.

There being no one else to address the Board, Commissioner Jones made a motion to close the Public Forum and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chairman Kellett moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2012 Board Meeting, although not verbatim, be accepted and filed and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days reported that the 2013 budget was submitted to the County September 11. This budget is comparable to our 2011 budget.

Senator Days said the recount for the City of St. Ann showed no changes from what had been certified and the results of the recount in the 2nd Congressional District, Democratic Primary showed no change.

Registered voters passed the 675,000 mark with 2,605 new registrations in the month of August. We anticipate increased numbers in new registrations as we near the November election.

There are 16 polling places for the September 24 election and it will be done solely with paper ballots.

Final preparations are being made for the November election. It is not known whether Todd Akin will withdraw and there could still be changes to Amendment 3.

Anticipating a lot of overtime, we would ask the Board to authorize straight-time overtime for exempt employees through the certification of the November election. We have asked the County to roll over the deadline for taking time to March 31. We are proposing a cell phone policy and are moving toward ensuring all policies are in written format.

Commissioner Jones asked if there had been an incident prompting the cell phone policy. Senator Days said that a supervisor was having difficulty getting employees to turn their cell phones off. Chairman Kellett said there are cell phones in the work place everywhere.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve overtime and Commissioner Siscel seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the cell phone policy and Commissioner Siscel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

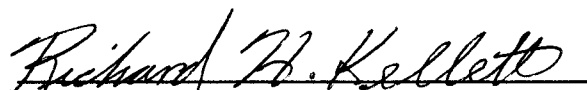
Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Director's report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

There was no Old Business that needed to be addressed. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that part of the meeting and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. There was nothing to discuss under New Business. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that part of the meeting and Commissioner Siscel seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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

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

Attorney Crotzer said there were Legal and Personnel issues to be addressed in a closed session. Chairman Kellett made a motion to enter into a closed session and Commissioner Jones seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Commissioner Jones, aye; Commissioner Pluemer, aye; Commissioner Siscel, aye. The public meeting was then adjourned and the Board entered into a closed session.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


Julie R. Jones, Secretary