

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair Martin Valadez, attending remotely.

Secretary Louise Matzner and Board members Andy Wirkkala and Bradyn Leyde were in attendance; Vice-Chair Ed Frost and Board member Jessie Wagnon attended remotely.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Kyle Cox, Director - Finance Rose Courneya, Director - Human Resources Director Celina Bishop, and Associate Director - Operations Erin Meneely.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS**Public Hearing – Resolution 2025-01 Property Tax Certification and Resolution 2025-02 Authorizing a Property Tax Increase**

Director – Finance Rose Courneya reported the Board of Trustees is required to levy an ad valorem tax by resolution to Benton and Franklin Counties for the preceding year. The resolution adopts the 2024 ad valorem tax levy for 2025 taxes of \$.0238046340675 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and authorizes the use of the Mid-Columbia Libraries' full banked capacity available, equivalent to a \$.01248171 (8.934906%) one-time increase.

Director – Finance Rose Courneya further reported the Board is also required to adopt a resolution to capture the maximum property tax increase allowed by law. The resolution authorizes an increase in the regular property tax levy, in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property, use of full available banked capacity, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, for the 2025 levy.

Chair Martin Valadez opened the public hearing at 2:03 pm. There was no testimony and the public hearing was closed.

Andy Wirkkala moved to adopt Resolution 2025-01. The motion was seconded by Louise Matzner and carried unanimously.

Bradyn Leyde moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02. The motion was seconded by Andy Wirkkala and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Approved:

Louise Matzner, Secretary