

A meeting of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County was held at its office located at 12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, Missouri, Wednesday, March 18, 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.

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

Commissioner King moved that the minutes of the February 17, 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 communication from the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) regarding charging fines for late report filing. The MEC assesses \$10/day late fees. Only a handful of local election authorities across the state charge fees. We have statutory authority to charge these fees, up to a maximum of \$300 and the money collected would go to the local school district. Director Fey said if we change our current policy of not assessing fines, it will eat up additional staff time and incur legal costs. There would be issues with monitoring – as some only file electronically with the MEC and others file paper reports with us. There was discussion of what the consequences should be for late filers. Attorney Crotzer said it is a grey area. The Board asked for a recommendation from the Directors.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Fey's report. Director Fey reported that the New York Times, Reuter and other media have been asking about statistics in the City of Ferguson including new registrations and absentee requests. There was discussion about extra staffing and security in Ferguson for election day. Absentee requests are similar in number to those from April 2014. There will be more than enough touch-screens and paper ballots for this election.

Chairman Kellett 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 procedures for absentee ballot applications. Secretary Maupin suggested that the Board discuss it at the meeting in April. There being no other Old Business to discuss, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close Old Business and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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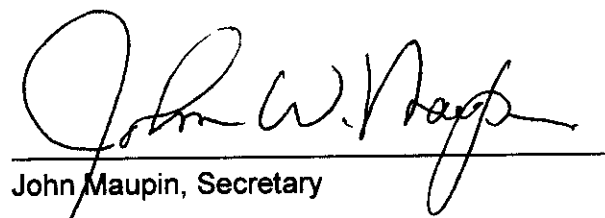
Under Financial, the report showed we are still in good shape, except for legal expenses. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept and file the Financial reports and Commissioner King seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

In the Personnel portion of the meeting, the Board Members welcomed Heba Moussa to the Election Board. 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 reviewed the cases handled during this month. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Legal portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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