

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HELD ON  
June 21, 2021

A special meeting of the Library Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

Members of the KCPL Board of Directors present for this meeting were Dr. Mickey Blackwell, Mr. Tom Hurney, Ms. Monika Jaensson, Mr. John Jarrett, Ms. Betty King, Ms. Cheryl Morgan, Ms. Anne Silbernagel, Mr. Ken Sullivan, and Mr. Ben Thomas.

Members of the KCPL Board of Directors absent from this meeting were Ms. Stephanie Haden, Ms. Jennifer Pauer, Ms. Angelia Russell, Ms. Susan Shumate, Mr. Don Wilson, and Mr. Jim Withrow.

KCPL staff members present were Ms. Erika Connelly, Library Director; Mr. Stan Howell, Marketing & Development Manager; Ms. Adele Thumm, Assistant Director of Finance; Mr. Tim Venitsanos, Facilities & Security Manager; Ms. April Wallace, Assistant Library Director; and Ms. Sara Caswell, Administrative Coordinator.

Others in attendance were Mr. Bill Lynch, Charleston Gazette Mail newspaper; and Mr. Chris Winton, library counsel.

Ms. Jaensson presided and reported that a quorum was present. The Library Director served as Secretary. This special meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

This meeting was called for the purpose of awarding the contract for the demolition of the old Clendenin Branch Library location on Cardinal Street. This location was flooded back in 2016. Ms. Anne Silbernagel, chairperson of the Public Services Committee, made a motion upon a recommendation from the committee to request approval for the contract to be awarded to Blue and Gold Development, LLC for the demolition of the aforementioned library location. Blue and Gold Development was the lowest bidder. Ms. Silbernagel opened the floor for discussion. It was asked if FEMA funds could be used for this part of the project, and they can be used.

There were three bids for this project, and they were as follows: S&E Builders with a bid of approximately \$63,000.00; Reclaim Company, LLC with a bid of approximately \$39,000.00; and Blue & Gold Development with a bid of approximately \$14,000.00. Ms. Connelly and others met with Blue & Gold to make sure that they understood the scope of the project and what was expected. It was determined that this part of the project will be complete by July 30, 2021, which works well with the contractor's schedule and the library's schedule. This timeline will still allow for soil testing and compact testing to be completed. The book vending machine has been ordered and a deposit has been paid. The next step will be to secure an engineering firm to oversee the installation of the concrete pad and awning for the machine. Many Board members expressed that it is time for this space to be used again for library purposes, and this is a good way to do it. After the discussion had concluded, there was a unanimous vote to award the contract for demolition of the old Clendenin Library location, and the motion was ADOPTED.

A Board member inquired about the author lineup for the West Virginia Book Festival, and Mr. Howell informed the Board that most recently Homer Hickam, a West Virginia author, was added to the scheduled. Mr. Howell will send the most recent scheduled of events to the Board of Directors.

There being no further discussion or business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded, and the meeting ADJOURNED at 4:16 PM.

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President

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Secretary