**SMYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Special Called Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

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

**Marion, VA 24354**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special Called meeting of the Smyth County Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, in the downstairs area of the Marion Public Library. It was also broadcast on Facebook Live (except for the part after closed session due to iPad issues). Trustees present were Tom Copenhaver, Iris Worley, Donna Rupard Greer, Margaret Linford, Christin Long, Jim Paine, and Patton Graham (arrived at 6:10). Tracey Reed and Helen Conley, Co-Interim Directors, were also in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Iris Worley at 5:32 pm.

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:**

Iris welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also introduced Christin Long as the new North Fork District board member. Christin Long said a little bit about herself. The rest of the board introduced themselves to her.

**CORVID-19 DISCUSSION**

A discussion was had about the recent COVID-19 situation that affected the Chilhowie Library. This prompted a further discussion about what to do in the future should another situation occur. Tracey and Helen will contact Mr. Rush and Mr. Utt to see what the town and the county are doing concerning COVID-19 and employees in an effort to setup some guidelines for SCPL. In the meantime, no touch thermometers will be purchased, and daily symptom check sheets will be put into use.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Donna Rupard-Greer read the Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711: to discuss **A.1: Personnel Matters:** discussions, considerations, 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. Tom Copenhaver moved that the board go into closed session and Margaret Linford seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham

After coming out of closed session Patton Graham 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 public 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.

A motion was made by Donna Rupard-Greer that the Resolution above was true and Tom Copenhaver seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Patton Graham, with a second by Tom Copenhaver, to accept the staffing issue decision made in closed session due to COVID-19.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: None

Margaret Linford then made a motion to strike section E under Employment Practices at the library in the Smyth County Employee Manual. This motion was seconded by Christin Long.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Donna Rupard-Greer, Iris Worley, Patton Graham, Christin Long, Margaret Linford, and Jim Paine.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: Tom Copenhaver

ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Donna Rupard-Greer with a second by Patton Graham, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: None