

Burke County Public Library
Departmental Trustees Special Meeting
November 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
Morganton Public Library

Trustees Meeting

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Trustees Present: John Cantrell, Johnnie Carswell, Jennie Cook, Tiffany Cooper, Les Cothren, Roy Sweezy

Trustees Absent: Susan Berley, Tiffany Cooper, Wendell Hildebrand, Browning Rochefort

Staff/Guests Present: Jim Wilson, Library Director

Board chair, Les Cothren, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. It was noted a quorum was present.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Recommendation to County Commissioners to approve a new part-time (18 hr./wk.) Library Assistant position for resource sharing with NC Cardinal to start January 2022.

Library Director Jim Wilson told trustees that the county manager had requested that the library board of trustees recommend this position prior to it being considered by the board of commissioners.

Wilson shared that that the library is obliged to participate in resource sharing as a condition of membership in the NC Cardinal library consortium.

He said that the library had been asked to see if they could manage this new service with existing staff and if they found they could not they could request this position be approved during the fiscal year.

Wilson said staff had compiled information on resource sharing since it started in July. From July through September, Wilson said the library had sent 4,216 to other libraries and received another 2,949 from other libraries. During this time, Wilson said library staff had averaged 17 hours a week on resource sharing.

Wilson said existing staff cannot maintain regular service levels plus resource sharing without additional staff.

He said the annual cost of adding this position would be just over \$13,000.

After a brief discussion, Roy Sweezy made a motion to approve a recommendation to county commissioners for this position. The motion was seconded by John Cantrell and approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 28, in the meeting room at the Morganton Public Library.

Submitted by Jim Wilson, Library Director

