

Missoula Public Library
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 23, 2016
6:00 PM
Director's Office

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chair, Rita Henkel

ROLL CALL Members present were: Rita Henkel, Margaret Wafstet, Matt English, Christine Prescott and Honore Bray. Kathi Doney and Becky Mosbacher were excused.

OTHER Chris Martison- a&e Architects, Geoff Badenoch, Shauna Miller, Mae Nan Ellingson, Frank Scariano – Foundation for MPL, Lilly Tuholske – citizen and Claude Dustad - JJ Custom Construction

MINUTES Christine Prescott made a motion to accept the February 24, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS – none

CLAIMS Following discussion Margaret Wafstet made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Motion carried

STATISTICS No questions

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ill late fees have increased by .50 in the MSC so we need to follow suit.
- A water leak on Saturday March 12, was discovered when staff arrived at work. The water was turned off to prevent damage in the building. Mid-morning a plumber arrived to fix the weakened pipe. Aging pipes develop pin holes and grooves causing them to weaken and leak.
- The boilers are leaking again. It has been two years since the gaskets were replaced. The boilers will be turned off in June and the inspector will not allow them to be turned on until the leaks are fixed. The cost to do all three at once is \$9,975.00 as long as there isn't something else wrong when they split them. If only one boiler at a time is fixed it will be \$3550.00 each.
- I received the monthly cost of a \$30,000,000 bond from the CFO of the County. The cost is based on a \$200,000 home. The monthly cost is \$2.34 which is less than a cup of coffee or \$32.21 per year which is less than a hard bound book.
- The Executive Summary from Northern Industrial Hygiene is the asbestos report for the Payne Block. The total cost of abatement is estimated at \$27,755. \$100,000. was budgeted.
- spectrUM had a flood last week so they did their evaluation program for the NIH evaluator at the library in the pop-up space. Becky Carroll from Inverness Research had comments concerning the visitors that were in favor of libraries and museums joining forces. One was a user that said that is a "no brainer", "That would be really cool" others felt it made total sense to have both under one roof. Another was having the museum and library under one roof provides opportunities for both to engage in different ways with different audiences.

Unfinished Business

Building Issues - Boiler Water Leak. Christine Prescott made a motion to fix all three boilers for \$9975.00. Motion carried

Frank Scariano reported that the Foundation has reached 1.5 million dollars in donations to date.

Estimate from Anderson Construction on New Library Costs –Discussion took place between the Trustees, Architect, and members of the Foundation for MPL. The difference in building costs from 6 years ago are attributed to inflation, rent, licenses and 80+ parking spaces that were not included in the first plan. Parking was added due to citizen comments collected at focus groups and comment cards. Members of the Foundation for MPL and the Trustees discussed the importance of staying true to the vision and all the work that the Partners have completed thus far while considering the responsibility to the taxpayers. The trustees will stand firm to a construction cost of up to 40 million dollars, with the Foundation raising 10 million dollars and asking the taxpayers for up to 30 million dollars.

Rita Henkel made a motion to adopt the following resolution asking the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution to issue bonds up to \$30 million. This resolution will replace the resolution crafted at the February 24, meeting. Motion carried.

**Resolution Requesting that the Board of County
Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana Approve
Calling for a Bond Election**

WHEREAS, for over five years, the Board of Trustees of the Missoula Public Library (the “Board”) has been working toward design and construction of a new 21st century public library, interactive learning center and museum complex (the “Project”) at an estimated cost of \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that up to \$30 million of the costs of the Project be financed with proceeds of general obligation bonds and the remaining \$10 million in Project costs be financed with private donations raised in a capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Public Library is a city-county library established pursuant to and in accordance with Title 22, Chapter 1, Part 3, Montana Code Annotated (“M.C.A.”) (the “Act”) and an interlocal agreement by and between the City of Missoula, Montana and Missoula County, Montana (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, a county is authorized pursuant to Section 7-7-2203, M.C.A., to issue general obligation bonds pledging the general credit of the county for the purposes described in the Act upon approval of the electorate of the county, provided that such indebtedness and all other indebtedness of the county does not exceed exceeds 2.5% of the total assessed value of taxable property within the county as ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes; and

WHEREAS, a board of county commissioners is authorized pursuant to Section 7-7-2223, M.C.A., to call a bond election by adopting a resolution to that effect; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that the Board of County Commissioners of the County (“BCC”) call a bond election on the question of issuing general obligation bonds of the County to finance a portion of the costs of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board, by this resolution, hereby requests that the BCC agree to place the question of issuing general obligation bonds of the County to finance a portion of the costs of the Project on the ballot for the general election to be held November 8, 2016.

