

WYANDOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MEETING NOTES – May 16, 2023

South Branch Library

I. Call to Order/Attendance

Erica Simpson, Chair of the KCKPL Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Location: South Branch Library, 3104 Strong Avenue, KCK, 66106

In Attendance: Erica Simpson, Jody Boeding, Judy Anderson, Korri Hall, Joe Caiharr, Rocki Mayes, Susan Martin, Micki Hill and Jim Jarsulic.

Absent: Gregory Todd and Commissioner Davis' Appointee (not yet confirmed).

Support Advisors in Attendance: Sam Moore of KCK Public Libraries, Jack Granath, Director of Bonner Springs City Library and Aaron Froelich of Turner Library, Branch Manager.

UG Support Staff in Attendance: Jeff Conway, UG Legal Department, Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director, Debbie Jonscher Interim CFO, and Lisa Rangel, Administrative Support.

II. Introductions & Announcements

Roll call—Announcement(s): Erica Simpson reappointment.

Question regarding Zoom Virtual meetings vs. In-person, considering meeting on the 5th floor, City Hall building as it is already equipped with sound/video for both in person, virtual or hybrid meetings.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rocki Mayes made motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Micki Hill and was approved by the Board.

IV. Old Business

Ruth Benien is scheduled to conduct UG Ethics Training for the Board at our June 20, 2023 meeting. *Possible to be viewed virtually.

V. New Business

A. Library Budget: Proposals/discussion. Preliminary 3% request with additional information from Treasurer's office to reflect revenues and expenditures for a 3% increase along with the 5% and 8%, provided.

B. Important Budget Season Dates:

June 15=Final Valuations

June 15=UG Notify taxing entities of neutral rate

July 20=notify if exceeding

July 27=Revenue Neutral Budget due

August 10=Budget Exceeding Rev. Neutral Due

August 14=RN Rate or August 28 to Exceed RN Rate

August 7=Commission votes if Revenue Neutral

August 31=Commission votes if exceeding RN Rate

C. Budget Update:

Reggie Lindsey and Debbie Jonscher provided information regarding the County Library Fund. This included a statement of our revenues and expenditures from 2021-2024 and a future prospective of what a 5% and 8% increase would look like both within and beyond the Revenue Neutral Rates. It was requested that the Board also see a version reflecting a 3% budget increase. This is the minimum request from the County Libraries to cover the cost of living adjustments to ensure payment of Library staff.

D. Notification Process for Public Hearing:

Jeff Conway, UG Legal counsel, outlined the calendar and expectations for public notification and public hearing process required if exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.

VI. Library Reports

Monthly reports were submitted from each of the districts

Kansas City Kansas Public Library—Sam Moore

Bonner Springs City Library—Jack Granath

Turner Community Library—Aaron Froelich

V. Adjournment--Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm (Motioned by Joe Caihar. Seconded by Korri Hall and carried.)

Next meeting: Ethics Training & Budget Voting/Discussion June 20, 2023 @ TBD.