

**CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 7, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by the President, David Amsbary in the conference room at the Main Library at 4:01 p.m. Board members attending were Wendy Thomas, Betty Barrett, Marsha Moses and Charles Bagley were present. Staff member Michael Bare; Bill Patton, President of the Friends; and Judy Rule, Director, also attended. Jimmy Leach from E. P. Leach construction company was also present.

Betty Barrett moved and Charles Bagley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021 annual meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

Betty Barrett moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Bank for July: checks numbered 56765 through 56870 totaling \$259,869.93, Smart Tax of \$59,010.26, and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$39,102.68, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35587 through 35603 and vouchers numbered 43136 through 43391 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$199,754.08 for a total expenditure of \$557,736.95 from the regular account. There were four checks written from the construction account in the amount of \$203,334.41. The total amount of checks written was \$761,071.36. Voted and passed.

Jimmy Leach reported to the Board on the status of the construction of the Barboursville Library. Before construction started the subcontractor for the ICF (insulated concrete form) walls went out of business. The original subcontractor, Matheny, was replaced with a firm out of North Dakota who bid the appropriate amount and seemed to have good references. Everything seemed to be progressing until some of the steel did not line up properly and it was discovered that the subcontractor had started at the wrong place in making their measurements. Then it was discovered that they had used #4 rebar instead of #5. They have been working all summer to correct these mistakes so the second floor can be poured and the walls continued. He apologized to the Board for all the delays and took responsibility for all the mistakes. He assured the Board that everything would be fixed according to the structural engineers' specifications. He gave the Board the new schedule which calls for the building to be completed in February 2022. The Library Board thanked him for coming and said they would welcome an update later.

Reports included the following:

- Judy Rule reported that the Outdoor Reading Room has been taken and she is very hopeful that the Media Room will be taken in the name of Marilyn McCray. The Foundation for the Tri-State seems to be willing to contribute \$20,000 that would make this possible.
- Evan Harbinson (an eagle scout) who did a beautification project at the Milton Public Library is being honored by the Board of Education at their meeting on September 7 and Judy Rule and Lynn McGinnis were invited to attend.
- The award ceremony for the National Medal will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24. We will be having a little party to watch the event. Judy Rule will go to City Council's meeting the evening before and the Mayor will issue a proclamation making Tuesday, August 24 Cabell County Public Library Day in Huntington.

Charles Bagley moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to move \$41,700 to the construction account to be used toward the NEH match, but the remainder of the funds would go to the regular account to be used toward the repairs at Gallaher Village. Voted and passed.

Charles Bagley moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to close the Friday following Thanksgiving as an extra holiday for staff. Voted and passed.

Betty Barrett moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to approve up to fifteen staff members to attend the WVLA Conference at Glade Springs. Voted and passed.


Betty Barrett moved and Charles Bagley seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss Director Judy Rule's retirement and replacement. Voted and passed.

Charles Bagley moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to come out of executive session with the notation that no action was taken during the executive session. Voted and passed.

Charles Bagley moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to create a committee of the whole to undertake the search for a new director with Betty Barrett and Charles Bagley as co-chairs with the first meeting being September 1 at 4:00. Voted and passed

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

  
Judy K. Rule, Secretary

  
David Amsbary, President