

MINUTES

Cass County Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
CCIC – Pearson Hall
August 18, 2021
4:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:45pm

Present: Board Members: Barbara Boucher, Mary Dobson, Becky Klein,
Tonya Long (via audio call)

Absent: Roger Toomey

CCPL Staff: Christie Kessler, Dan Brower, Lori Schneider

The levy hearing was held. Ms. Christie Kessler presented the proposed tax rate of .2545 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. This is a rate decrease as authorized in the State Auditor's Review (7/27/21). Based on tax revenue from proposed rate, the amount of revenue to be budgeted in 2022 will be \$5,005,735. Discussion followed. Ms. Klein asked for public comment. There was none.

Mary Dobson moved, seconded by Barbara Boucher, to approve the meeting agenda. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dobson moved, seconded by Barbara Boucher, to approve the consent agenda, including the regular meeting minutes from July 21, 2021, and the financial reports for July. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, it was moved by Becky Klein and seconded by Barbara Boucher to accept the tax rate of .2545 per \$100.00 assessed valuation as proposed in the Notice of Public Hearing. On roll call vote, this passed unanimously.

Under Public Comments, the board heard from Sara Steinmetz, CCPL Children's Specialist – Harrisonville Branch, and citizens Michael Firkins, Ryan Johnson, John Webb, and Dallas Register.

Under Director's Report, open positions include: Admin 20-hour IT Specialist, Admin 24-hour Business Assistant, Admin FT Head of Centralized Services, 20-hour Tech Services ILL Specialist, Genealogy Substitute, and Genealogy Branch Manager.

The Branch Activity Reports were discussed. Mr. Brower presented information about the RFP for a new Bookmobile. Ms. Kessler discussed the responses to the RFO for Financial Advisory Services, and the RFO for Architectural Services.

Under Trustees' Comments, Becky Klein stated she would like everyone to look over all the RFO's and have a special work session to discuss. Also, Becky would like to have a work session in October to discuss 2022 budget and planning. Mary Dobson gave an update on CCIC maintenance issues, stating they are currently getting bids for the carpet and roof.

At 5:32pm, Barbara Boucher moved, seconded by Mary Dobson, to recess to executive session under Missouri Revised Statute 610.021.1 to discuss real estate issues. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

At 6:03pm, Becky Klein moved, seconded by Barbara Boucher, that the closed executive session end and regular session resume. On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

It was moved that the meeting adjourn. This was seconded and passed unanimously at 6:04pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:45pm, being moved from the regular third Wednesday meeting date.

Approved by the Board on _____, 2021

Secretary

Library Director