

YAKIMA VALLEY LIBRARIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Hearing – 2011 Budget

3:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2010

Yakima Central Library Auditorium

Board Members Present: President James E. Barnhill, Vice President Melba Fujiura, Trustee Richard E. Ostrander, Trustee Jerry Maggard

Board Members Absent: Secretary Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt,

Staff Present: Interim Director Kim Hixson, Administrative Coordinator Terri Reeder, Human Resources Director Darline Charbonneau, Tech Services Assistant Julie Graham

Public Present: Bernie Sims, Steve Liddicoat

I. Open Special Session

1. The Public Hearing was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Barnhill
2. President Barnhill determined a quorum was present.
3. President Barnhill approved the agenda.

II. Review 2010 Draft Budget

- Interim Director Hixson provided 2011 Budget Draft Highlights and reviewed documentation with the Trustees.
- The property tax rate for 2011 is estimated to be .44967 per thousand which is a decrease from 2010 at .45951 per thousand. By law, the maximum rate allowed for library districts is .50 cents per thousand.
- YVL will not include a cost of living increase for staff in 2011, but it will maintain step increases per the wage and grade scale for staff who qualify. The 2011 Budget includes 84.13 full time equivalents or 114 positions.
- To ensure compliance with new health care legislation there is a projected increase in the benefit line item of 21.20%. Due to an anticipated rise in cost of the employer portion of Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), the cost of benefits is estimated to increase from 5.15% to a possible 8.45% for 2011.
- The budget reveals a modest reduction in the collection line item.
- To accommodate the faster internet connection an increase of 13.42 percent is shown on the communication line item.
- An overall increase of the 2011 operating expenditures is estimated to be less than 1% or .22 percent.

- Total Expenditures (including capital projects and ending cash balance) for General Fund is \$11,402,992.
- The budget includes a detailed breakout of line items and a recap of the five designated funds.

III. Public Comment

President Barnhill opened the meeting for public comment:

Question: *Why aren't color copiers available in the libraries?*

Response: Yakima Central Library has two color copiers available for staff use. The toners are extremely expensive for this equipment. The public pays ten cents per copy which would never cover the cost of maintaining a color copiers for patron usage.

Question: *Is it possible to develop breakout rooms with electrical outlets and sliding doors and tables for at least four people?*

Response: This is not optimal right now. Yakima Central Library is in need of more room for teens and computer users. Currently we are examining ways to reconfiguration space at this location. We will review the request for breakout rooms in the future.

Question: *Is there an opportunity to bring in wireless for people looking for a quiet place use their laptops?*

Response: The age of this building makes this challenging. Our IT department has been working on this task and researching restrictions we'll need once the service is implemented.

Question: *Is there space available for the Friends of the Library to store materials for Book sales?*

Response: We will explore that possibility; however it is imperative to understand that the state auditor mandates there must be "arms length" between the two organizations.

Question: *Is there a way to access copies of audited financial reports from past years?*

Response: Budgeted and audited reports are available on our web site at www.yvl.org

IV. Closing Comments

President Barnhill thanked all who attended the Public Hearing.

V. Adjournment

President Barnhill adjourned the Public Hearing on the YVL 2011 Draft Budget at 3:50p.m.

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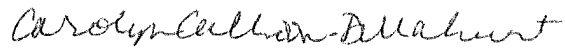
Board of Trustees

Public Hearing - Budget

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Yakima Valley Libraries Board of Trustees will follow the Public Hearing today, Tuesday, November 16th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Yakima Central Library's auditorium. The adoption of the 2011 Budget will be on the agenda.

Respectfully,



Carolyn Calhoon-Dillahunt

Secretary