

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 31, 2020  
Board Meeting 4:00 – 4:15 pm

Call to Order

A special Board Meeting for the sole purpose of the Declaration of our Fiscal Body was held. By order and permission of the Governor, the meeting was held by combination of on site and virtual attendance (Zoom). The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Gron.

Present via Zoom: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Billie Whitted, Angie Wieneke and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Angela Eck, Assistant Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney.

Absent: Vern Jorck and Brenda Tallent

Gron explained that as Whitted was not present at the call to order, a Secretary Pro Tem would be needed. Wilkerson volunteered to be Secretary for this meeting. Frazier moved to appoint Wilkerson as Secretary Pro Tem. Weineke seconded. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Declaration of Fiscal Body. Hatton reminded the Board of the discussion from the August meeting regarding our need to declare a Fiscal Body for the library. Hatton reported having conversations with both McIver and State Representative Ryan Lauer on the issue. Lauer advised he had conversation with Senator Susan Glick, the author of the bill under discussion. McIver added that based on those conversations, what the statute intended isn't exactly what it says, resulting in ambiguity. He suggested taking guidance from the legislature regarding the statute's intent. Based on those discussions, it was determined that the Bartholomew County Council is the fiscal body for the Bartholomew County Public Library. Whitted recommended that documentation of Lauer's statement and of the research performed be maintained. Whitted moved to declare the Bartholomew County Council as Fiscal Body for the Bartholomew County Public Library. Wilkerson seconded. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Hatton told the Board that he was on the agenda and would present the declaration to the County Council for approval at their meeting on September 8, 2020.

Public Comment – 10 minutes

None.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board of the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2020. The meeting will be held via Zoom. He also reminded the Board that this is the time set for public hearing on the 2021 budget.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Attested:

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Billie Whitted, Secretary

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Gary Gron, President