

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Library Conference Room  
February 14, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Stroh.

Present: Gayle Loesch, Betty Lu McGuire, Brenda Tallent, Russell Taylor, Beth Stroh, Robin Whited and Billie Whitted. Library staff: Beth Poor, Director, Teresa Reynolds, Business Manager; Mike McIver, attorney.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 17, 2011 board meeting were reviewed. Taylor moved and Loesch seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes of the January 17, 2011 Board of Finance minutes were reviewed. Whitted moved and McGuire seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Claims 8087 through 8167 in the amount of \$641,918.40 were reviewed. Reynolds noted that claim 8087 for a temporary loan from LIRF accounted for the largest portion of the total claims. Poor advised that we have fewer claims to pay this time, because the January meeting was held later in the month and only one payroll is listed on this month's claims list. Tallent moved and Whitted seconded approval of claims 8087 through 8167 in the amount of \$641,918.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Poor and Reynolds reviewed the details of a motion to amend language in the documents for 2010 year-end transfers. Transfer by resolution stated transfer from 1. Personal Services, Librarians in the amount of \$20,217. It should have stated transfer by resolution from 1. Personal Services, Wages of Janitors in the amount of \$20,217.

Transfer by motion stated transfer from 3. Other Services & Charges, Official Records in the amount of \$ 300. It should have stated transfer from 3. Other Services & Charges, Official Bonds in the amount of \$ 300.

McGuire moved and Taylor seconded amendment to the language of the year-end transfers as presented. Motion as approved:

A. Resolution to Reduce the 2011 Operating Budget. Poor advised that we have received our budget order from DLGF and our certified 2011 Operating Fund budget has been approved in the amount of \$3,093,616. This amount is \$156,084 less than the budget we approved and advertised. At this point we need to officially reduce the Operating Fund Budget. Poor proposed reducing Employee Benefits, Employer's Contribution to Group Insurance by \$156,084 which will still leave \$261,096 in that appropriation for 2011. McGuire moved and Whitted seconded approval of the resolution as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Poor reviewed the change in meeting dates for the rest of the year. The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Red Room.

Poor reviewed issues addressed at a State Legislature committee hearing that she attended. House Bill 1225 had been introduced to address a local situation in which sums of LIRF money are being accumulated by a public library that had been granted a very high tax rate. The proposed bill did not advance past the committee level.

McGuire asked if we are still using Unique Management for collections. Poor said we now have improved returns of overdues and more timely payment for damaged and lost items than before we were using the service.

Stroh noted that she appreciates the Overdrive downloadable books.

New Business

A. Stroh remarked that Taylor and Whitted are at the end of their fourth and first terms as board members. Taylor has served for the maximum of 16 consecutive years and is not eligible to be reappointed. A celebration of Taylor's service will be held on April 11 prior to the board meeting.

The question was raised if board members should submit suggestions for the vacancy on the board and if so how this could be accomplished. McIver advised that letters have been prepared but not sent to the appointing authorities. He was waiting for board members to provide suggestions for potential candidates. It was determined that names of possible board candidates should be submitted to Stroh or McIver. Taylor stated that he would submit the name of an individual for consideration. Stroh asked Whitted if she is willing to continue service and she advised that she is interested in being reappointed by the County Commissioners.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robin Whited, Secretary

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Beth Stroh, President