

Tuesday, November 22, 2022: Open Session

Trustees in Attendance: Paula Bishop, Janis Hagen, Stephanie Sekscinski, and Matthew Suarez.

Trustee(s) Absent: Allyson Tuckness.

Also present: Echo Alexzander; Renee Brumett; Carissa; Mary Hernandez de Carl; Brenda Faith; Jordan Gloyd; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. (Stan Jones, Michael Short, and Conner Swanson until 6:35 p.m. - *Michael and Conner didn't join until 6:16 p.m.*); Valerie Swearingen; Mary Thompson; and Linda Waddell.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 by Zoom. The open portions of the meeting were open to the public through a publicly posted web link.

President Matthew Suarez presided.

Any reports, exhibits, or supporting materials presented during the open portions of this meeting and referred to in these minutes may be obtained [upon request](#).

Start Time: 6:01 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

All items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

Old Business

Finance Update - Nixa Purchase

Executive Director Brumett reported that the Bank is securing a second opinion on the condition of the HVAC before finalizing a list of repairs they will agree to make before purchase.

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company reported that the RFP netted two offers. The best was from Central Bank at a rate of 4.99%. After reviewing several configurations, library staff and Trustees agreed that the third proposal which would use \$250,000 in reserves and \$346,305.45 from the sale of the Fremont property was the most fiscally responsible way to proceed.

President Suarez noted for the record that, though he is an employee of Central Bank, there is no conflict of interest as he will in no way directly or indirectly benefit financially from this proposed lease purchase agreement.

Janis Hagen then moved to accept the term sheet from Central Trust Bank d/b/a Central Bank of the Ozarks at the rate of 4.99% and to authorize library staff and contracted external consultants to proceed with any and all corollary steps necessary to purchase the Nixa building. Stephanie Sekscinski seconded the motion. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Sekscinski: Aye.

COVID Update

No changes reported.

New Business

2023 Budget

Janis Hagen moved to approve the 2023 budget and payscale as presented. Stephanie Sekscinski seconded.

All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Sekscinski: Aye.

Public Policy Updates

Values, Vision, and Purpose

Stephanie Sekscinski moved to update the library's Values, Vision, and Purpose policies as presented.

Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Sekscinski: Aye.

Adjournment

Stephanie Sekscinski moved to adjourn. Janis Hagen seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Hagen: Aye; and Trustee Sekscinski: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.