

**HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Library Administration Building  
Board Minutes DRAFT May 7, 2018 at 5:30 PM

- Indicates action taken

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Gordon Baker at 5:33 PM.

Present were Library Board members: Dr. Gordon Baker, Dr. Rita Bailey, Sharon Ponder, Mary Scroggs, Sandy McGarity, and Kathy Gardner.

Also present were: District 3 Commissioner Gary Barham, County Manager Cheri Mathews, Assistant County Manager Brad Johnson, Henry County Library System Director Kathryn Pillatzki, Assistant Director Gail Evans, Assistant Director Pamela Bagby, Administration employees Debra Morris, Amanda Cox, Joy Caldwell, LaDonna Poole, and Aimee Leavitt.

**ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Due to the presence of guests at the meeting, the discussion of the FY19 library budget under New Business was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

- Motion by Mary Scroggs to approve the corrected agenda, seconded by Dr. Rita Bailey; motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April meeting will be presented for approval at the regular meeting on June 4.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Library Director Kathy Pillatzki presented an update on the county budget process for FY19. The library system had requested an increase in BOC funding for FY19 in the amount of \$473,000 (\$221,000 for the expansion of Saturday service hours, \$186,000 for staff raises, and \$66,000 for the addition of a new professional position for a Programming and Outreach Librarian). The proposed BOC budget instead included a reduction of funding for HCLS in the amount of \$114,000. A discussion followed regarding the consequences of this proposed reduction,

including the loss of state grant eligibility if the county is determined to be noncompliant with the Board of Regents' "Maintenance of Effort" requirement (Board of Regents Requirements for Public Library State Grant Funds, section 4.4). A letter from State Librarian Julie Walker was presented, which outlined the state grants currently provided to HCLS. The loss to HCLS would be approximately \$435,000 in grants to enhance services and funding, and loss of eligibility for cooperative programs valued in excess of 1.5 million dollars. Following further discussion and clarification of public library funding regulations, County Manager Cheri Matthews said that she would recommend that the BOC maintain library funding at the same level as FY18 and withdraw the recommended \$114,000 reduction.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kathy Pillatzki reviewed activities of the administrative and branch staff for April.

- Motion by Sandy McGarity to accept the Director's report, seconded by Dr. Rita Bailey; motion approved.

### **TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORTS**

There were no updates to the treasurer's report as of this meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The library board viewed and considered nine potential new logos for the Henry County Public Library System before approving option number four (lightbulb with gears).

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion by Kathy Gardner to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Rita Bailey; motion approved.