



The July 14, 2022, meeting of the Emporia Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Caron Daugherty, Acting Chair. Those present were board Scott Capes, Caron Daugherty, Carol Lucy, Dawn Moews, Becky Smith, and Steve Younger; Trey Cocking, Emporia City Manager; Brenda Mawdsley, FOL Liaison; and Robin Newell, Library Director, attended via Skype.

Carol Lucy moved the agenda be amended to add hiring a professional recruiter for the Executive Director search. (MSP Lucy/Smith 6/0)

The board approved the amended agenda. (MSP Lucy/Capes 6/0)

### **Public Comment**

None

The board approved the consent agenda. (MSP Capes/Younger 6/0)

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Younger presented the June, 2022, treasurer's report. The board approved the treasurer's report and payment of the June, 2022, bills. (MSP Smith/Capes 6/0)

Younger presented information about the 2022/2023 Mil release. Final information will be available on October 15.

### **Unfinished Business**

Water has been collecting under the new digital sign foundation. It appears to be from the sprinkler system and will be checking that. The replacement of the sprinkler system is supposed to be done this year but has not been started yet.

Capes reported that he has had an initial Zoom discussion with two candidates with three more scheduled for July 15. The committee is hoping to have someone in place by the end of July.

Smith asked if there had ever been discussion of having a representative of the city serve as an ex officio member of the search committee. Newell responded that this has not been past procedure, so there was no discussion of it for the current search. Capes indicated that there are non-board members of the community serving on the board.

### **New Business**

The board approved the NCKLS contract. (MSP Capes/Lucy 6/0)

Board members Andrew Smith and Melinda Chiroy submitted their resignations from the board effective immediately. Carol Lucy submitted her resignation effective after the board meeting on July 14, 2022. Lucy will revise her resignation to become effective after the August 11, 2022, board meeting.

Newell reported there are community members who are asking for information and are potential board members.

The board elected Caron Daugherty to serve as chair and Scott Capes to serve as Vice Chair through the current terms of those offices. (MSP Smith/Younger 6/0)

Following discussion of the committee appointments to replace Andrew Smith, Chiroy, and Lucy, the board tabled any action until the September board meeting. (MSP Smith/Capes 6/0)

Newell presented the four Carnegie Building proposals she has prepared. Trey Cocking indicated that the city will discuss the Carnegie Building at the August 3 work session and may take formal action on August 17. He noted that the building is currently zoned for governmental use. The board approved submitting all four proposals to the city. (MSP Lucy/Capes 5/0/1 abstention)

Newell suggested hiring a national search team to assist in securing highly qualified applicants for the Executive Director position. She noted the top library recruiting team is Bradbury/Miller and gave a brief overview of their services and fees. She also presented information regarding Jim Mingus from Mingus & Associates. Action on hiring a search recruiter was tabled pending the results of the scheduled discussions.

The board recommended to the search committee that they implement the Emergency Succession Policy. (MSP Smith/Lucy 6/0)

### **Friends of the Library Report**

Brenda Mawdsley reported on the Friends of the Library activities. The FOL has been accepted to participate in Match Day again this year. They are working to finalize the project they will present. The current project under discussion is placing book lockers on the west side of town. The FOL is holding a flash book sale on Friday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mawdsley also thanked Cocking for attending the June FOL board meeting.

### **Board Comment**

None

The meeting was adjourned by board chair Daugherty at 5:57 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.**

Scott W. Cooper

(Board Chair)

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(Board Secretary)