

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 21st, 2017.

Present at the meeting were:

Richard H. Kellett	Chairman
John Maupin	Secretary
Trudi McCollum Foushee	Commissioner (by phone)
Darold Crotzer	Attorney
Eric Fey	Director
Rick Stream	Director
Christian Tolbert	Deputy Director
Julie Leicht	Deputy Director

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

Mr. Theo Brown signed up to speak at the Public Forum. Mr. Brown made mention of his pending and ongoing legal action concerning the St. Louis Community College District and the Riverview Fire District. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the Public Forum 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 January 17th meeting and made a motion that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Chairman Kellett then called for Director Rick Stream's report. Director Stream reported that preparations for the April election are underway. Absentee voting started Feb. 21st. Director Stream reported we have 431 polling location and 324 different ballots styles. Director Stream added that over 11,300 applications for absentee ballots have been mailed out and nearly 8,000 have been received. Director Stream reported that training is also underway and going well. It was further reported that 3,500 election judges are scheduled to be trained. Director Stream said we are well on our way for the April 4th election.

Chairman Kellett asked for Director Eric Fey's report. Director Fey started by welcoming Dr. David Kimball who was joining us from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Dr. Kimball, a professor of Political Science, gave a report on an effort to measure polling place lines that he led during the presidential election in November. This was part of a national effort to collect polling place line data throughout the country. Dr. Kimball reported that his student volunteers visited 140 randomly selected polling places in St. Louis County on November 8. Dr. Kimball informed the Board of the following conclusions drawn from the Election Day observation:

1-On Election Day the busiest period of the voting is during the morning hours between 6 am and 10 am with approximately 80 to 100 arrivals per hour. The average rate of arrivals is substantially lower, but steady, at roughly 40 to 50 per hour from 11 am until late afternoon, with a dip in arrivals during the final hour of voting on Election Day.

2-The check-in process was roughly 1-2 minutes per voter at every polling place. The wait time to begin voting averaged 2.2 minutes for a touch screen machine versus 0.2 minutes for a paper ballot. The time it took to complete the ballot was, however, shorter on the touch screen (4.7 minutes) as opposed to 6.1 minutes with a paper ballot.

Dr. Kimball referred the Board to additional exhibits in the report detailing the forms and procedures utilized on Election Day. The Commissioners thanked Dr. Kimball for his efforts and his report.

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

There being nothing to discuss under Old Business, Chairman Kellett made a motion to close Old Business and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Under New Business, Director Fey directed the Commissioners to a draft resolution regarding HR.634 which is the Election Assistance Commission Termination Act. Director Fey informed the Board that the EAC performs a host of important functions including the testing and certification of voting equipment and the collection of data for the biennial Election Administration and Voting Survey. The absence of these vital functions and standards would jeopardize the future practices of election administration in Missouri. Director Fey recommended that the Board adopt the resolution.

Secretary Maupin made a motion to adopt the resolution and Chairman Kellett seconded. A vote was taken and the Board adopted the resolution. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close New Business and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and that portion of the meeting was closed.

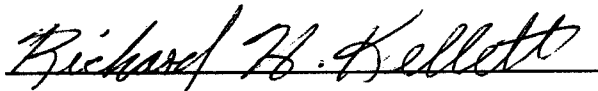
Under Financial, Director Fey reported that we are on track with the budget expenditures. Director Fey further reported that year 2016 ended in a very conservative financial position and that the Directors look forward to a similar outcome for year 2017. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the financial reports and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the reports were accepted.

Under the Legal portion Attorney Crotzer discussed the legal memorandum drafted in response to Mr. Tom Sullivan's concerns regarding the naming of ballot propositions. Attorney Crotzer reported that the Board of Elections does not possess the legal authority to dictate the names given to ballot propositions. Chairman Kellett made a motion to close the legal portion of the meeting and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion.

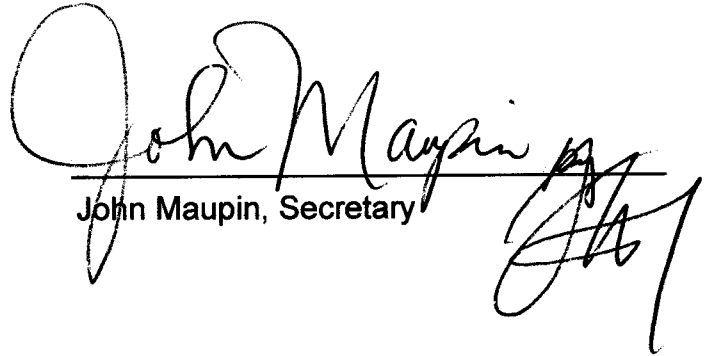
For the Personnel portion of the meeting Director Fey reported that we have hired a few new employees, two full-time in the Judges Department and one in the Clerical Teams Department. We are in process of filling other vacancies. Chairman Kellett made a motion to accept the Personnel report and close that portion of the meeting and Secretary Maupin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Secretary Maupin moved that the meeting be closed pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(1), (3) and (13) and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye.

After ending the closed portion of the meeting, Secretary Maupin moved that the Board adjourn and Commissioner Foushee seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the votes were as follows: Chairman Kellett, aye; Secretary Maupin, aye; Commissioner Foushee, aye. The meeting was then adjourned.



Richard H. Kellett, Chairman



John Maupin, Secretary