

## Tuesday, August 23, 2022: Open Session

**Trustees in Attendance:** Paula Bishop, Stephanie Sekscinski, Matthew Suarez, and Allyson Tuckness.

**Trustee(s) Absent:** Janis Hagen.

**Also present:** Renee Brumett; Sarah Hayter; Nicholas Holladay; Tory Pegram; Dana Roberts; Mary Thompson; and Don Watson.

Christian County Library's Board of Trustees met in a regular monthly session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 in the Sims Meeting Room of the Clever Community Branch.

President Matthew Suarez presided.

Any reports, exhibits, or supporting materials presented during the open portions of this meeting and referred to in these minutes may be obtained [upon request](#).

**Start Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### Public Comments

None presented.

### Consent Agenda

Trustee Bishop requested the removal of the Executive Director's report in order to congratulate staff for recent accomplishments and marvel at all the exciting work underway. She then moved to approve the Director's Report as presented. Allyson Tuckness seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

All the remaining items in the consent agenda were adopted without objection.

### Administrative Highlights

Because Clever Community Branch Manager DeeDee Brashers was unable to attend as originally noticed in the agenda, Director of Youth Services Dana Roberts instead presented information and statistics demonstrating the overwhelming success of CCL's 2022 Summer Reading Challenge. She also familiarized the Board with some of the new project management strategies and tools she's recently put in place to more systematically plan and track this enormous annual undertaking.

### Old Business

Finance Update - Nixa Purchase

A special meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 29th at 11:00 a.m. with the library's financial advisor to explore financing options and a recommended timeline for proceeding with possible purchase.

Executive Director Brumett has secured one quote for an inspection of the property. Trustees requested that she get at least one additional quote from a company that specializes in commercial property inspections before proceeding.

COVID Update

Executive Director Brumett reported that despite a handful of staff cases again this month, Christian County is now classified as low risk according to the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level rankings. No changes to library services are recommended at this time. She will continue to regularly monitor advisories and recommendations from local, state, and national health experts to ensure both patron and staff safety.

### Strategic Planning Update - Board Survey

Executive Director Brumett debuted the community survey developed by the library's strategic planning core committee by asking Trustees to fill it out in real time during the meeting.

### **New Business**

#### Setting the 2022 Tax Levy

Executive Director Brumett presented the 2022 tax levy numbers and explained the complex calculation process.

President Suarez then opened the meeting up for public comments about the levy. None were presented.

Allyson Tuckness moved to set the 2022 tax levy rate at 0.1875. Paula Bishop seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; and Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

### **Adjournment**

Allyson Tuckness moved to adjourn. Stephanie Sekscinski seconded. All Trustees present were in favor. The motion passed. Roll Call: Trustee Bishop: Aye; Trustee Sekscinski: Aye; Trustee Tuckness: Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.