

Neosho Newton County Library Board Meeting

March 7, 2017

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Blackwood, Jann Burnett, Karina Cole, Keri Collinsworth, Jonathan Russell, Beth Styron, Chris Yaudas, Margaret Crook

**Board Members Absent:** Tamie Williams

**Library Staff Present:** Carrie Cline, Sharon Meredith, Pam Mendenhall

Guests: Annie Busch, BRANCO representatives

President Jonathan Russell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Consent Agenda: Minutes, Budgeted Expenses, Financial Report**

Beth Styron moved to accept the consent agenda, Chris Yaudas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BRANCO was here to discuss our building addition. Some specific articles discussed were:

- \* The current library circulation desk needs to be incorporated into the new plans
- \* The plumbing issue in the bathrooms needs to be fixed
- \* The ceiling above the processing room needs to be fixed
- \* We are not happy with the efforts of the architect. He needs to improve his performance.
- \* The library cannot obtain a traditional loan. If we need to borrow money we will need to secure a COP bond.
- \* We need to hire a bond counselor to handle the funding
- \* We need a separate board to deal with the bonds/funding
- \* We want to hire our own interior designer for FFE. Annie will assist in finding one for us. We will not use Chris Ball for this.

Phyllis Blackwood made a motion to adjourn and Karina Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Keri Collinsworth**

**Board Secretary**