

**Minutes of a Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Putnam County District Library held at Putnam County Educational Services Center, Ottawa, Ohio 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2009**

**Present:** Beth Myers, Nancy Turner, Virginia Schroeder, Janice Crawfis, Keith Kahle, and Mary Lieb.

**Others:** Kelly Ward, Director; Nancy Stauffer, Fiscal Officer

**Public:** Sue Barnhart, Beth Korte, Rose Ellerbrock, Sue Gratz

The Director, Kelly Ward, began the meeting by referring to the e-mail sent all Board members from Linda Murry concerning the proposal from Governor Strickland to cut Public Library Fund (PLF) to all libraries by 50%. Kelly went on to say that the OLC is urging all library staff and patrons to contact the Governor's office and their representatives in the House and Senate and voice their concerns over this potentially devastating cut in funding. We only have until July 1 to convince the legislators not to make this cut. The Director and Fiscal Officer stated that they had been calculating the affect that this cut would have on us and it would mean cuts in every budget line items. The Fiscal Officer reported that 50% of 2008 PLF would be approximately \$648,000. The Director commented that these types of cuts could result in cuts in open hours and personnel. Keith Kahle commented that he would advocate cutting hours in branch locations, but not closing any locations. Keith also asked what type of reductions in hours are we looking at. The Director commented, approximately 45% to 50% cut in hours. Janice Crowfis commented that she had read that economists are predicting a 5 year recovery to the economy. Keith Kahle commented that we need to get the word out to the public, use our website and fair flyers. Look at what costs can we covered by the PCDL Friends of the Library.

No official action was deemed necessary.

Vice President Keith Kahle called for public comment and further Board comment, none was made.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m., on motion by Nancy Turner. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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President