

CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting (Special Called) December 20, 2023

Present: Dr. Quentin Humberd (Chair), Mike Steele (Treasurer), Daisy Crowley (Secretary), Dee Wagstaff-Williams, Commissioner Lisa Prichard, Karyl Kirkland and David Donahue

Also Present: Christina Riedel (Library Director) and Jessica Hartley (Senior Administrative Specialist), Andrew Kester, Nick Powell and Lee Harrell (virtual) and Heath Edwards

Absent: Tracy Provo Knight (Vice-Chair) and Susan Lawrence

As there were no requests for public comment, Dr. Quentin Humberd (Chair) called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

New Business

A. Discuss North Branch Funding Needs and approval of funds as needed

An additional contribution from the library of \$705,000.00 is needed to finalize the construction contract with the contractors of the North Branch Library. An emergency meeting was required to approve this expenditure so that the contract can be signed and the project can go before the Budget Committee to be put on the agenda for the January County Commission Meeting.

Nick Powell began the discussion with an overview of the bid process and the reason additional funds are required. The final bids came in approximately \$3.7 Million over budget due to the rising costs of supplies and labor. Nick Powell worked with capital budgets of other projects to find \$2.9 Million which could be moved to the Library Branch. The remainder of the needed funds came to the \$705,000.00 which was requested to be paid by the library. With the total project cost of \$13.7 Million, the library's contribution comes to \$1.7 Million, or around 10% of total costs. The entire \$705,000.00 can be pulled together from the following sources:

- \$350,000.00 from Special Projects
- \$150,000.00 (or up to full amount of payout) from Hughes Disbursement
- Up to \$205,000.00 from Library Foundation

It was decided that the priority was to get the construction contract signed and move forward with the Branch Library as delays would only lead to even higher costs and a later opening date.

Motion to approve payment of \$705,000.00 with \$350,000 coming from Special Projects, at least \$150,000.00 from Hughes Disbursement, and the remainder up to \$205,000.00 requested from the Library Foundation.

Motion: Lisa Prichard

Seconded: Karyl Kirkland

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mike Steele

Seconded: Lisa Prichard

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Transcribed by Jessica Hartley

Respectfully submitted by: Daisy Crowley Secretary

Approved by: Quentin Humberd Board Chair