

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, February 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Chairman Kellett.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
Ann Pluemer	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rita Heard Days	Director
Gary B. Fuhr	Director
Mary Wall	Deputy Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director

Chairman Kellett asked Attorney Crotzer whether or not the Board could still hold a meeting and be in compliance with no quorum due to the withdrawal of John Siscel's appointment by the Governor and Julie Jones' resignation. Attorney Crotzer told the Board that the meeting could take place but that certain decisions may not be made until enough Board members are present to have a quorum.

Chairman Kellett then called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. There was no quorum present, as a result of the resignation of Julie Jones and the withdrawal of John Siscel's appointment by the Governor. 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.

Chairman Kellett moved that the minutes of the January 18, 2013 Board Meeting with the change of "voting machines" to "electronic poll books" be accepted and filed and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes, as corrected, were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr informed the Board that the Missouri Ethics Commission's training for candidates and treasurers was well received. The Secretary of State's Office will provide training on the Absentee and Voter Registration modules of MCVR for office staff tomorrow.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Days' report. Director Days informed the Board of her meeting with Jason Kander, Secretary of State, two weeks ago. She asked him to please start any revisions or improvements with our office first as we have over 708,000 registered voters. The Secretary of State's Office is coming tomorrow to assess our provisional ballot process and provide feedback as to what we can do better.

There are challenges for the April 2 election with Easter being two days before the election, absentee voting open Saturday, the day before Easter and Passover beginning March 26 and ending April 1.

There was a brief discussion of satellite locations for voting, which is something to look at every four years, and early voting, which is something the legislature will address.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' reports and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Old Business, Chairman Kellett referred to his memo that there be no more hiring. Director Fuhr said that one person was hired before the memo was received, following the direction of the Board from the previous meeting. Chairman Kellett and Commissioner Pluemer shared their feelings on not having a full Board.

There was no further Old Business to be brought before the Board, so that portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no New Business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that portion of the meeting and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial, there were no questions or comments and Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted. Under Personnel, Chairman Kellett moved that the Personnel report be accepted and filed and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted as filed.

Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer advised us that we could breathe a sigh of relief at 5:00 today, because no judge can order anything on or off the ballot after that time. He reported that of the 14 cases relating to the April election, two were still to be decided. The Directors authorized that a fee of \$6,500 be sought for the expense of adding Maplewood's proposition to the ballot after the deadline and we have received the Order granting that amount.

After a brief discussion of the actions that reduced the number of Board members, Attorney Crotzer told the Board that they still have certain functions dictated by state statute. Chairman Kellett asked Director Fuhr if he had any influence with selecting a Board member and Director Fuhr told the Board that he had no role in either selecting or confirming Board members.

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 Pluemer, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.

  
Richard H. Kellett, Chairman

  
Ann Pluemer, Commissioner