Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of August 20, 2009

Call to Order

Dellsperger called the meeting to order at 8:13 P.M. in the Virginia Young Room of the Columbia Public Library.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Board members present were Linda Dellsperger, President; Bridget Canaday; Susan Daly; and Patricia Powell. Jessica Robinson was absent. Also present was Melissa Carr, Library Director, and Lauren Williams, DBRL staff.

Introductions / Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Dellsperger asked for changes or corrections to the minutes of July 16, 2009. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as written.

Setting of 2009 Boone County Library District Operating Tax Rate

Carr explained that in the past, the library districts have always set the tax rate at the maximum allowed by the State Auditor’s Office. Under Senate Bill 711, during reassessment years such as 2009, entities can set their tax rates lower than the maximum amount allowed without limiting the tax rate that can be set the following year. Next year, however, if the district sets its 2010 tax rate lower than allowed, that lower rate could become the new ceiling. She said that this is the first year the library has considered not rolling up to the maximum and instead maintaining the prior year’s rates. She said that the library is planning on adding new services and does not want the public to perceive that their tax rates were raised to do so. She added that the preliminary budget shows the library spending funds from reserves, but this spending is for items for which those funds have been set aside, like implementation of the Strategic Plan. Carr explained that if the board decides it would like to roll up the tax rate to the maximum allowed, they will have to schedule and post a new public hearing and meet again as a board. The board discussed the pros and cons of publicizing a decision to maintain, instead of raise, the tax rate.

Public Hearing

Dellsperger opened the public hearing on the proposed 2009 operational tax rate for the Boone County Library District at 8:15 p.m. There was no public comment. Dellsperger closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.
ACTION: Powell moved, Daly seconded, to set the 2009 Boone County Library District Operating Tax Rate at 29.86 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The motion passed.

**Preliminary CY 2010 DBRL Operating Budget**

There was no public comment on the Preliminary CY 2010 DBRL Operating Budget.

ACTION: Daly moved and Canaday seconded to adopt the Preliminary CY 2010 DBRL Operating Budget.

Dellsperger reminded the board that the reason each district board adopts the preliminary budget is to show the need for setting the district’s tax rate. The motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

Dellsperger stated that at its August 26 meeting the Boone County Board will talk about the SoBoCo facility and the leased facility proposals submitted to the library in 2008. Carr stated that these proposals will be mailed to board members for their review prior to the meeting. Dellsperger asked that those who submitted proposals and Dr. Bynum, owner of the current leased facility, be notified regarding the meeting as they may have updated information for the board. Dellsperger added that the board will also discuss some of the Strategic Plan implementation projects staff presented at the retreat and their implications for Boone County.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Dellsperger adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Lauren Williams, Executive Assistant.

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Board Secretary