**SMYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**Monday, October 26, 2020**

**5:30 p.m., Marion Public Library**

**Marion, VA 24354**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A special called meeting of the Smyth County Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 26th, 5:30 pm at the Marion Public Library. Trustees present were Tom Copenhaver, Margaret Linford, Donna Rupard-Greer, Christin Long, and Jim Paine. Tracey Reed and Helen Conley, Co-Interim Directors, were also present. Patton Graham and Heather Colley were absent.

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:**

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Linford at 5:31 pm and she welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PUBLIC/GUEST REMARKS:**

As there were no members of the public present, Margaret Linford moved on to Closed Session business.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Donna Rupard-Greer read the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 to discuss **A.1: Personnel Matters**; which can be discussions, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts and **A.7: Legal**; discussion with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation. Margaret commented that there was not anything to discuss under the A.7: Legal. Tom Copenhaver moved to go into closed session and Christin Long seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Margaret Linford, Jim Paine, Christin Long, and Donna Rupard-Greer.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Heather Colley and Patton Graham.

Coming out of Closed Session, Tom Copenhaver read the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Smyth County Public Library Board of Trustees had convened in a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-312 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Smyth County Public Library Board of Trustees that such a meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Smyth County Public Library Board of Trustees hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only pubic business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed and considered by the Smyth County Public Library Board of Trustees. Tom Copenhaver moved that this was so. Donna Rupard-Greer seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Margaret Linford, Jim Paine, Donna Rupard-Greer, and Christin Long.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Heather Colley.

Margaret Linford went on to say that during Closed Session that the BOT discussed hiring a new director and that an offer was made to Rose Likins and accepted. She will start on December 1. The vote to hire Rose was unanimous.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tom Copenhaver to adjourn the meeting. Christin Long seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Margaret Linford, Jim Paine, Donna Rupard-Greer, and Christin Long.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Heather Colley.