

Synopsis of Special Board Meeting

July 23, 2019
At Centerville Library

CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Bowling, Present; Mr. Carr, Absent; Mrs. Cline, Present; Mrs. Denison, Present; Mr. Hanseman, Present; Mrs. Herrick, Absent; Mr. Nunna, Absent; Ms. Senft-Paras, Present; Ms. Fingers, Present; Ms. Fultz, Present; and members of the public.

HEARING OF PUBLIC – None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Montgomery County's PLF Distribution Formula
 - Meeting with Montgomery County Auditor's office- Mrs. Senft-Paras stated that Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Fingers and she went to meet with the Montgomery County auditor's Office on July 22. The Auditor's office explained that Budget Commission determines the distribution formula based on library needs and building construction. Levies and other revenues are not taken into consideration per ORC 5705.32. The Auditor's office did a short presentation on the distribution formula and presented spreadsheets with different scenarios that might be considered. Members of the Board asked questions on why the formula is being questioned to change. It was mentioned that Wright Memorial Library wanted to reconsider the formula and had contacted the other libraries. Dayton Metro Library and Wright Memorial contacted the Auditor's office to propose a change. Mrs. Fultz presented to the Board the formula which has been agreed upon and approved by all 4 Montgomery County libraries since 1998:
 - The estimated allocation for the previous year is the base amount for the current year
 - A cost of living increase of 3% or CPI, whichever is greater
 - Square footage adjustment at 50% of the library's cost per square footage for any excess monies for changes from the previous year and forward
 - Excess monies after the square footage adjustment would be distributed upon square footage at 50%, circulation at 30%, and cardholders at 20%
 - All increase and adjustments become a part of each library district's base for the following year.
 - Three different proposed scenarios- Mrs. Senft-Paras and Mrs. Fultz stated the 3 scenarios the Auditors office presented were based on an estimated 2020 Montgomery County revenue to be split amongst the 4 libraries of \$22,143,147 are as follows:
 1. Not changing the formula. If the formula is not changed Washington-Centerville PL (WCPL) would receive an estimated \$959,041 & increase our percent share from 11.2539% to 15.0427%, Dayton Metro L (DML) would receive \$107,922 & decrease their percent share from 79.3501% to 76.014% and Wright Memorial (WML)and Germantown (GPL) libraries who did not have any increase in square footage would get \$0 of excess monies from the potential growth of the economy and increase of percentage of the Public Library Fund and decrease their percent share form 5.8777% to 5.5945% and 3.5183% to 3.3487% respectively. Our increase is due to WCPL closing Woodbourne Library during renovation and reporting the direct service to the public square footage of 34,000. Upon reopening, the square footage jumped to 61,458. DML had an increase of square footage from the previous year of 5,979. The formula states any increase in square footage would be taken into consideration for excess monies first. Mrs. Fultz pointed out that last year, DML received excess monies of \$427,668 for 2019 for a square footage increase which left \$0 for the other 3 libraries.

2. Changing the formula by removing the square footage increase for excess funds. WCPL would receive \$146,103 of the equitable adjustment & an increase of percent share from 11.2539% to 11.3714%, DML would receive \$859,020 & an increase in percent share from 79.3501% to 79.406%, WML would receive \$44,429 & a decrease from 5.8777% to 5.37951% and GPL would receive \$17,412 & a decrease from 3.5183% to 3.4274%.
3. Not changing the formula but using 51,400 square footage for the previous year which was the old Woodbourne and Centerville Library square footage. WCPL would receive \$583,468 for square footage increase and \$41,662 for the equitable adjustment & an increase percent share from 11.2539% to 13.5348%, DML would receive \$179,246 for square footage increase and \$244,954 equitable adjustment & a decrease of percent share from 79.3501% to 77.4424%, WML would receive \$12,669 equitable adjustment & a decrease of percent share from 5.8777% to 5.617%, GPL would receive \$4,965 & a decrease of percent share from 3.5183% to 3.3712%.

Mrs. Fultz noted that all our 2018 statistics show that WCPL's programming, circulation, registered borrowers and annual library attendance reflect 15% to 24% of the total Montgomery County libraries and that was while Woodbourne Library was closed for most of the year. She also stated that our current percent share does not reflect all of these statistics. It was pointed out by a board member that this is very last minute since the Board Commission meeting is the end of August and the previous formula change took a year to be decided.

- Possible meeting with 3 other libraries on August 6th – Mrs. Senft-Paras asked the Board about getting together with the other libraries as proposed by DML. The Board stated they would like WCPL to be present.
- Board asked Library Director to send a letter to the State Auditor, Montgomery County Commission, the Planning Commission, the Montgomery County Treasurer and others to put forth an argument to keep the formula the same.

OTHER

- Mr. Bowling moved for adjournment at 7:53 P.M.

M. Fingers