

Johnson County Public Library
Special Board Meeting: Budget
Minutes
April 11, 2022

Present over Email: Reagan Eisele, Alvin Mason, Heather Patton, Justin McCormick, Alicia Merritt, James Ritchie, Misty Hawkins, and Herman Houston.

New Business:

A). Due to the upcoming quorum court meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, Eisele, Mason, and Merritt all voted to approve a new budget line (Contract Labor) for ten (10) thousand dollars, which will be used to pay for a contract consultant to help the Library Board of Trustees with the JCPL building project.

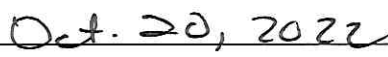
- See attached emails for reference.



Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Merritt, Secretary



President



Date

Library Plans Moving Forward

7 messages

Heather Patton <HPatton@ar5thjudicial.org>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 1:35 PM

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Friends-

In our meeting last week, it became very clear that our board with the assistance of the steering committee, needs to be able to strategically weigh the financial and community impact of our future library building.

As Kathy Jones has already spent considerable time working through different plans (most created when she was the branch librarian) and as she has very generously given her time to us, most recently during our discussions of the acquisition of the Fred's building, I would like to create a contract position for her to assist in developing a strategic plan for our library building project.

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The contract would be for ten (10) thousand dollars. Before any money is disbursed we will set out the goals for the strategic planning agreement.

Obviously, we have the money to do this but we would need to move ten (10) thousand to the contract labor line item.

Judge Houston is in agreement with this plan.

Please advise if you are in agreement of moving forward or believe we should do something else. Thanks. hp

Arvin Mason <alvin@apexai.net>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 1:37 PM

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I believe that is a good plan.

Thanks,

Alvin

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Alicia merritt <alicia.b.merritt@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 2:19 PM

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I like that idea.

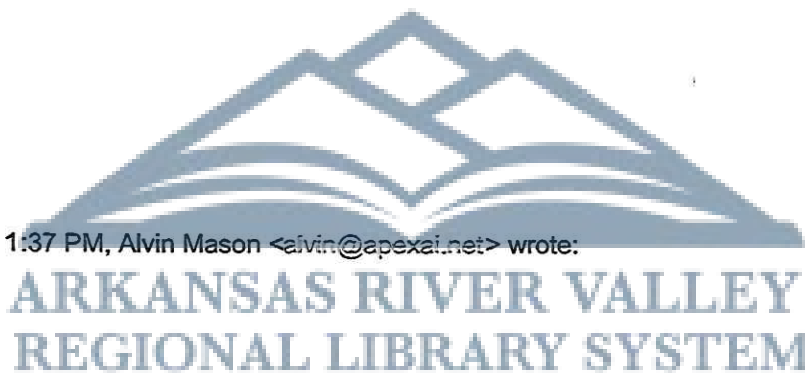
Thank you,

Alicia Merritt

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On Apr 11, 2022, at 1:37 PM, Alvin Mason <alvin@apexai.net> wrote:

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Reagan Eisele <reagan.highfill@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 4:39 PM

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I think that's a great plan. She's a wonderful asset and I think it would be wise to use expertise.

Reagan

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2022, at 1:35 PM, Heather Patton <hpatton@ar5thjudicial.org> wrote:

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Justin McCormick <jejmccormick91@gmail.com>
To: Reagan Eisele <reagan.highfill@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 8:52 PM

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I am not familiar with her expertise in strategic planning, but I am guessing that the others who have said yes know more about her knowledge in that area. I think someone who is neutral and with extensive experience in this role would be a good idea, whoever that may be. Is this a position we just put someone in or what is that process for that other than creating the line item in our budget?

I hate to always be the "I would like more info before I say yes" person, but I would just like more knowledge before I say my opinion on decisions like this.

Thanks,
Justin
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Heather Patton <HPatton@ar5thjudicial.org> Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 6:28 AM
To: Justin McCormick <jejmccormick91@gmail.com>, Reagan Eisele <reagan.highfill@gmail.com>, Alvin Mason <alvin@apexai.net>, "alicia.b.merritt@gmail.com" <alicia.b.merritt@gmail.com>
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Thank you all for weighing in.

Justin- to answer your question—creating a line item and then actually putting Kathy in the position are two separate events. However, we can't do one without the other.

Moving forward—let's go ahead and have Jimmie get started on moving the line item for the upcoming quorum court meeting and also organize an in-person special meeting for us to discuss the parameters for this position.

I am in trial for the remainder of the week. Will work with Jimmy regarding special meeting.

Again, thank you all for your participation. hp

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James Ritchie <jcpl72830@gmail.com> Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 8:33 AM
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Morning,

I appreciate everyone's quick responses, and I sent Michelle an appropriation letter this morning.

Once Heather and I discuss the specifics for the special meeting, I'll be sure to update everyone.

Again, thank you for your time and dedication to our community!

Best,
Jimmy

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James Ritchie

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