

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 March 18, 2022, 11:00 am.

Present: Chair Jennifer Crofts, Debra Haacke, Jenni Cragun, Karen Harris, and Rebecca Blackson. Other attendees included 14 members of the public. Please see attached roll.

Karen Harris acted as Chairman of the meeting, and Rebecca Blackson as Secretary. The Chairman then announced that a quorum of the Trustees was present, and that the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

On a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Karen Harris reported that Bonneville County has approved their new map and election precincts. She said that all county trustees reside in their correct zones.

Rebecca Blackson reported that she posted the clerk job on Indeed.com and the library bulletin boards. She said Dylan Baker of the Idaho Commission for Libraries recommended that the job be posted in the local newspaper. The board unanimously approved that she will post the job in the Post Register.

Board trustees discussed the contract with the Idaho Falls City Library, and deliberated on ways to find parity, possible metrics to use, and amounts to offer for the contract. Jennifer Crofts stated that the county is contracting for a service and should not be concerned with controlling the choices the library makes concerning spending, saving, improvements, and the collection.

Public comments were made regarding the contract and service agreement between the district and the library.

Following public comment, the trustees discussed amounts to offer for the counter-proposal. Karen Harris motioned to offer \$1,266,000 per year. Motion was seconded by Rebecca Blackson. Karen, Rebecca, and Jennifer Crofts all voted in favor. Jenni Cragun and Debra Haacke opposed. Motion passed with a majority vote; Karen will type up the offer and submit it to the city negotiation committee.

Jenni Cragun asked about writing a statement to represent the county board's opinion that may be shared with patrons. Karen Harris felt this should be discussed with the county's attorney before proceeding and advised Jenni to wait.

The next BLCD meeting will be a combined board meeting with the city library board on April 7th, 2022 at 4 pm at the Idaho Falls Public Library. The county board will also meet with their attorney for training on April 13th, 2022.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.