**SMYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

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

**Marion, VA 24354**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Smyth County Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 15th, 2020, in the Copenhaver Meeting Room at the Marion Public Library. Trustees present were Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Margaret Linford, Jim Paine, and Heather Colley. Patton Graham and Christin Long were absent. Tracey Reed and Helen Conley, Co-Interim Directors, were also in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Margaret Linford at 5:30 pm.

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTION:**

Margaret welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

There were no additions to the agenda. Donna Rupard-Greer made a motion to accept the agenda and Jim Paine seconded.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long.

**PUBLIC/GUEST REMARKS:**

Margaret opened the floor to public comment and Beverly Cole, Friends of Marion Library Group President, spoke to the BOT.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Tom Copenhaver moved to adopt both the September 17th, 2020 and the October 1st, 2020 (special called meeting) minutes with a second by Donna Rupard-Greer.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**

A discussion was had about the disbursements. Questions were answered by Teresa Tuggle from Longhorn, as well as Helen Conley.

A motion was made by Donna Rupard-Greer with a second by Heather Colley to accept the September disbursements of $92,224.20.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

The Co-Interim Directors spoke about the happenings throughout the system including the upcoming reopening, the auditor’s visit, rearranging Marion, etc.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Margaret Linford to go into closed session: 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 seconded the motion.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long

Tom Copenhaver read the following Resolution after returning from closed session:

**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 Tom Copenhaver, with a second by Heather Colley, to adopt the above resolution certifying the business conducted in closed session was as allowed.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long.

Margaret stated that what was discussed in closed session was the open accounting position. A motion was made to extend the closing time for the position until Oct. 31st. This motion was seconded by Tom Copenhaver.

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long.

**LOCATION/TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be held on November 19th at 5:30 PM at the Marion Public Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Tom Copenhaver, Donna Rupard-Greer, Jim Paine, Heather Colley, and Margaret Linford.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Patton Graham and Christin Long.