

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL YEAR-END BOARD MEETING
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana
December 17th, 2015

MINUTES

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on December 15th, 2015 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Dinah McClure, President
Brandon Hawkins, Secretary
Steve Bultinck, Treasurer
Gail Summers, Member
Dave Lahr, Member
Lora Goonewardene, Member

ABSENT:

Mida Grover, Vice-President

GUESTS

Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

Board President Dinah McClure called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Prior to any Board action, the County Librarian reviewed an Excel spreadsheet that represented the 2015 budget year. The document showed current budget lines, expenditures, and year-to-date balances. Mr. Holman commented on a few lines that had strong positive balances and pointed out specific budget lines that were exhausted. He explained the anticipated Board actions during the meeting took into consideration ending balances.

Under the heading of **New Business**, Board Secretary Brandon Hawkins presented information on the 2015 Salary Ordinance. After a brief discussion, Board Treasurer Steve Bultinck moved to approve the 2015 Salary Ordinance as presented. Board member Lora Goonewardene seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the Resolution of Transfer of Funds in the 2015 Operating budget to decrease the specified appropriation balances and transfer funds to the appropriate budget lines. Board member Gail Summers seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Bultinck moved to approve the Resolution to Reduce the 2015 Operating Budget by \$300,000. Mrs. Goonewardene provided a second and the motion passed.

Under the heading of **Other Business**, Mr. Bultinck moved to approve the claims listing presented by the County Librarian, numbered 24248 to 24270 with pre-written claims totaling \$263,067.68 and regular claims totaling

\$368,773.16 for a grand total of \$631,840.24. Mr. Bultinck reminded the Board that debt service payments for general obligation bonds for the Campus Library and the East branch are included in the grand total. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Also, under the heading of **Other Business**, the County Librarian presented a document that reflected the longevity payments made at the December 1, 2015 Board meeting. Since the activity was a personnel item, the County Librarian requested Board action. Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the 2015 Longevity Pay as awarded. Mr. Bultinck provided a second to the motion and the motion passed.

Finally under **Other Business**, the Board considered the election of Board officers for 2016. Representing the Nomination committee, Mr. Hawkins presented the slate of Board officers for 2016. He presented the slate as follows: Mida Grover, President, Lora Goonewardene, Vice President, Gail Summers, Secretary, and Steve Bultinck, Treasurer. President McClure requested the slate be approved by acclamation. Mr. Hawkins moved to "elect by acclamation" the 2015 Board officers as presented. Mr. Bultinck seconded the motion and the slate was approved.

On behalf of the Facilities committee, Mr. Hawkins provided a summary report on the activity with the City of Lafayette Economic Development department. Preliminary discussions took place regarding the possibility of a partnership to create a small park area on the corner of South and Sixth Street. Any partnership would involve funds the library presently does not have available. A request for a future meeting came to the County Librarian but a meeting has not been scheduled.

Mrs. Goonewardene moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Lahr seconded the motion and it carried.

Brandon Hawkins, Secretary

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