

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Manistee County Library
95 Maple Street, Manistee, MI

MINUTES

Members Present: Ken Hilliard, Chairperson; Mark Bergstrom, Jeff Dontz; Jim Krolczyk, Alan Marshall; Richard Schmidt; Brook Shafer.

Members Absent: None

Library Board

Members Present: Steve Rogers, Library Board President; Wayne Bernier, Library Board Member; John Faher, Library Board Member; Julie Isabel, Corresponding Secretary.

Members Absent: Kathy Scarlata

Others Present: Tom Kaminski, Administrator/Controller; Helen Grabowski, Library Recording Secretary; Chuck Haemker, Library Director; Mark Morrow, President, Breton Group; Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer; Dave Richards, Accountant; Justine McGuire, Manistee News Advocate; Members of the Public; Jill Nowak, County Clerk

The Special Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Hilliard at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – All County Board members present.

Roll Call – All Library Board Members present except Kathy Scarlata.

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Schmidt of the County Board of Commissioners to approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Faher, seconded by Bernier of the Library Board to approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion Carried

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Mark Morrow, of the Breton Group appeared before both Boards to present a final report on the Main Library's Capital Campaign Funding Feasibility Study. Mr. Morrow provided a Power Point presentation which included information on a funding plan, the focus of the study and the methodology that was used in conducting the study. A review of the results, favorable and unfavorable factors along with the conclusion and recommendations of the study were also discussed.

The conclusion of the Feasibility Study was that pursuing the \$3 Million project at this time would not be successfully supported but rather a recommendation of a project on a smaller scale of \$600,000 to \$750,000 should be considered. A recommendation to develop a long-range plan for the library and develop and execute an enhanced communication effort using a variety of media was also recommended.

It was a consensus of both the County Board and Library Board that the Library Facilities Committee will review the recommendations at their meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014 and discuss the options. The existing Steering Committee made up of County Board Members and Staff and Library Board Members and Staff will then meet to discuss viable options brought forward from the Library Facilities Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 12:20 p.m.

Clerk