

**Putnam County Library Board of Trustees Minutes
July 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Laura Clemons at 4:30 p.m.

Board members attending: Andrew Binkley, Laura Clemons, Bryan Payne, Daniel Rader, Kathryn Wisinger

Putnam County Library System staff attending: Doyleene Farley, Chelsea Gifford, Matt Knieling, Brian Page, and Phil Schaller

Also in attendance: Matthew Kirby, Director of Falling Water River Regional Library

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by Daniel Rader, seconded by Kathryn Wisinger, motion carried. The minutes for the called meeting on June 20, 2019 were approved with a motion by Kathryn Wisinger, seconded by Bryan Payne, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Phil Schaller presented the treasurer's report noting the lines that are over and under budget. These lines will be adjusted for next year's budget.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion by Daniel Rader, seconded by Bryan Payne, motion carried.

Public Comment: N/A

Old Business: a) *Review/amend Video Security Camera Policy-* The board reviewed this policy and discussed the wording that may be confusing. The board decided to strike the statement, "where individuals lack a reasonable expectation of privacy" from items two and three within the policy. This change was approved with a motion by Daniel Rader, seconded by Andrew Binkley, motion carried.

b) *Board Constitution Subcommittee-* This subcommittee has yet met, but plans to discuss term limits as well as roles and responsibilities of trustees.

Daniel Rader distributed copies of what the law states addressing libraries in counties, cities, and towns, to board members. Daniel reviewed the sections pertaining to board member limits and discussed this with the board. He suggests that the office of the Secretary of State may not recognize that the Putnam County Library is an unusual joint venture between the county and the city and that according to the law, term limits do not apply to the PCL board. Daniel also pointed out that the state cannot change the governing document agreement signed by the city of Cookeville and the county.

The board discussed the amendments that have been made in the past.

Daniel Rader made a motion to confirm that term limits do not apply to the Putnam County Library Board, seconded by Drew Binkley, motion carried.

Matthew Kirby stated that Clarksville's library board now has their board members serving just one term.

New Business: a) *Fund Balance Request for Monterey-* The Monterey Branch Library would like to add two study rooms at an estimated \$9,200 to complete. The board discussed where the

study rooms would be located with branch manager, Doyleene Farley. She stated that she has had requests from the community for private spaces in the library.

Daniel Rader moved to approved up to \$9,900 to complete the meeting room construction, seconded by Drew Binkley, motion carried.

b) Discussion of Mediated Conversation- Phil Schaller discussed an idea that Vice Chair, Harry Ingle had to conduct a mediated meeting between the Drag Queen Story Hour group the Warriors for Christ/Pastors Network.

The board discussed this possibility and noted that these groups may not be willing to have a civil conversation and this could lead to more damage than good.

Harry and Laura Clemons will meeting with the mediator and find out more about what a conversation like that would look like, but Laura will let Harry know that at this time the board is not in favor of hosting this discussion at the library.

c) Officer Elections – Kathryn Wisinger, Alicia Senn, and Patricia Phillips board terms were up in June.

Daniel Rader moved to request that Kathryn Wisinger, Alicia Senn, and Patricia Phillips be reappointed for a three year term, seconded by Bryan Payne, motion carried.

Laura stated that she will be stepping down as chair but will still be serving on the board. She nominated Harry Ingle to step in as chair.

Harry Ingle's nomination was approved with a motion by Laura Clemons, seconded by Daniel Rader, motion carried.

Laura Clemons nominated Bryan Payne to serve as Vice Chair.

Daniel Rader nominated Kathryn Wisinger to serve as Vice Chair.

Laura withdrew her nomination for Bryan Payne to serve as Vice Chair.

The nomination for Kathryn Wisinger to serve as Vice Chair was accepted with a motion by Daniel Rader, seconded by Drew Binkley, motion carried.

Laura recommends that Pat Phillips continues serving as Treasurer, Daniel Rader seconds, motion carried.

Director's Report: Phil Schaller reported that the picnic tables have been added to the front of the building and secured to the pavement by county maintenance. Patrons have been enjoying this addition.

The city has passed their portion of the budget that included an increase to cover the cost of hotspots. The library has ordered 11 more units and will hopefully be increasing that later in the year. Most of these hotspots will stay in Cookeville, but some will be available at the branch locations as well.

The Summer Reading Program is wrapping up and it has been a success. There will be more to report at the next meeting.

Review of Branch Reports: The board reviewed the branch reports.

Falling Water River Regional Report: Matthew Kirby discussed the upcoming active shooter training hosted by the regional library on July 23rd. There will be a Trustee's Workshop in September at the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville. Libraries are working on getting their Library Service Agreements signed and submitted to the state.

PCL Friends Report: N/A

Adjournment: 5:33 p.m.