

Bonneville County Library District

Minutes

A public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Bonneville County Library District was held at the Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID, on April 7th, 2022, 4:00 pm.

Present: Chair Jennifer Crofts, Debra Haacke, Jenni Cragun, Karen Harris, and Rebecca Blackson. IFPL Chair Mary Lund, Claire Pace, Kristin Hall, Rodd Rapp, and Hal Peterson. Library Director Robert Wright, City Attorney Randall Fife, City Councilman Jim Francis. Other attendees included members of the public.

This combined library board meeting was called to discuss the contract renewal. Randall Fife presented on the difference between fees (voluntary services charged for costs) vs taxes (mandatory collected by taxing district). He explained a few additions to the contract proposal including that the district cannot subsidize the city library and vice versa. Also, the terms have been changed from three years to five.

Rodd Rapp and Kristin Hall presented on the proposed contract formula for determining the district fee. Using the most current circulation numbers, the district would owe \$1,960,000 as the fee for the first year under the new contract, with the fee varying according to the county usage.

Karen Harris asked if the city library would approve the counter proposals she had emailed. Claire Pace stated that the counter proposals were too informal to be considered and requested that they be drafted by the county's attorney.

Rebecca Blackson presented on the possibility of the county creating a county library system independent of IFPL. She suggested that costs were significantly lower than the proposed service contract, and would provide additional branches and outreach to county residents.

No motions or business decisions were made at this time.

The next county board meeting will be held April 13, 2022 at noon. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.