

The Humboldt Public Library Board of Trustees Special Called Conference Call Meeting\*

July 31, 2020

Present: John Blankenship, Chairman; Elna Blankenship, Secretary; Tony Carter, Trustee; Leon McNeal, Board of Aldermen Representative; Brittney Keller, Library Director

John opened the meeting at 10:30 stating the purpose of the call was to discuss recommendations regarding the re-opening of the library. John stated attendance on the call constituted a quorum and requested a motion to begin discussion. Leon so moved and Elna offered a second with all in favor of opening discussion.

John stated it is recommended for the library to remain closed an additional two weeks. Latest statistics reveal 283 positive cases of COVID-19 were identified in Gibson County from the period of the 14th through the 30st of this month. With numbers increasing and for the safety of employees and patrons, the library needs to remain closed for at least an additional two weeks.

In response to Leon asking if there was a State recommendation; John stated the Regional Office has left it up to individual libraries to determine their policies, therefore, a variety of policies exist including open, curb side and limited mass. John added another meeting would be called in the next two weeks to re-evaluate the re-opening. If the numbers have decreased we can discuss re-opening. John stated his concern is the increase in cases and staying safe.

Leon commended John and the library on working with the State and suggested the library could be a hot spot for kids. Brittney confirmed outside internet access remains. John shared virtual classes will bring more people to the library. John stated that we just want to remain safe and social distance and do the right thing.

John asked the Trustees to bring an idea regarding how to provide services with safety in mind.

Leon stated many kids did not have computers and requested talking with Mrs. Shelton about the situation and using the library for social distancing. John stated he and Brittney will set up a meeting with Mrs. Shelton to get some comments and maybe the library can help.

John stated the following motion: We will re-evaluate in 2 weeks with a special called meeting to discuss reopening library. Motion carried unanimously. A tentative date of August 14th was set for re-evaluation meeting.

Leon asked if the called meeting could be before then. John and Brittney will meet with Shelton and can have meeting sooner if needed and even have meetings on a week to week basis.

John requested motion to adjourn. Leon moved and Tony seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elna Blankenship, Secretary

\*Meeting recorded live on Humboldt Public Library FaceBook page

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