

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
4:00 p.m. Library Red Room
August 16, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Beth Stroh.

Present: Marvin Finke, Pam Lienhoop, Gayle Loesch, Betty McGuire, Nedra Spinks, Beth Stroh. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, and Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager. Tom Bigley, attorney.

Absent: Russell Taylor.

Approval of Minutes

Spinks moved and Finke seconded that the minutes of the July 19, 2004 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Approval of Claims. Spinks moved and Finke seconded that claims 621 through 631 in the amount of \$127,244.83 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. Finke moved and Spinks seconded that claims 613 through 620, 622 through 623, and 632 through 703 in the amount of \$69,094.11 be approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Lienhoop moved and Spinks seconded to allow Reynolds to borrow funds from LIRF in order to meet financial obligations of the Operating Fund through September 13, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Public Hearing of 2005 Budget. The public hearing opened for questions from the public. All necessary legal notices and requirements have been met. No members of the public were present.

New Phone System. A proposal for a new telephone service contract with Jim Gordon was presented. Poor explained differences between the Nortel system and our current provider, SBC Centrex System, which we have used since 1979. Discussion followed regarding the types of services included in the proposal and the possibility of adding this same service to Hope Branch in the future. Poor recommended we agree to purchase the system but delay installation until after the September 24 ILF District Meeting that's being hosted at the Main Library. Other providers were mentioned but not necessarily recommended by other board members. Lienhoop felt Jim Gordon would be a solid provider of services. Lienhoop moved and Spinks seconded that the board approve the proposal from Jim Gordon in the amount of \$\$22,373.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Stroh reported on the meeting of the Redevelopment Commission. Assessed value in Bartholomew County is expected to drop significantly. The city will not take any tax abatement roll-offs to fund projects for downtown redevelopment. Stroh advised Chamber of Commerce president Rich Stenner that BCPL is interested in working with the commission regarding a parking garage. He thought it was a very interesting idea and wondered if there would be any private business interest.

Stroh announce that Mr. J. Irwin. Miller died this afternoon at his home. Everyone expressed sadness at the passing of this remarkable man.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Beth Stroh, President

Gayle Loesch, Secretary