

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Putnam County District Library held at Putnam County Educational Services Center, Ottawa, Ohio 12:30 p.m., June 8, 2010

Present: Beth Myers, Keith Kahle, Ginger O'Malley, Dale Nienberg, Virginia Schroeder, and Janice Crawfis.

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

Public: Rose Ellerbrock, Sue Barnhart, Beth Korte, Evan Parker, Judi Parker, Sue Gratz, Jim Maurer (The Findlay Courier), and two members of ABC TV Lima.

- A. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION.** The Board asked the Director and Fiscal Officer to provide the cost related to library operations if each library location was open a similar number of hours prior to the funding cuts that began in 2008.

Director, Kelly Ward, provided the Board a listing of various Libraries around the state, which included dollar amount and millage rate of their current or proposed operating levies. She also discussed PCDL open hours by location and compared current open hours to open hours prior to funding cuts. She also proposed new open hours by library location.

Fiscal Officer, Nancy Stauffer, prepared an estimate of operating expenses for 2011 which included the additional open hours for all library locations. This estimate was compared to estimated 2010 and actual 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006 activity. Also provided were copies of levy information provided by the Putnam County Auditor's Office.

Keith Kahle asked the cost to maintain current library open hours of operation. Nancy Stauffer responded approximately \$300,000. He questioned the term of a levy whether 5 year or continuing. Kelly responded 5 years terms appear to be the trend with the majority of other libraries. Keith also stated that the trend is a declining PLF.

Jan Crawfis stated that it is an obligation as a Board to provide the voters a right to give their opinion of what they want in library services. The voters have the right to choose. Jan also commented that the Board could reevaluate the situation in 5 years to see what would be needed.

Dale Nienberg stated that the Board should allow the voters a choice in regards to library services. He also commented that a 5 year term makes the Board more accountable to the voters.

Ginger O'Malley questioned whether or not that millage was enough. The Board discussed that the number proposed coincided with the 2007 operating year.

Dale mentioned to compare operating cost to 2007 and then reevaluate after November to a lower amount if the levy doesn't pass.

(Resolution -2010) Motion was made by Dale Nienberg and seconded by Ginger O'Malley to request the Putnam County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Putnam County District Library, Putnam County, Ohio and the number of mills necessary to produce \$561,000,00 of revenue during the first year of collection of a new tax for current expenses of the Putnam County District Library. All voted yes on the roll call vote. (see attached complete resolution)

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ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m., on motion by Janice Crawfis. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Secretary

President