

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

ZOOM MEETING

September 15, 2020

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pat Pettey, Chair.

Members attending: Pat Pettey, John “Tiny” McTaggart, Jim Jarsulic, Korri Hall, Pat Garmon, Judy Anderson, Jody Boeding and Micki Hill. **Support Advisors:** Carol Levers, Director of KCK Public Library; Jack Granath, Director of Bonner Springs Library; Aaron Froelich Turner Library, Branch Manager; Reggie Lindsey, UG Budget Manager; Debbie Jonscher, UG Deputy CFO and Lisa Rangel, UG Administrative Support.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Pettey announced that Angela Lawson has moved out of the Piper area and has submitted her resignation to Commissioner Kane as his appointment to the Library Board and wanted to publicly thank her for her many years of service and has provided a lot of legal support for this board. That position is open, and Commissioner Kane will be making an appointment.

Pat asked Reggie to provide the actions of the UG Commission and where the budget stands at this time.

Reggie Lindsey shared the final budget document approved by UG Commission on July 16, 2020, reflecting the approved 8% expense increase and the 2021 forecast.

COUNTY LIBRARY FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 2017-2021						8% Exp Increase
County Library Fund	Historical			Current		Approved
	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Prelim.	2020 Budget	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast
Beginning Balance	714,216	873,502	1,042,753	931,927	1,291,868	1,475,841
Revenues	2,813,295	2,954,818	3,173,653	3,238,082	3,255,512	3,515,180
Expenditures	2,654,009	2,785,567	2,924,538	3,365,622	3,365,622	3,634,872
Reserves	0	0	0	294,083	294,083	319,392
Ending Balance (Reserves Not Spent)	873,502	1,042,753	1,291,868	1,098,470	1,475,841	1,675,541
Fund Balance % of Exp.	32.91%	37.43%	44.17%	35.76%	48.05%	50.54%
Mill Rate	6.042	6.068	6.122	6.122	6.122	6.122
Percent Chg. Mill Rate	-0.30%	0.43%	0.88%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

County Library Allocations	Historical			Current		
	2017 Actuals	2018 Actuals	2019 Prelim.	2020 Budget	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast
KCK #500 Library	2,107,471	2,212,845	2,323,487	2,439,661	2,439,661	2,661,591
	12.88%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	9.10%
Turner Library	361,154	379,212	398,173	418,082	418,082	418,082
	12.88%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	0.00%
Bonner Springs Library	183,260	192,423	202,044	212,146	212,146	235,807
	12.88%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	11.15%
Consolidated Library Total	2,651,885	2,784,480	2,923,704	3,069,889	3,069,889	3,315,480
	12.88%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	8.00%

Korri asked if the libraries that are in the schools in these numbers? Pat said, libraries within the schools are funded under the school budget, not this budget such as their staff and any materials they have. We might be the only ones in the country where a school board is also the library board for the KCK libraries. Why you see the funding with the KCK libraries is because this board contract with the KCK libraries to provide services for anyone who lives in Wyandotte County. We ourselves do not own any buildings so we contract with them to provided services. We are paying for services to be available for anyone who lives within Wyandotte County. We contract with Bonner Springs to provide services to residents of Wyandotte County. Jody said if you live in USD 500 you will see on your tax bill a separate levy for library and a separate levy for the school district even though they're governed by the same board of directors. Pat said for instance in Turner, Piper and Edwardsville, it's reflected on our tax bill for just the WyCo library – not the school districts.

Reggie said, the Commissioners would like to have a discussion sometime soon with this board. Perhaps someone from this board can attend a budget workshop to discuss why the budget was approved as it was. Jody said every few years when there's turnover on the Commission, they forget that the County Library Board sets the levy apart from the County Commissioners and the County Commissioners just collects it. They do not have to approve it; they just have to incorporate it into the overall budget that's certified to the state. They don't have any say over the actual amount of the levy. Before consolidation, the County Commissioners had forgotten that, so they routinely overruled the Library Board's setting of the levy, so the Library Board stopped meeting because they did not see the point. After consolidation it was investigated and that is why the board was resurrected and a charter ordinance was enacted to make it right, according to the state statute. Pat said two years ago there was a presentation made about how the Library Board was established including their charge. We can update it and present it again. Korri said what I'm hearing from Mr. Lindsey is not so much they don't understand what they can or can't do but more about how we got to the 8%. Maybe we can have one-on-one discussions with our Commissioner who appointed us. Reggie said that's a good idea. Pat said maybe we ask our libraries to provide us a one page that says because of this budget, we can do these things in 2021. That would then provide this board with information to share with the Commissioner who appointed them. A part of our conversation has always been how to come to parity. Tiny McTaggart said the mill for Piper, Edwardsville and Turner was grossly uneven and we were receiving the same benefits as everyone else and not paying for it. Carol said the USD 500 levy today is about 11 mills. Jody said USD 500 does not have to pay the levies of the County Library Board levies, they only have to pay one levy. This was to capture those who weren't paying. Carol said the Commissioner's bottom line is wanting to protect the taxpayer which is what their job is but is there any way we can provide them how much taxes they pay to the libraries; that will surprise them. For instance, in our district someone owning a \$50K home pays \$5.81 per month but only .0009 cents go to the library. I think this would make it more evident. Carol stated, I'm over the 43 school libraries and they assume I use that money to supply USD 500. We are independent of the schools even though we have the board. The public library money is at the public library. The school gives me a budget and they tell me how much I have to do for the school libraries and the two do not mix at all; it's against the law. Korri said what makes it confusing is the wording of "KCK #500 Libraries" so can we change it to say KCK Libraries. Pat said we are contracted with the KCK District 500, so we must keep it that way because they are the board over the KCK libraries. We re not contracted with Carol even though she has the budget, but we are contracted with USD 500. Micki said maybe we can we add an asterisk by USD 500 to note it's the board of KCK Public Library.

LIBRARY UPDATES

KCK Library - Carol Levers

- Provided copies to the group with month events and statistics.

Bonner Springs Library - Jack Granath

- Provided copies to the group with month events and statistics.

Turner Library – Aaron Froelich

- Provided copies to the group with month events and statistics.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Pat Petty said our next meetings are scheduled through next September:

- ~~January 12 – Virtual~~ – **January 26, 2021**
 - **One-pager from Bonner, Edwardsville, Turner, KCK libraries**
 - **Reggie to provide how much of a mill is going monthly for library services in the PET area**
- **March 16 - Virtual**
- **April 20 – (Virtual – TBD)**
- **September 21 – (Virtual – TBD)**

Adjournment

Pat Petty adjourned the meeting.