

CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Board Meeting

March 17, 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 telephone). Dennis Taylor, Attorney; Phoebe Randolph, architect; Kristy Browning, Business Manager; and Sara Ramazani, Assistant Director for Popular Services; and Judy Rule, Director, also attended.

Wendy Thomas moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

Betty Barrett moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Banks for February: checks numbered 54872 through 54968 totaling \$222,852.10; Smart Tax of \$55,514.99; and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$9,995.61, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35331 through 35340 and vouchers numbered 38030 through 38029312 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$194,475.22 for a total expenditure of \$517,697.55 from the regular account making a total expenditure of \$482,837.92. There were no checks from the construction account. Voted and passed.

Reports included the following:

- Staff have been dealing with the COVID 19 virus pandemic. The libraries in Cabell County are closed to the public but the Main Library will offer services through the drive-up window. We will be checking out materials but not checking items in and re-checking them out. Patrons may put materials on hold to be picked up at the drive-through. I & R will be answering the telephone during their regular hours. Samantha Knauff in Literacy will be here working on the grant to the United Way.

We have been requested to attend a County Commission meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 p.m. Dennis Taylor brought the Library Board up-to-date about getting the material ready to be presented to the Commission at that time. Joe Nassif has provided the Board with information concerning the bond pricing which will be attached to these minutes. The question that has come from the Commissioners is why is not Barboursville issuing the bonds? Dennis Taylor explained what John Stump had shared with him concerning the other obligations the Village has that make it difficult for them to issue the bonds. Once the County Commission gives the okay to move forward Joe Nassif will contact banks and give them two to three weeks to bid on the bonds with final approval coming the end of April.

Phoebe Randolph stated that she had still be working with E. P. Leach to find cost savings before the final contract is signed. We will need another extension but it was decided not to proceed with that until after the meeting with the Commission on the 26th. She also reported that Fred Williams who was originally to bond attorney has left Steptoe & Johnson to move to Arizona.

Charles Bagley reported that he had left messages at Mr. Bailey's law firm both with the secretary and on voice mail. Dennis Taylor had done the same but Mr. Bailey had not returned either person's calls. Since David Amsbary knows Mr. Bailey, he will try to call him but if he does not get an answer by the end of the week, Charlie will call the state bar office.

Jeanette Rowsey moved and David Amsbary seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

Cabell County Public Library Board of Directors hereby authorizes the financing of the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of the new Barboursville Public Library through the Cabell County Public Library entering into a lease agreement with the County Commission of Cabell County, West Virginia, and issuance of lease revenue bonds by the County Commission of Cabell County secured by the lease payments under the lease agreement by the Cabell County Public Library to the County Commission of Cabell County.

Voted and passed.


The construction contract will be presented at the April meeting.

Wendy Thomas moved and Jeanette Rowsey seconded the motion to approve the new contract with Edward Tucker Architects in the amount of \$315,883.00. Voted and passed.

Judy Rule reported that with all the involvement with the COVID-19 virus and Mary Lou Pratt's car being stolen from the library parking lot, the McCray family had not been contacted. There will be a report by the next meeting.

Wendy Thomas moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve part-time employees be paid for hours that would regularly work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Voted and passed unanimously.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.



Judy K. Rule, Secretary

Charles Bagley, President