Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

March 15, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Jann Burnett, Keri Collinsworth, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Tamie Williams, Phyllis Blackwood, Rick Keeling, Jake Heisten, Karina Cole

**Board Members Absent:** none

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Pam Mendenhall

President Beth Styron called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Correspondence:** None

**Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report**

Chris Yaudas moved to accept the consent agenda, with the revision to last month’s minutes that the board decided to contact the state auditor for more information on (rather than to request an audit) the county finances as they pertain to our property tax income. Keri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Director’s Report:**

* Statistics were reviewed.
* A big thank you from the staff for library staff appreciation day!
* The Business Expo is March 18-19 and the library will have a booth.
* Grant Update: Our library lockers are here. Logistics are being worked through for installation. Preparations are being made for summer reading program. New computers are being installed with the mini tech grant funds.
* We have a faulty fire sensor. TEC is going to come down and isolate and fix the problem.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. Proposed Policy Amendment

The first reading of a policy amendment was made. It will do away with fines for DVDs, and update the circulation policy to reflect recent changes.

1. Property Tax Issue

After investigation, it was discovered that the reason our property tax income was drastically lower than previously was due to the fact that 96 million in railroad valuations were not added in for the July 2020 assessed valuation report. We can recover some of the lost money with the next levy adjustment, but it may take several years. The board would like further investigation into the issue, especially whether we can recover our funds in a faster manner.

1. Staff 360 Discussion

A committee consisting of Beth, Chris, and Jake was established to draw up a staff survey to be used for the director’s annual evaluation. The survey will only be used for those staff members who report directly to the director.

1. The motion to adjourn open session was made by Phyllis and seconded by Jann. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Collinsworth, Secretary