

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, October 8, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Chairman Kellett.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
Ann Pluemer	Commissioner
John W. Siscel, III	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rita Heard Days	Director
Gary Fuhr	Director
Mary Wall	Deputy Director

Commissioner Julie R. Jones 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.

There being no one to speak at the Public Forum, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Public Forum and Commissioner Siscel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Commissioner Siscel moved that the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Board Meeting and the minutes of the closed Board Meetings of September 17, September 25 and September 28 be accepted and filed and Chairman Kellett seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr reported that he was happy to be here and anxious to get started.

Chairman Kellett then called for Senator Days' report.

Senator Days welcomed Director Fuhr to the Election Board. In light of losing so much experience, two election specialists have been enlisted as consultants. Connie Schmidt was recommended by Paul DeGregorio, former Election Board Director. Scott Leiendecker was former Republican Director of Elections for the City of St. Louis. Their compensation would be handled as an election cost or obtained through a modified grant.

Both consultants have looked at our systems and said we have an excellent staff. Mr. Leiendecker questioned why all absentee voting took place in our office. There is available space in our complex that could be used. Senator Days will ask for emergency legislation from the County Council for a one month lease. Director Fuhr said it is a nice place and will keep voters out of the weather.

Currently we need another 100 Democrats and 250 Republicans for election day. Suggestions were made to increase recruitment efforts on Facebook, among County employees and approach the trades. We have had little response from County employees.

Our staff will be working 12 hour days and weekends in the upcoming weeks taking care of absentee voting and election preparation.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' Report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted. There was no Old or New Business to be brought before the Board, so those portions of the meeting were closed.

Under Financial it was reported that we are on target, but our retirement budget was exceeded. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner Siscel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

Commissioner Siscel 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.

Attorney Crotzer said there was nothing to discuss under Legal.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to adjourn 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 meeting was then adjourned.

Richard H. Kellett, Chairman

Julie R. Jones, Secretary