

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Ridgeway Branch Library
May 16, 2024

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Rives Coleman, Greg Peitz, Yluelhaldi Rose, and Lewis Turner attended.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, and Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn.

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Karen Despot, Lora Mahaffey, Sherry Vestal and Donata Worrell were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:12 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

On a motion by Rives Coleman, seconded by Greg Peitz, the minutes from the April 17th meeting in Patrick County were unanimously approved.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we should be able to pay for the new sign in Bassett from funds in the current fiscal year and not take it out of the unallocated account at the City.

The Finance Committee agreed to meet to discuss the upcoming budget.

On a motion by Greg Peitz, seconded by Rives Coleman, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Rives Coleman reported for the Facilities Committee that he had spoken to Andy Quirk about renovating the public bathrooms at the Martinsville and Ridgeway branches. The material has been ordered and work will begin when it all comes in and should be finished by the end of June.

Old Business:

Director Rick Ward said he looked at the City of Martinsville budget and noticed they had us down for level funding. He contacted City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides to inquire about the funding. She said she recalled speaking to him about the matter and they were going to adjust the amount to include the 3% increase like the other two localities.

There was a discussion about the Department of Labor's new overtime rules concerning the increase in the salary threshold for those who work 40 hrs/wk. It was decided that we would need to have more clarification on the issue.

New Business:

Director Rick Ward reported that he and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton had a meeting with Patrick County Administrator Beth Simms regarding the need to replace the aging A/C at the branch. She estimated the cost to be over \$67,000 and wanted to know if the library could help with some of the

funding. The issue was tabled until we can discuss the issue with Rebecca Adcock and Lora Mahaffey, the Patrick County representatives on our board, who were unable to attend the meeting.

Friends Report:

There was no Friends report.

Director's Agenda:

Director Ward referred the board to the printed director's report.

He mentioned that our next meeting was scheduled to be June 19th which is Juneteenth and the library would be closed. He was asked to see if the meeting room in Martinsville is available for June 20th.

Adjournment:

Board member Felita Claybrooks had to leave the meeting before it ended due to an appointment she needed to attend thus losing our quorum and the meeting ended at 1:07.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose
Secretary