

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 October 13, 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
John King	Commissioner (By phone)
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Gary B. Fuhr	Director
Mary Wall	Deputy Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director
Julie Leicht	Assistant 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 Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the Public Forum was closed.

Chairman Kellett asked if everyone had read the minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Foushee made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett called for Director Fuhr's report. Director Fuhr reported preparations for the November 3 election are on schedule. Training began yesterday and 132 attended class. The classes have a new interactive format and feedback has been positive. We currently have 217 high school students signed up to work the election. Trainers Cathy Enz and Bill Ground have done a phenomenal job on this program. Assistant Deputy Director Leicht and the Judges Department are aggressively working on the 2016 outreach program. We currently have 4,194 active election workers and we will need in excess of 5,200 for next years' elections. Meramec Community College art students are working on brochures.

The canvass of voter registrations is winding down. Active voters number 635,785 and 95,861 are currently inactive, bringing the total to 731,646. There has been an increase in registrations received from the Secretary of State's website – a total of 431. The audit by St. Louis County has continued. We have yet to receive any results.

Assistant Deputy Director Leicht, in answer to Secretary Maupin's questions, said Cathy Enz and Bill Ground went to the high schools to explain the volunteer program. The students have the choice of being paid or earning community service hours. They are trained on-site. Ferguson/Florissant, Parkway and Lindbergh School Districts have been the most receptive. Cathy Enz will be taking pictures of the volunteers on election day for use in promoting the program.

As part of the outreach program, poll worker recruitment flyers. A recruitment notice will be mailed out with this year's tax bills. This will result in reaching 466,000 accounts. A phone line has been dedicated to responses from these flyers.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Fey's report. Director Fey told the Board that approximately half of the states have online voter registration. Missouri is midway. The Secretary of State's Office prints the on-line registrations and sends them to the local election authorities. Some signatures (made by "mouse") are bad. In the case of unclear signatures we send a letter asking for a better signature. Until we get a response from that letter, the voter is in "pending" status and will not appear in the precinct rosters.

These voters may still cast a ballot, but must fill out an affidavit. Approximately one out of every four on-line registration signatures are bad. Missouri doesn't have legislation approving digital signatures.

The County Print Shop is closing at the end of the year. We have used the Print Shop for many of our printing needs. We are consulting with the Director of Procurement. The Board approved going out on bid last month for ballot printing. Commissioner King made a motion to authorize whatever measures are needed to meet our printing needs and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Directors' reports. Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

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

Under New Business Director Fey directed the Board to the letter and spreadsheet in their packet on the Voting Equipment Replacement Fund. Our touch-screen equipment is estimated to have a 10 to 15 year useful life. They will be 10 years old next year. At present we have no mechanism in place to fund replacement equipment. Many counties in Missouri charge equipment rental for each election. This is permissible for the equipment purchased by HAVA funds. It would seem to be the most equitable way to fund replacement equipment. However, it will be insufficient to purchase the equipment by the time it is needed. The amount raised may be used to leverage federal grant funds that may be available in the future or we might have to supplement with special obligation bonds. There may well be pushback from Future legislation regarding acceptable voting systems may have an impact on our decisions. Secretary Maupin moved that the discussion be tabled until the November meeting. Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Chairman Kellett then made a motion to close New Business and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

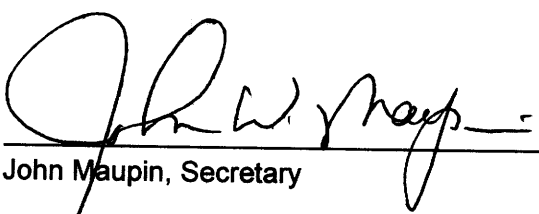
Director Fuhr directed the Board to the financial reports in their packet. We are in good shape except for legal expenses, where we are over-budget. With the number of outstanding legal issues the cost may exceed the amount of the current contract and a supplemental agreement may be needed. Secretary Maupin made a motion to authorize a supplemental agreement and Chairman Kellett seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved. Commissioner King made a motion to accept and file the financial reports and Secretary Maupin seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

In the Personnel portion of the meeting, the Board was informed of three new hires and two resignations. As discussion of one of the resignations would require going into closed session, 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 and Commissioner King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner King, aye and Commissioner Foushee, aye.

The meeting was then closed.

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

  
Richard H. Kellett, Chairman

  
John Maupin, Secretary