CALL TO ORDER

Following a call to order by the Board of Commissioners (BOC), the library board meeting was called to order by Dr. Gordon Baker at 9:00 AM.

In attendance: Library Board members Dr. Gordon Baker, Dr. Rita Bailey, Mary Scroggs, Kathy Gilbert, and Maryann Morfoot; Library Director Carolyn Fuller; library employees Pam Bagby, Kathy Pillatzki, Joy Caldwell, Debra Morris, LaDonna Poole, Amanda Cox, Richard Stevens, Michelle Burnham, Molly Smith-Kellam; State Librarian Julie Walker; members of the BOC and the public.

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Following the BOC acceptance of the agenda, the Library Board accepted the agenda:

- Motion by Mary Scroggs to accept the agenda; seconded by Kathy Gilbert; motion was approved.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LIBRARY FUNDING

Library Director Carolyn Fuller presented information about the history of library funding with a particular focus on amounts cut and partially restored since 2009. State Librarian Julie Walker discussed the state’s Maintenance of Effort requirement regarding local funding. She indicated that there could be possible cuts to state grants to Henry County Library System if the county could not demonstrate Maintenance of Effort. A general discussion followed in which Commissioners asked questions regarding library services, funding, and fiscal responsibility for library operations. The library director and Library Board members answered questions raised by the BOC and the County Manager.

- The BOC passed a budget amendment in the amount of $500,000 to supplement the Library System’s FY2016 budget to allow the libraries to be open at least one additional day per week.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a vote by the Commissioners to adjourn the BOC meeting, a motion to adjourn the Library Board meeting was made by Mary Scroggs, seconded by Kathy Gilbert. Motion was approved; meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.