

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 20, 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
Ann Pluemer	Commissioner
John W. Siscel, III	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rita Heard Days	Director
Gary B. Fuhr	Director
Mary Wall	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 October 8, 2012 Board Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner Siscel seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett commended both Directors as well as the entire staff on a successful election with a 76% turnout. Chairman Kellett suggested sending a "Thank You" notice to the entire staff. Chairman Kellett also suggested that the Board of Elections send out a Press Release informing the public of a successful election and that there were no real glitches.

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Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr recognized the staff for the long extra hours worked before and after the election and thanked the Board for authorizing the services of both Consultants to help get us through the November 6 election. The Consultants' assistance and support made the election process more efficient and effective.

Director Fuhr reported that the feedback from having the offsite absentee voting facility was phenomenal.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Days' report.

Director Days thanked the Board for their support and the resources made available during the transition. With the loss of about 60 years or better of experience coupled with losing some valuable information when key individuals left, our staff pulled together and made it happen. We are currently in the middle of certifying the election which will be completed today and mailed to the Secretary of State's office. We will have something special for the staff to show our appreciation.

Director Days reported that Deputy Director Mary Wall is to be commended. She did a yeomen's job and shouldered a tremendous amount of responsibility with professionalism.

The Consultants worked very well with our staff without being intrusive. A new backup system was put into place upon the resignation of an IT employee who built the current system normally used during elections. The Consultants integrated our Tech staff with that of St. Louis County's for election day to minimized downtime in the event any technical malfunctions occurred. We were very appreciative of this effort and would like to continue this partnership with St. Louis County's IT staff in future elections. The Consultants left valuable suggestions to review and consideration implementing.

Director Days provided an overview of a comparison report handout with statistics from the November 6, 2012 Presidential election compared to that of the November 4, 2008 Presidential election. Fifty-eight temporary employees were hired and will be with us through certification. These temporary employees did an outstanding job and worked very well at both our primary location and the offsite absentee voting location (Site B). Many very nice comments were made about Site B and the young people working there. There were never long lines that presented press opportunities. The Board agreed that the site ran smoothly. Commissioner Pluemer reported that she received calls with positive feedback and she was pleased with the professionalism. Director Days responded that we could not have done this without the appropriate staffing. The total cost incurred for Site B was \$4,200.

Director Days reported there were over 704,000 active voters as of October 31, 2012. A 111 year old female voter came into our main office to vote by absentee and waited very patiently in line for her turn. We took her picture which will be included in the Annual Report.

Commissioner Pluemer commended Director Days on her leadership and raised a question about the possibility of early voting. Further discussions were had regarding early voting in the State of Missouri. Director Days suggested lobbying on that issue in Jefferson City when the time comes.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' reports and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. There was no Old Business to be brought before the Board, so that portion of the meeting was closed.

Under New Business Chairman Kellett made a motion to certify the November 6, 2012 election and Commissioner Jones seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial it was reported that the Departmental 2013 Budget Meeting with the Council will take place December 3, 2012 at 2:30pm. Director Days expects all will go well. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner Siscel seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

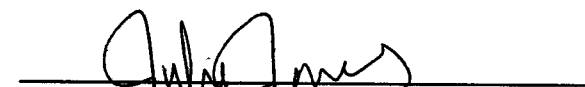
Under Personnel Chairman Kellett suggested putting all staffing changes on hold until after the first of the year. The Board was in agreement. Commissioner Siscel made a motion to accept and file the Personnel report and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the report was accepted as filed.

Attorney Crotzer had nothing to report under Legal except to address the contract issue brought to his attention that the County questioned not having a written contract on file for his services. Attorney Crotzer drafted a one pager for the Board's review. Chairman Kellett suggested waiting until after the first of the year to implement a contract at which time he would like to also address the legal fees for Counsel.

The Board was in agreement to reconvene the third Tuesday in January of 2013. Commissioner Jones made a motion to reconvene on the third Tuesday in January 2013 and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

There being no more business to be brought before the Board, 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