

CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Board Meeting

April 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Bagley, in the Conference Room at the Main Library at 4:02 p.m. Board members present were Jeanette Rowsey, Wendy Thomas, David Amsbary, and Betty Barrett (by way of zoom). Judy Rule, Director, also attended.

Betty Barrett moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

Jeanette Rowsey moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Banks for March : checks numbered 54969 through 55071 totaling \$259,677.23; Smart Tax of \$55,514.99; and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$9,560.23, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35341 through 35354 and vouchers numbered 38313 through 38592 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$193,399.72 for a total expenditure of \$518,152.17 from the regular account. There were no checks from the construction account. Voted and passed.

Reports included the following:

- The Library is closed until the Governor allows for reopening. Plans are being made to reopen in a phased manner. Perhaps only the drive-thru will be open at the Main Library and the branches will make arrangements with their patrons to obtain books without face-to-face contact. Judy Rule will be putting an outline in writing very soon.
- The Library Facebook page has gained over 600 new followers since the Library closed due to the virus.

Judy Rule started the discussion concerning going into debt for \$4.5M at this time of uncertainty. She said the Library Board had three options

1. Just go ahead and ask the County Commission to authorize bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 and proceed with the Barboursville project.
2. Decide to re-bid the project and start the process all over.
3. Put it on a two-month delay and see if we have some additional clarity by that time.

Several members of the Board voiced concerns over the timing of the bonding. Charlie Bagley voiced his concerns about entering into that much debt and having no real good estimate of when the economy will rebound. David Amsbary also voiced his concern with going a head at this time. Betty Barrett and Jeanette Rowsey agreed that maybe we should put it on hold until at least the May meeting when we will revisit the issue. It was agreed that the whole matter would be tabled until the May meeting.

Judy Rule noted that she had heard nothing from the Lawyer Bailey but had spoken to Dennis Taylor who plans to call him by the end of the month to see where he is on administering the Audre Kaye estate. Judy Rule will also proceed with contacting Marilyn McCray's family to see if they will support moving her fund to support the construction at

Barboursville.

It was agreed that Charles Bagley would serve as the third person on the audit committee so the Audit can be awarded for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Judy K. Rule, Secretary

Charles Bagley, President