

— 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, December 16, 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.

Chairman Kellett called upon Frieda Keough, who signed a card to speak at the Public Forum. Ms. Keough, of the Missouri Precinct Project and Committeewoman for the Jefferson Township (Republican Central Committee), presented a report of things that did not go well at the November election, including insufficient paper ballots and paper rolls. Chairman Kellett assured those present that these occurrences would not happen again. Additionally, Ms. Keough would like to see legislation changed to allow challengers and watchers to remain at the polling locations past 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Lastly, she expressed her thoughts regarding the E-Pollbooks as well as her desire for County Council to deny such approval of said purchase.

There being no one else to speak at the Public Forum, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that segment of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chairman Kellett moved that the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Board Meeting be accepted and filed and Commissioner King seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr reported on the presentation given to the Coalition for Transparent and Secure Elections, showing them the process of preparing the touch-screen machines for an election and providing a hands-on opportunity. Those in attendance reported they learned new things and were more comfortable with the security of election equipment. Commissioner Pluemer suggested making a video of the preparation process to post on our website. Secretary Maupin suggested scheduling additional presentations.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Days' report. Director Days reported that today is the first day for candidate filing for the April 7, 2015 election. Director Days thanked Deputy Director Tolbert for being very instrumental in setting up the presentation for the Coalition for Transparent and Secure Elections. Employee evaluations and year-end procedures are being reviewed and will be completed by the end of the week.

— There were a couple of questions during the 2015 Budget presentation and we anticipate its approval. We are currently under budget by 26%.

State law allows for persons of no political party preference and those of parties other than the two major parties to serve as election judges so, we will look at a more inclusive way of recruiting additional poll workers.

Active registered voters now number 673,088 and 75,978 are currently inactive. The office holiday/Christmas/Hanukkah celebration is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and the Board Members are invited to attend.

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

The only item under Old Business is absentee application procedures. Secretary Maupin stated the Board would like to see a proposed policy for Board approval next month; perhaps similar to that of the St. Louis City Election Board. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that segment of the meeting and Commissioner Pluemer seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business the Board discussed the practice of adjacent counties to use Independents as poll workers and polling places not allowing electioneering or signs on their property. It is getting extremely difficult to keep private polling places, such as churches, due to problems with electioneers and campaign signs. Senator Days requested a report on the number of polling places that have opted out or declined the request for usage. We currently pay a \$150 rental fee per facility that is used as a polling place on Election Day.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to close New Business and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under Financial, Director Days referred the Board to their packets and informed the Board that we remain under 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 report in their packets. A suspension noted on the report for excessive tardiness was discussed in accordance to the Tardy Policy enclosed in packet.

Chairman Kellett moved that the Personnel report be accepted and filed and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the report was accepted.

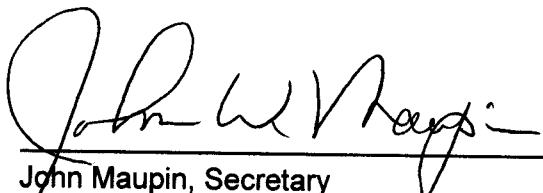
Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer had no report for the open meeting.

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