

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
DAVISS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

AUGUST 19, 2015

Members Present: Polly Reynolds, President
Jeremy Edge, Treasurer
Lewatis McNeal, Secretary
Beena Vora

Members Absent: Dmitry Uskov

Others Present: Leslie McCarty, Interim Director
Debbie Young, Accounts Manager
Michelle Drake
Nikole Wolfe, Regional Librarian
Charlie Castlen, Fiscal Court Liaison
Steve Moreland
Don Wilkins, Reporter – Messenger Inquirer
Ginger Hatley, Admin. Clerk

The meeting was called to order by President, Polly Reynolds at 5:00 p.m.

The first order of business was the Treasurer's Report. Jeremy Edge went over the receipts and expenditures for the month. Hearing no comments or corrections, Polly Reynolds made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures as presented. Lewatis McNeal seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Edge went over the options for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Tax Rate. He led a discussion and answered questions. Jeremy Edge then recommended that the Library keep the Real Property tax rate at 6.4 cents per \$100 rather than accepting the compensating rate of 6.5 cents per \$100. The Auto tax would also stay at the current rate of 4.0 cents per \$100. Mr. Edge recommended the Library accept the compensating rate of 8.38 cents per \$100 for Tangible Personal Property tax. Lewatis McNeal made a motion to approve the rates as recommended. Beena Vora seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Leslie McCarty also noted she will be attending the Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting on September 3, 2015, to present the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Polly Reynolds called for the approval of the minutes of the July meeting. Mr. Castlen noted he would like the minutes to show under Others Present that he attempted to be present at the meeting. The meeting was in closed session at the time he arrived. Lewatis McNeal made a motion to approve the minutes with this change noted. Polly Reynolds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Leslie McCarty was then asked to present the Director's Report. Mrs. McCarty reviewed the Annual Report, which was previously emailed to the Board. She reported all our numbers are up, and cardholders were approximately up by 4,000 over the prior year. Library visits (physical and online) were up over 50,000 over the prior year. Mrs. McCarty went over the Statistical Report and discussed any category with significant changes. We had 108 people for the Stay Tuned Music program kick-off event. The instruments were checked out quickly and a few of them already have holds.

Polly Reynolds called for Old Business, Library Expansion Project. Mrs. McCarty reported there will be a construction bid opening on August 20 to open revised bids on the project. There will be further updates at the September meeting.

Polly Reynolds called for New Business. The Board reviewed a list of names submitted for the Library Director Search Committee. The proposed committee members are Polly Reynolds, Jeremy Edge, Debbie Young, Brian Lashbrook, Nick Brake, Joe Berry and Sylvia Coleman. Lewatis McNeal made a motion to approve the Library Director Search Committee as proposed. Beena Vora seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Next on the Agenda, Foundation Board Member Request. Leslie McCarty said she was asked by the Foundation Board if anyone would be willing to be a liaison from the Library Board. The Board will consider and will update at the next meeting.

Next on the Agenda, New Library Full Time Positions. Mrs. McCarty discussed the need of a Video Production Specialist, and Children's Librarian. These new positions were included in the 2015/2016 Budget. Former Director Jim Blanton had requested that these positions be put on hiring hold until a new full time Library Director was hired. Mrs. McCarty stated that due to volume of work, she felt these positions need to be hired now. The Board discussed and agreed that Mrs. McCarty should proceed with filling these positions.

Polly Reynolds then called for Public Comment. Mr. Steve Moreland stated he hoped the Board would not raise the tax rate. He also stated he was not in favor of the Library expansion due to the state of the economy right now. Polly Reynolds thanked Mr. Moreland and said the Board will take in consideration his personal views.

Nikole Wolfe discussed with the Board that the Kentucky Public Library Association Standards will open on October 1 for the second year of a three year cycle. This is an online submittal with a deadline to file by November 30, 2015.

Polly Reynolds then called for Closed Session. Lewatis McNeal made a motion to enter Closed Session. Beena Vora seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Lewatis McNeal made a motion to end Closed Session. Beena Vora seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Polly Reynolds stated that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Polly Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.