

Callaway County Library District Minutes, Meeting of August 26, 2024

Public Hearing

Tonya Hays-Martin opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. and invited comments from the public. There were no members of the public in attendance. The public hearing ended at 5:31 p.m.

Call to Order, Roll Call and Quorum Determination

Tonya Hays-Martin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Callaway County Library District Board members present were Tonya Hays-Martin, President; Jean Howard, Warrant Officer; Mary Fennel, Secretary; and Cori Miller. Nate Suttentfield, Vice President, was absent. A quorum of members were present.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

There were no corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Callaway County Library District Board Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Setting of the 2024 Callaway County Library District Operating Tax Rate

Jim Smith reported that, as discussed in the preliminary budget and the tax rate hearing notice, we are requesting the board set the 2024 tax rate levy at \$0.2600 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

ACTION: Howard moved and Miller seconded to set the 2024 Callaway County Library District tax levy at \$0.2600 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The vote was taken by roll call: Fennel - yes; Hays-Martin - yes; Howard - yes; Miller - yes.. The motion passed.

Other Business

Jim Smith discussed the plans to replace the HVAC system at the Callaway County Public Library. He shared that the replacement will cost around \$750,000, but with \$3.1 million in the fund balance he believes the money is there to complete this necessary work.

Tonya Hays-Martin asked if there have been any more ideas on how to use the Forsee Estate money. Jim and Angela shared that they had asked the church that the Callaway Public Library shared parking spaces with if they would be willing to sell the spaces, but unfortunately they were not interested. The trustees briefly discussed previous ideas such as a programmable outdoor LED sign to display what events are happening as well as a small musical playground.

Tonya also asked for updates regarding the memorial for Sherry McBride-Brown. Erin shared that she has done a survey and met with staff to form a few ideas which were presented to the Foundation board. Discussions have been focused on completing a memorial garden with a

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plaque that can be moved if needed. In addition, she shared, they will be adding kits and books to the children's collection from African American authors as well as books to give away during programming and outreach events. Lastly, Erin shared that we will be rebranding our volunteer fair that happens each year on Martin Luther King Jr. Day as the Sherry McBride-Brown Memorial Volunteer Fair.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Hays-Martin adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Emily Camden.

Mary Fennel, Board Secretary