

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY**

Date: December 20, 2017

Meeting: Special

Place: Tower Room - Main Library – 800 Vine Street

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: Mrs. LaMacchia , Mr. Hendon, Mrs. Trauth, Mr. Moran, and Ms. Kohnen

Trustees Absent: Ms. Clemons and Mr. Wright

Present: Kimber L. Fender, Greg Edwards, and Molly DeFosse

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Hendon moved that the Board take the following action regarding the North Building approve the following two resolutions to place a tax levy on the ballot in May, 2018.

The Library retain ownership of and consider re-purposing the North building instead of selling the building

NORTH BUILDING

This recommendation taking action on the North Building comes after considering the recent appraisal, community input and the outcome of previous Board action outlined below:

- In October, 2016 meeting, the Board took the following action:
 - Refer the matter of funding building maintenance/capital improvements to the Finance & Audit Committee for consideration

- Approve the concept of an operations center for the Library including seeking a location to house selected services and consolidating Library Services into the South building
- Authorize staff to explore options to re-purpose the North building
- In December, 2016 the Board approved authorizing Library staff to investigate the possibility of an additional levy as the source for funding the Facility Improvement/Replacement Plan designed to improve overall Library service to the community.

As reported at the December 12, 2017 Board meeting, Library staff is working on the feasibility of a proposed operations center.

The committee recommends retaining ownership of and re-purposing the North building instead of selling the building and approving the following two resolutions to place a tax levy on the ballot in May, 2018.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION OF THE CURRENT TAX VALUATION

Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of Hamilton County, Ohio and the Amount Generated During the First Year of Collection of an Additional Tax Levy for the Purpose of Providing Operating Expenses and Capital Improvements for The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Totaling One (1) Mill

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of Hamilton County at the primary election to be held May 8, 2018, the question of an additional levy for the purpose of providing operating expenses and capital improvements for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County in accordance with RC 5705.19 (D);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Hamilton County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the member thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to assess the additional levy for the purpose of providing operating expenses and capital improvements for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County of the Library.

Section 2. The Hamilton County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the total current tax valuation of Hamilton County and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of an additional levy for the benefit of the Library at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each dollar of valuation for operating expenses and capital improvements of the Library.

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer, Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Hamilton County Auditor.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County this 20th day of December 2017.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEVY TO BE ON THE BALLOT

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION BY LEVIES ON THE CURRENT TAX DUPLICATE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT FOR THE NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES AND NECESSARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY AND THAT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL AT RATE NOT TO EXCEED ONE MIL

BY THE BOARD:

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has determined in accordance with R.C. 5705.19 that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the operating expenses and necessary capital improvements of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, has determined that it is necessary that additional taxes be levied for operating expenses and necessary capital improvements for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing an adequate amount operating expenses and necessary capital improvements of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 at a rate not exceeding one-mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which is an additional tax levy, to be in effect for a period of ten year (10) years levied on the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 tax duplicates for operating expenses and capital improvements of the Library, and that the question of levying a tax be submitted to the electorate of Hamilton County, Ohio, at the primary election to be held on May 8, 2018, as provided for in R.C. 5705.23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of ballot cast at such election shall be:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY

AN ADDITIONAL TAX FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT A RATE NOT EXCEEDING ONE (1) MILL FOR EACH DOLLAR OF VALUATION FOR TEN (10) YEARS

For the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County Operating Expenditures

A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage

An additional tax for the benefit of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County for the purpose of providing OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to *(to be determined)* for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten (10) years commencing in 2018, first due in calendar year 2019

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution, together with the certification of the County Auditor as required by R.C. 5703, to the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio who is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections, Hamilton County, Ohio. The Board of Elections shall submit the proposal to the electors of this County at the primary election to be held on May 8, 2018. The Board of Elections shall make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the proposed tax levy to the electors in accordance with the Revised Code, and such election shall be held on the date specified in this resolution, and the clerk of the Board of Elections shall cause notice of said election to be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Hamilton County stating the purposed of said levy, the rate of said levy expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation as well as in mills for each one dollar of valuation, and the number of years during which said tax rate shall be in effect as heretofore specified, and the time and place of holding the elections, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of said Board of Elections is hereby directed to certify the results of said election immediately after the canvass by said Board of Elections to the taxing authority of Hamilton County in order to permit the extensions of such levy, if approved by the electorate, upon the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 tax lists and duplicates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Library Board of Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County be and is hereby authorized and directed to certify copies of this resolution to: Jeff Aluotto, County Administrator; Kimber Fender, The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County; and Dusty Rhodes, County Auditor.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County this 20th day of December 2017.

Mrs. LaMacchia seconded.

Voting for the motion: Mr. LaMacchia, Mr. Hendon, Mrs. Trauth, Mr. Moran, and Mrs. Kohlen...5 ayes. The motion carried. **(31-2017)**.

The Special Meeting was then adjourned.

Vice President

Attest: Secretary