

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 18, 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
Mary Wall	Deputy Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director

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

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

Secretary Maupin moved that the minutes of the October 21, 2014 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 spoke of security concerns for election day but all went well due to the cooperation of Chief Belmar of the St. Louis County Police Department, Chief Jackson from the Ferguson Police Department and Chief Cruz from the Maplewood Police Department. Some school districts hired security guards for the day. There were some issues with the media attempting to conduct a live interview inside of a polling place which is prohibited by law. We were able to intervene to prevent such interview from taking place.

Secretary Maupin reported on his visit to polling places in Ferguson stating not only how impressed he was with the workers overall but how courteous they were as well.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Days' report. Director Days was happy to report that there were no incidents in Ferguson. We certified the election today and those results are in route to the Secretary of State's office. Director Days referred the Board to a copy of the official final results in their packets for review.

Director Days spoke on the shortages of paper ballots throughout the County and the unusual increase in percentage of requests for paper ballots. An extensive post-election meeting has been scheduled to address these issues.

For the first time, we had 120 high school students working the election, assigned to 118 polling places throughout St. Louis County; 75 were volunteers and 45 were paid. Students had the option to either get paid or receive volunteer hours toward their community service commitment. The poll workers reported this as a good experience and we hope to not only continue but expand the program as well.

Voter-registrations increased by 3,200. Voter records are currently being updated as we prepare for the two-year voter canvass.

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

There being no Old Business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that segment of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business the Board had discussions about write-in candidates (qualifications and official vs. unofficial); voting for write-ins (how votes are cast and counted); and the issue of insufficient paper ballots. Ballot orders had been based on a 15% projected turnout. Upon review of the postmortem examination, we will have an abundance of paper ballots based on a 50% projected turnout for each polling place going forward.

Commissioner Kellett made a motion to close New Business and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial, Director Days referred the Board to their packets and reminded them of the December 2 presentation of the 2015 budget to the County Council. 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 report in their packets. A suspension noted on the report was discussed. Director Fuhr explained that an employee had not followed instructions and the suspension had resulted in a positive outcome.

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.

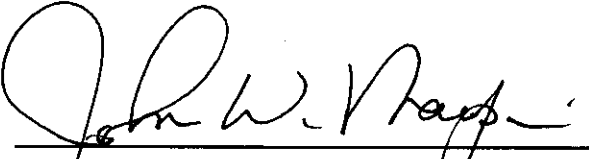
Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer had no report for the open meeting.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to close Legal and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 610.021(1), (2), (3), (12) and (13) RSMo 2000, to discuss legal and personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Pluemer, aye, Commissioner King, aye. The meeting was then closed.

Upon recommencement of the meeting, 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