

MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
August 24, 2016

The Medina County District Library Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday August 24, 2015 at the Medina Library for the purpose of discussing levy/millage and approval of a request to the county auditor to certify assessed valuation. With a majority present, President Mary Ogden called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following members noted as present: Mary Ogden, Howard Elko, Robert Tomaselli, Mary Schultz and Kyle White. Library staff members in attendance: :Carole Kowell, Director; Kelly Kroll, Fiscal Officer; Tina Sabol, Community Engagement Manager and Tammy Nandrasy, Senior Administrative Assistant acting as recording secretary.

Approval of the Agenda A motion to approve the agenda as distributed was made by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Guests and Comments from the Public –Ms. Ogden welcomed all in attendance. Larry Pantages of the Medina Gazette attended.

2017 Levy/Millage and Approval of a Request to the County Auditor to Certify Assessed Valuation: Kelly Kroll provided an overview of the library’s long-range estimated financial projections including a 10 year projection from the beginning of a renewed levy in 2017. She noted that 10 years is a long time out and the figures given are intended to be analyzed as an estimate, not guaranteed amounts. She remarked that a recent re-valuation of real estate by the County Auditor’s Office had promising results by showing an increase in most of the county’s property values. She noted that the final valuations will not be available until late November. She also noted that the increased property values do not increase library revenue on an existing levy and that only new home construction would add to revenue brought in by real estate taxes.

Ms. Kroll presented a spreadsheet to exhibit options of the revenues that would be generated by 3 different types of levies or millages. The option that she felt the most comfortable recommending was to renew the current levy at 1.25 mills with an additional .25 mills. The 1.5 mills would most closely compare to the costs reflected in the long-term financial projections.

In establishing a millage to place on the ballot for a levy in 2017, several factors were considered. The homestead and rollback taxes will no longer be absorbed by the state for any new levies passed after 2014. Levies already in existence before that time will continue to have that tax paid by the state, but for any new levies or additional millages to existing levies the tax will be paid by the taxpayers. Therefore it made sense to renew the existing levy and only the additional .25 mills would have to be absorbed by the taxpayers for the homestead and rollback taxes.

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The trustees agreed to proceed with asking the County Auditor what a renewed 1.25 mill levy with an additional .25 mills would generate. Ms. Kroll explained that there is a series of sequential resolutions needed to get a levy on the ballot and formal approval of the millage will come in a later step.

Tina Sabol informed the board that the library had not increased an amount of millage on their levy for 25 years and Ms. Kroll added that Ohio voters are pretty consistent in approving library levies. These factors will be helpful in convincing voters to continue supporting the levy in the future.

Ms. Kroll informed the trustees that the first formal step taken is to resolve to request, from the County Auditor, certification of the valuation of the library's service area.

Resolution 16-24: Ms. Schultz introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEDINA COUNTY
AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE CURRENT ASSESSED
VALUATION OF THE MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
SERVICE AREA, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO AND THE
AMOUNT TO BE GENERATED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF
COLLECTION OF A RENEWAL WITH AN INCREASE TAX
LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MEDINA COUNTY
DISTRICT LIBRARY

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23, 5705.25)

Renewal with an Increase Library Operating Levy

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the Medina County District Library service area (as defined by the State Library Board pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3375.01, the "Library Service Area"), the question of a renewal with an increase tax levy for current expenses of the Library;

WHEREAS, the Library is currently levying a ten (10) year one and twenty five hundredths (1.25) mill current expense levy (the "Original Levy") approved by the voters of the Library Service Area on November 6, 2007 and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2007 (for tax collection years 2008-2017);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Medina County District Library, Medina County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members appointed thereto concurring, that:

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Section 1. The Medina County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the current assessed valuation of the Library Service Area and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a renewal of all of the Original Levy with an increase of twenty five hundredths (.25) mills for the benefit of the Library at a total rate not exceeding one and one half (1.50) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 15 cents (\$0.15) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for current expenses of the Library, for ten (10) years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.

Section 2. The Fiscal Officer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Medina County Auditor for certification for the May 2, 2017 election.

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Ms. White seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Mary Ogden, Howard Elko, Robert Tomaselli, Mary Schultz, Kyle White

Nays: None

The resolution passed on August 24, 2016.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer

Board President

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Board of Library Trustees of the Medina County District Library, Medina County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by said Board on August 24, 2016, and that a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Medina County Auditor on August 25, 2016.

Fiscal Officer

Medina County District Library

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Medina Library

Mary Ogden-President

Brad Rice-Secretary