

MINUTES

Cass County Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
CCIC – Pearson Hall
August 19, 2020
4:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:45pm

Present: Board Members: Barbara Boucher, Mary Dobson, Roger Toomey, Becky Klein, Phil Kohler

CCPL Staff: Christie Kessler, Dan Brower, Lori Schneider, Steve Erichsen

The levy hearing was held. Ms. Christie Kessler presented the proposed tax rate of .2633 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. This is the amount of rate increase authorized by voters for current year as authorized in the State Auditor's Review (8/5/20). Based on tax revenue from proposed rate, the amount of revenue to be budgeted in 2021 will be \$4,873,923. Discussion followed. Ms. Klein asked for public comment. There was none.

Board President Becky Klein made revisions to the agenda: under Public Comments, add Larry Boucher, and under New Business, add Attorney discussion. It was moved by Becky Klein and seconded by Barbara Boucher to approve the meeting agenda with revisions presented. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

It was moved by Phil Kohler and seconded by Mary Dobson to approve the consent agenda as presented, including the regular meeting minutes from July 15, 2020, and the financial reports for July. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

Under Public Comments, the Board heard from Larry Boucher, representing the Cass County Historical Society, regarding the restoration of a shared outdoor building sign. Larry explained the cost would be \$500, and was asking the Board for permission to remove the sign and transport it to the painter, and for CCPL to pay for half the cost (\$250).

Under New Business, it was moved by Phil Kohler and seconded by Roger Toomey to pay/donate \$250 for the outdoor sign restoration, as proposed by Larry Boucher. Ayes: Toomey, Boucher, Klein, Kohler. Nays: Dobson.

At 5:05 p.m., it was moved by Barbara Boucher and seconded by Phil Kohler to recess to executive session under Missouri Revised Statute 610.021.1 to discuss real estate issues. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

At 5:40 p.m., it was moved by Becky Klein and seconded by Mary Dobson that the closed executive session end and regular session resume. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

Under New Business, it was moved by Phil Kohler and seconded by Barbara Boucher to accept the tax rate of .2633 per \$100.00 assessed valuation as proposed in the Notice of Public Hearing. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

Under New Business, the Fines and Fees Policy revision was discussed. It was moved by Becky Klein and seconded by Mary Dobson to adopt the Fines and Fees Policy as written. Ayes: Toomey, Dobson, Klein, Kohler. Nays: Boucher.

Under New Business, Ms. Kessler informed the board about working with attorney Adam Sommer from Harris, Harris, & Sommer in Warrensburg, who has agreed to represent CCPL. It was moved by Phil Kohler and seconded by Barbara Boucher to hire attorney Adam Sommer. Ayes: Boucher, Dobson, Klein, Kohler. Abstain: Toomey.

Under Director's Report, no staff changes were reported. Positions that remain open are Drexel Cleaning Sub, and a 12-hour Library Assistant at NRC. Branch activity reports were discussed. Ms. Kessler gave information about branch improvements and status of Phase 2 of re-opening.

Under Trustees' Report, Barbara Boucher expressed appreciation for the positive newspaper article and Mr. Brower's comments to clearly communicate to the public. Mary Dobson gave a CCIC building update.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn. This was seconded and passed unanimously at 6:15 p.m.

A Budget Work Session is pending.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Approved by the Board on _____, 2020.

Secretary

Library Director