

MINUTES
Cass County Public Library Board of Trustees
Public Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
CCIC – Pearson Hall
August 16, 2023 @ 4:45pm

Tax Levy Public Hearing: 4:45pm

The levy hearing was held. Library Director Dan Brower presented the proposed tax rate of .2420 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. This is the rate authorized by voters for 2023 as authorized by the State Auditor's Review (7/24/2023). Based on tax revenue from the proposed rate, the amount of revenue to be budgeted in 2024 would be \$5,511,771. Discussion followed. Board President Tonya Long asked for public comment. The board heard from Jim Pelis.

Roger Toomey moved, seconded by Becky Klein to accept the tax rate of .2420 per \$100.00 assessed valuation as proposed in the Notice of Public Hearing. On roll call vote: Toomey-Aye, Larson-Nay, Levsen-Nay, Long-Nay, Klein-Aye. Motion failed.

Diana Larson moved, seconded by Jessica Levsen to reduce the proposed tax rate to .2150 per \$100.00 assessed valuation. Based on tax revenue from that rate, the amount of revenue to be budgeted in 2024 would be \$4,897,258. On roll call vote: Toomey-Nay, Larson-Aye, Levsen-Aye, Long-Aye, Klein-Nay. Motion passed.

At 5:47p.m. the Public Hearing adjourned.

Call to Order: 5:48pm

Trustees present: Becky Klein, Tonya Long, Roger Toomey, Diana Larson, Jessica Levsen
CCPL Staff present: Dan Brower, Deb Bova
Meeting was streamed via YouTube. The recording can be found on the library's YouTube channel.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Jessica Levsen moved, seconded by Diana Larson, to approve the revised agenda as presented. On roll call vote: Toomey-Nay, Larson-Aye, Long-Aye, Levsen-Aye, Klein-Aye. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Jessica Levsen moved, seconded by Diana Larson, to approve the consent agenda, including the regular meeting minutes from July 19, 2023, the financial reports for July, and the August payables. Motion passed by majority vote.

Public Comments

The Board heard comments from Connie Poisal, Deborah Packingham, Zach Packingham, and Sandy Clutter.

Unfinished Business

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Cass County Health Department regarding having distribution boxes at CCPL locations for NARCAN medication, as a result of the National Opioid Settlement funds distributed to Cass County. Becky Klein moved, seconded by Roger Toomey, to sign the MOU with the Health Department. On roll call vote: Toomey-Aye, Larson-Nay, Long-Nay, Levsen-Nay, Klein-Aye. Motion failed.

New Business

The Board discussed Shelving of Sexual Content in the Library, and Jessica Levsen proposed a new policy: "Relocation of Books with Sexually Related Content in the Cass County Public Library." Jessica Levsen moved, seconded by Diana Larson, to adopt the policy as written. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The Board agreed to table the discussion to a work session, scheduled for Wednesday, 8/30 at 4:45pm.

Director's Report,

Staff changes include:

New Hires: Kris Lliteras as Harrisonville Sub, Alisa Funnell as Archie Sub, and Neisha Handley as Harrisonville Teen Specialist.

Transfers: Amy Burkholder from Bookmobile Manager to Outreach Services Coordinator.

Resignations: Deb Bova, Business Assistant in Admin.

Open positions: Youth Services Coordinator in Admin, and Business Assistant in Admin.

Branch Activity Reports

Director Brower gave an update on the new Pleasant Hill building, and shared the status of the NRC renovations and timeline.

Trustees' Comments

Becky Klein shared thoughts about the Board learning to get along & work together for the good of the community and CCPL staff.

Recess to Executive Session

At 7:00pm, Jessica Levsen moved, seconded by Diana Larson, to recess to executive session under Missouri Revised Statute 610.021.2 to discuss real estate issues. On roll call vote: Toomey-Aye, Larson-Aye, Long-Aye, Klein-Aye, Levsen-Aye. Motion passed.

At 7:21pm, Becky Klein moved, seconded by Tonya Long, that the closed executive session end and regular session resume. On roll call vote: Toomey-Aye, Larson-Aye, Long-Aye, Klein-Aye, Levsen-Aye. Motion passed.

Actions from Executive Session

Becky Klein moved, seconded by Tonya Long, to approve Executive Session Real Estate Minutes from 7/19/23. On roll call vote: Toomey-Aye, Larson-Aye, Long-Aye, Klein-Aye, Levsen-Aye. Motion passed.

Adjournment

It was moved that the meeting adjourn. This was seconded and passed by majority vote at 7:22pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 4:45pm.

Approved by the Board on _____, 2023

Secretary

Library Director