

CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Board Meeting

August 25, 2020

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Bagley, in meeting room 2 at the Main Library at 4:00 p.m. Board members present were David Amsbary, Jeanette Rowsey, Wendy Thomas, and Betty Barrett. Judy Rule, Director; Kristy Browning, Business Manager; Joe Nassif, Placement Agent; John Stump, Bond Counsel; and Dennis Taylor, Library's Lawyer also attended. Approximately ten staff members also attended.

Betty Barrett moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2020 annual meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

Wendy Thomas moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Banks for July: checks numbered 55378 through 55482 totaling \$258,761.11, Smart Tax of \$56,499.68, and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$37,592.91, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35388 through 35399 and vouchers numbered 39737 through 40118 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$197,136.29 for a total expenditure of \$549,989.99 from the regular account. There were no checks written from the construction account. The total amount of checks written was \$549,989.99. Voted and passed

Reports included the following:

- Memorials for Barbara Gilbert have exceeded \$2,000.00. Stacy Bond is working with Breana Bowen and Judy Rule to purchase a suitable memorial for Barbara.
- We now have samples for the covering for the stairs at the Main Library. As soon as the decision is reached concerning the color, Floor Solutions will install the new covering in about 10 days to two weeks, which is the amount of time for the order of materials to arrive.

John Stump and Joe Nassif presented a summary of the process to obtain the loan for the new library in Barboursville. The term sheets were released to 17 banks and six responses were received. Ohio Valley Bank and WesBanco were very close when all the requirements were taken into account. It was determined by Charles Bagley, Judy Rule, Dennis Taylor, Joe Nassif and John Stump that the most favorable response was from WesBanco. John Stump then presented the Board with a new resolution for bonding. Betty Barrett moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to adopt the attached resolution in lieu of any preceding resolution. Voted and passed.

Jeanette Rowsey moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve Director Judy K. Rule signing the contract with E. P. Leach & Sons, Inc, in the amount of \$5,670,856.00 contingent upon the bond closing. Voted and passed.

Dennis Taylor reported that he had moved the Audre Kaye will matter to the top of his to-do list and would be following up on that shortly.

Wendy Thomas moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve the revision

of the contract with Ahmad Associates, LTD for the next three year's audits to the amount of \$18,360.00 per year. Voted and passed.

Jeanette Rowsey moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve the proposed winter hours for the Cabell County Public Library. Voted and passed.

Wendy Thomas moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to approve depositing the equalization check from the Board of Education in the amount of \$144,163.64 into the construction account. Voted and passed.

David Amsbary moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to hold funds donated for the Gala to be applied to the next Gala if we received a request to do so. Voted and passed.

Katie Curry, Branch Manager from Guyandotte Library, spoke and again voiced her concerns about the way the Library was being operated. She requested that the meetings of the Board be streamed so others could watch. She suggested that the meeting be held outside of library hours so more staff could attend. She again said that Judy Rule, Director of the Library, should not be secretary of the Board to avoid appearance of impropriety. She also brought up several concerns including the Main Library stayed open when the air conditioning on the first and second floors was out, not enough is being done to keep the staff safe from COVID-19, the staircase at the Main Library has needed repaired for a long time and is a possible trip hazard, repairs in general are not being made quickly enough. Kista Black spoke about her concerns with the COVID-19 virus and agreed staff do not feel that they are safe. Wendy Thomas replied to the director serving as secretary to the Board and said that all the Boards she serves on the director or executive director serves as secretary because they have the resources to take care of that responsibility easily. Kristy Browning and Breana Bowen spoke to some of the concerns. Brock Nicholson spoke and so did Alexis Stewart. Betty Barrett spoke and so did Jeanette Rowsey thanking the employees for coming.

Betty Barrett moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Voted and passed.



Judy K. Rule, Secretary



Charles Bagley, President