

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, January 21, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. on notice and call of Chairman Kellett.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
Ann Pluemer	Commissioner
John King	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Rita Heard Days	Director
Gary B. Fuhr	Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director

Chairman Kellett called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Chairman Kellett welcomed the two new members (John Maupin and John King) to the Board.

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 December 17, 2013 Board Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr reported that there are currently 9 Republican vacancies in the office and requested authorization to begin the hiring process to fill these vacancies.

Discussion ensued regarding the time involved in obtaining hiring approval from County, interviewing candidates and training those hired. Director Days stressed the importance of hiring qualified individuals that possess the skillset required to perform the job. Commissioner King stated that he did not want anyone hired based solely on his recommendation; reiterating that individuals must meet the required qualifications. Secretary Maupin moved that the Directors proceed in obtaining County approval for hiring and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Days' report. Senator Days reported that the year-end reviews of departmental processes are complete and that the retention and disposition of our records are in compliance with state statutes. All job descriptions have been updated and we are scheduled to meet with County's Personnel department to review our current positions and salaries as there is disparity in pay and bipartisan balance at each level.

We are required to submit fiscal notes and their impact, if any to the state. What will be big this year is both satellite locations and early voting.

Our budget included \$1,000,000 for the purchase of e-PollBooks. A draft of our Request for Proposal (RFP) to purchase the e-PollBooks has been sent to County's IT Department for review. The Election Systems & Software (ES&S) contract is up for renewal and we have engaged the County Counselor's office in the process.

The on-going voter canvass (conducted every two years) shows the number of registered voters is down by 46,000 from 700,000, but we will get back up to 700,000. Commissioner Kellett inquired about the status of the search for a new building. Director Days responded that the search is still on for a possible new location, perhaps to purchase and renovate. We have the highest rental rate in the County. We

require 50,000 square feet to accommodate office and warehouse space. Additionally, we want to make sure that there is adequate parking, we are easily accessible and close to bus lines and/or metro stations. Our current location presents various issues including ongoing water leakage.

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

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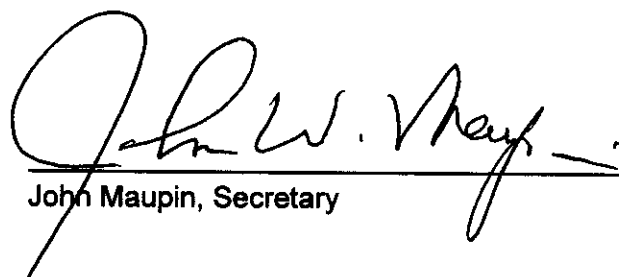
Under Financial, Director Days referred the Board to the correct reports in their packets, showing that we are under budget. Director Days stated the 2014 Budget has been approved and we are still doing well with current budget. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Personnel, Director Days referred the Board to the Personnel report in their packet showing the hiring of temporary employees, temporary assignments and raises due to successful completion of training and certification. 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.

Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer reported a slow time for legal issues that rise to Board level, but anticipates an increase in activity with the closing of candidate filing today; last year 18 lawsuits were filed involving candidates either being removed from or placed on the ballot. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that part of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Legal portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett moved that the Board adjourn and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Pluemer, aye, Commissioner King, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.


Richard H. Kellett, Chairman


John Maupin, Secretary