

**Minutes for Board Meeting (Called) of August 17, 2017**  
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library Board Meeting / October 24, 2017

Trustees Attending: Anna Brown, John Clements, Anne Jordan, Mayor Mark Masee, Marsha Stenbridge, Chairman Steve Taylor, and Virginia Watson. Advisor to the Board Attending: Brad King. Staff Attending: Director Martha Powers-Jones.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman John Clements.

Chairman John Clements welcomed board members. Clements also welcomed Brad King to his first meeting in his new role of Advisor to the Board representing People First.

Clements asked Director Martha Powers-Jones to provide an update of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Waiver issue. Powers-Jones stated that State Librarian Julie Walker spoke with Chairman Steve Taylor on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. During this conversation, she offered a compromise on the MOE package. The compromise was that she would approve an MOE waiver application with an adjusted County funding reduction of 12.5%. Chairman Taylor took this compromise offer to the County Commissioners. At the August 8<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting, the Commissioners passed an amendment to make the change from a 25% reduction to a 12.5% reduction (based on 2016 audit figures) with a 3-1 vote. Clements asked Taylor if he would like to add anything. He confirmed his conversation with the State Librarian and the action by the commissioners. Clements thanked Taylor for his work in making this happen. Clements called for a motion on applying for the MOE waiver. Anna Brown moved to apply for the MOE waiver based on this updated information and Anne Jordan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Clements asked Powers-Jones to present the Local Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Adjustment Proposal. Powers-Jones presented a current financial report. She highlighted that they had gone unexpectedly over the June 22<sup>nd</sup> amended budget due to building issues, but were otherwise on target. She called attention to the proposal noting that the partial restoration of County funding would allow the Library to open for a full day on Wednesdays and partially restore staff hours for two circulation desk employees; she noted that two employees, Ginny Chastain and Mary Moultrie, had volunteered to maintain their current reduced hours / salaries at the reduced levels and this had helped her restore Wednesday hours. Clements called for a motion on the Budget Adjustment proposal. Mayor Mark Masee moved to accept the proposal and Jordan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Clement then asked for a motion on adjusting the Library's operating hours and staff salaries as recommended and Jordan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Clements asked for a motion to adjourn. Masee moved to adjourn and Taylor seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Clements reminded the Board that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was then adjourned.