

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Putnam County District Library held at Putnam County District Library, Ottawa, Ohio 6:30 p.m., August 29, 2016

Board: Donna Laubenthal, Paulette Smith, Denny Mumaw, David Burkhart, Anthony Wobler, and Anna Horstman

Administration: Nancy Stauffer, Fiscal Officer

Public: Donald Schroeder, Karen Okuley, Linda Schroeder, and Karen Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. **OFFER TO RELOCATE THE COLUMBUS GROVE LIBRARY LOCATION.** The Board discussed the offer from the Village of Columbus Grove to move the Columbus Grove Library location to the former Presbyterian Church. The Board had concerns about the safety and security of the Library staff and property. They commented that the entrance and restrooms did not appear to be handicapped accessible and the square footage of the space appears to be less than our current location. Board members also commented that the basement ceilings were too low and the basement walls appeared to have water damage and there was a damp smell. A motion made by Donna Laubenthal seconded by David Burkhart to decline the offer from Columbus Grove Village Council to relocate the Columbus Grove Library location. The Board feels it is in the best interest of the library and our patrons to remain in our current location. All voted yes on the roll call vote.

The Board commented that they hoped the Village Council could find a suitable purpose for the building. The Board also instructed the Director to issue a letter to the Columbus Grove Village Council declining their offer to relocate.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m., on motion by Denny Mumaw. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Library location.

Secretary

President