

The Special Meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm with following:

PRESENT: Bennie Smith
Courtney Hubbell
Lauren Bordelon
Fran Middleton
Carolyn Soley

ABSENT: Tonya Hearn
Ruby LeBlanc
Archie Chaisson, Library Liaison

Also present: Mrs. Laura Sanders, Library Director; Mrs. Sherry Lucas, Finance/HR/Operations Manager and Mrs. Dana Clement, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Smith stated after roll call, "We have a quorum and can move forward with our meeting."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together.

A motion to accept the LBC agenda was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval of the 2023 Millage Letter; Mrs. Sanders explained, "We were contacted by the Assessor's office and informed that since Amendment No. 5 did not pass, any boards that have not rolled forward since 2020 must do so this year or lose their maximum millage. I contacted Parish Administration and confirmed that we must roll forward as they are doing." Mrs. Sanders stated, "in your handout, you'll see the breakdown on the property taxes collected over the last year." At this time, Mrs. Sanders recommended the library roll forward as indicated by the Assessor's office. A motion was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Soley, to approve sending the annual millage letter to the Parish with the roll forward request. A roll call vote was taken; Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn absent, Mrs. LeBlanc absent, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 5-0-2.
2. Discussion and approval of renting space for a temporary storefront for South Lafourche Branch and recommending to Parish Council for approval; Mrs. Sanders explained, "We were contacted by the new owners of Tarpon Heights Shopping Center with an offer to lease us a storefront." Mrs. Sanders stressed, "This will be only a temporary solution for our South Lafourche Branch, with limited services and staff until we can reopen South Lafourche. Our anticipated timeframe is another 18-24 months for reconstruction, so this will be a very good option to get library services back into that area in a much shorter time. I've gotten guidance from Parish Administration and the D.A.'s office to review the terms in the lease agreement. If you agree, we'll send this to the Council for approval." After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. Bordelon, to proceed with a temporary storefront for South Lafourche Branch and recommend to Parish Council for approval. Additionally, request that Parish Finance prepare a supplemental appropriation to move at least \$15,000 from our reserves to the budget line item for Land & Leases to cover rental fees for the remainder of 2023. A roll call vote was taken; Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn absent, Mrs. LeBlanc absent, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 5-0-2.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. Bordelon, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 5:25pm.