

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 17, 2015, 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
Eric Fey	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 Cynthia Redburn, who had signed a card to speak during the Public Forum. Ms. Redburn referenced RSMo 115.081 which allows for election authorities to appoint election judges representing "other established political parties" and those who claim no political affiliation. She asked that the Board consider employing such persons at polling places. There being no one else to speak at the Public Forum Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that segment of the meeting and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Secretary Maupin moved that the minutes of the January 20, 2015 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 the ES&S contract is in the final stages. The Campaign Finance Seminar given by the Missouri Ethics Commission was held in our office on February 4. One hundred participants signed up for the event and despite the threat of severe weather, 64 people actually attended.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Fey's report. Director Fey said that he wants to set a new tone in the office and encourage the spirit of bipartisanship. Director Fey reported 1,750 new voter registrations, bring the number of registered voters to 679, 055.

Chairman Kellett stressed that we leave all politics behind when we walk in the door at this office. He said the Board wants to be sure that elections are fair and easy for everyone. Commissioner Pluemer welcomed Director Fey and Commissioner King said he has a lot to live up to.

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

The only item under Old Business is procedures for absentee ballot applications. Secretary Maupin suggested that the Board study the proposed policy and discuss it at the meeting in March.

There being no other Old Business to discuss, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close Old Business and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business the Board discussed attracting younger poll workers. We currently have 4,000 active poll workers and we need approximately 3,500 for the April election. In 2016 we will need 5,000 poll workers. In compliance with RSMo 115.081, election authorities can appoint election judges from other established parties and those who do not claim a political affiliation.

Secretary Maupin made a motion to begin using non-partisan and other party affiliated poll workers after the April election and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. This change will require reprogramming of our payroll and other associated programs.

There was also discussion about scanning our local Campaign Finance reports and putting them online, as the Missouri Ethics Commission does with their reports. Currently anyone who wishes to view these files in our office has to sign a form acknowledging such viewing. This process has resulted in a perception that we are closed off to the public. If we digitize the reports, we would have to make a computer available to anyone who comes to our office to view the files. If anyone would like a print out of these pdf files we would charge as we currently do - \$1.00 for 1 to 10 pages, ten cents per sheet for more than 10 pages.

Chairman Kellett made a motion to begin posting Campaign Finance reports on our website and Commissioner Pluemer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Director Fuhr said we would have to give notice to our paper filers. Chairman Kellett said people should know where the money is coming from for candidates and committees. Commissioner Pluemer said we should issue a press release about this proposed change.

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

Under Financial, the report showed we were significantly under budget for 2014. 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, the Board Members were referred to the report in their packets. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close that portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

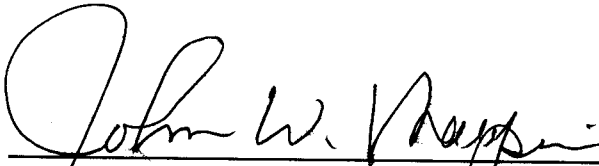
Under Legal, Attorney Crotzer reported of 13 issues that were brought before the Court. Nine followed through and four were dismissed. The two Constitution issues were not totally resolved. The Ferguson-Florissant School District suit is not yet resolved.

The turnout of the April 2014 election was 12%. Paper ballots for election day have been ordered for a 20% turnout and those ballot styles for the 6th County Council District have been ordered for a 25% turnout. The number of paper ballots will remain a collaborative decision for both Directors.

Commissioner Pluemer received a call from the Governor's office advising her that her term as commissioner has expired and that a new Commissioner has been appointed. Commissioner Pluemer will continue to serve until her replacement is confirmed by the Senate and sworn-in. Everyone present thanked Commissioner Pluemer for her years of service.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Kellett moved that the Board adjourn and Secretary Maupin 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