

**Callaway County Library District  
Minutes, Meeting of August 25, 2020**

Board members present in person and via Zoom were Mary Fennel; Tonya Hays-Martin; Jean Howard; Taylor Pendleton, President; and Debra Winter.

Also present were staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Margaret Conroy, Sara Henry, Jim Smith and Mitzi St. John.

**Public Hearing**

Fennel opened the public hearing at 5:45 p.m. and invited comment from the public. There were no members of the public in attendance. The public hearing closed at 5:46 p.m.

Winter and Pendleton entered the meeting.

**Call to Order**

Pendleton called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Hearing no changes, additions or deletions, Pendleton declared the minutes of June 11, 2020 approved as written.

**Setting of the 2020 Callaway County Library District Operating Tax Rate**

Smith explained that the rate of 26.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation is higher than staff expected, so he contacted the Missouri State Auditor for further information and learned that due to a Missouri statute (Section 137.073.2 RSMo), the rate was adjusted to generate substantially the same revenue as would have been generated by applying the voter approved increase to the total assessed valuation at the time of the voter approval, increased by the consumer price index. Conroy reported that she communicated with the directors of other libraries who had been affected by this statute in the past and is comfortable going forward with the advertised 26.9 cents per \$100. Conroy noted that this is the only year that the statute will affect the tax rate, and the district will experience the regular roll-backs in the future.

**ACTION:** Hays-Martin moved, Fennel seconded, setting the 2020 CCLD operating tax rate at 26.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In response to a question from Hays-Martin, Conroy said that none of the other libraries received negative feedback from their patrons, but it is always possible that that may happen.

**ACTION:** The vote was taken by roll call: Fennel – yes; Hays-Martin – yes; Howard – yes; Pendleton – yes; Winter – yes. The motion passed.

**Fulton Library Name**

Staff and Trustees discussed the option of changing the name of the Callaway County Public Library to the Fulton Public Library, as there are now two library branches in Callaway County. Winter and Henry said that many patrons already call the branch the Fulton Public Library. Hays-Martin and Henry noted that the name Callaway County Public Library could be perceived as more inclusive to neighboring towns.

Conroy said that the associated expenses would consist of document reprinting costs and new signage. She added that this topic could be included in Strategic Planning discussions, and that staff and patrons could be invited to participate in an opinion poll.

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No action was taken on the matter.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Pendleton adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke.

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Board Secretary