

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 11, 2023  
Board Meeting 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Vern Jorck, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Stephen Shipley, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator; Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Shipley moved and Wilkerson seconded approval of the August 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 621 through 688 in the amount of \$396,589.40 were reviewed. Hatton made note of the following claims: Claim 650 to Forster Electric for wiring and outlets in the Reference area. Claim 660 to MCLS for databases. Claim 662 to NuWav for legal forms database. Claim 669 to author Soman Chainana for an in-person program in September. Jorck moved and Hack seconded approval to pay Claims 621 through 688 in the amount of \$396,589.40. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Public Hearing on the 2024 Operating, Library Improvement Reserve Fund and Rainy Day Budgets. No public comment was made. Hatton presented an overview of the proposed budget. He reported that he had made some slight changes within the categories. He reminded the Board that the Growth quotient for the 2024 budget is 4%. Hatton reminded the Board that adoption of the 2024 budget is set for the October Board Meeting.

Reports

A. Director's Report.

1. Strategic Plan update: Hatton reported that there were great sessions for the strategic plan. He said we hope to have a draft in October ready to adopt in November. He added that this would be adoption only, implementation would be followed up in subsequent meetings.

2. Outreach. BCPL Express ribbon cutting is scheduled for early September. He said we received funds from community partners such as Cummins and First Financial. He said we also had over 800 books donated. He reported that the Express received an Award from Stonebelt for our programs and services for Adults with Intellectual and Development disabilities.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board of the October 16 meeting. He also asked the Board to let him know if anyone would be absent as we must have a quorum for adoption of the 2024 budget.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Attested:

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Laura Hack, Secretary

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Gary Gron, President