

CALL TO ORDER: President Hill called the meeting to order at 4:03pm, Zoom conference on March 15, 2021.

PRESENT: Barbara Hill, President; Doug Hodnett, Vice-President; Kate McClain, Secretary; Chris Lange, Treasurer; Eric Richardson; Debra Pleatman, Attorney Ziegler & Schneider; Carrie Herrmann, Director; Stephanie Huhn, CPA Bramel & Ackley; Shawn Fry, Assistant Director; Jennifer Timmerman, Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was emailed to Board members

- ✓ **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, ERIC RICHARDSON. SECOND, KATE MCCLAIN. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to Board members.

- ✓ **MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, KATE MCCLAIN. SECOND, DOUG HODNETT. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Boone County Judge Executive Gary Moore and County Administrator Jeff Earlywine presented about broadband in the county.

- ✓ **MOTION TO ENDORSE COUNTY WIDE BROADBAND NETWORK PROJECT, WITH INVESTMENT OF \$300,000, ERIC RICHARDSON. SECOND, CHRIS LANGE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report for January was emailed to Board members.

- ✓ **MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT, ERIC RICHARDSON. SECOND, KATE MCCLAIN. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

BUSINESS:

Pandemic Update: The Book Cellar at the Main Library is reopening on March 16th. BCPL will return to mostly normal hours May 2, 2021. The Café at the Main Library will reopen in September. Carrie provided an overview of what stage of opening libraries across Kentucky are at. Based on current research showing that there is a low probability of transmission through touching items, we will discontinue quarantining items on April 1. Staff and Maximum Occupancy is now at 60%. Carrie is updating the Reopening Plan. She made an assumption on the numbers and only did the math for 25, 50, 75, and 100%. New CDC guidelines were released for people who have been vaccinated. This does not change anything at the Library. Healthy at Work still requires all staff to wear a mask. The Mask Administrative Regulation still requires customers to wear a mask inside the Library. KCPL & CCPL dropped fines. We are scheduled to begin charging fines again on April 1, 2021. On April 2020, BCPL dropped charging fines for overdue items for an indefinite time. Brief discussion of going fines free for children's items

- ✓ **MOTION TO BEGIN CHARGING FINES WHEN THE GOVERNOR'S EVICTION MORATORIUM EXPIRES, CHRIS LANGE. SECOND, ERIC RICHARDSON APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Facilities Update: Carrie has received the final draft of the Facilities Master Plan. The Board will discuss at the April meeting. Duke Energy will begin work on the gas pipeline in March. The work will continue through December. At some point during that time the work will happen on the easement at the Main Library. At the Hebron Branch we have attached solar powered yellow lights that flash to the height restrictors. Another semi drove through the height restrictor at 3:29 pm on 03/08/2021. This one in broad daylight. Carrie has contacted Brandstetter Carroll for help in finding a solution to this issue. The amphitheater solar shade has been staked out. The company that installed the irrigation system has approved the placement of the poles. The materials have been ordered and we are waiting for permits from the county. The camera system has been glitching and not recording 24/7 as designed. The company that installed the system says that everything is working as designed. The next move is to have the manufacturer's technical support team dial in, troubleshoot & hopefully rectify the issue. We are

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Debra Pleatman provided an update on bills currently before the Kentucky legislature that may affect libraries.

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The Department of Local Government issued a warning that BCPL is not in compliance. According to DLG I have not turned in BCPL's FY2021 Budget Estimates. The form was turned in on July 15, 2020 and receipt by DLG was acknowledged that same day via email. I am trying to get this updated. DLG is threatening to withhold all state funds including but not limited to taxes and state aid and to dissolve the Library District.

In January, BCPL submitted a letter of intent to the Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky to apply for a \$50,000 Community Impact Grant to grow the Wide Area Mesh Network. We have been notified that our project was one chosen to move forward to submit a full grant proposal. The application is due April 30, 2021.

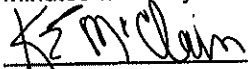
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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm, motion, ERIC RICHARDSON. SECOND, CHRIS LANGE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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