

**Van Buren District Library**  
**District Library 2025 Budget & 2024 Millage Levy Hearing; Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024  
Covert Branch Library  
4:30 P.M.

Chairperson Markel called the Annual Budget and Millage Levy Hearing to order at 4:32 P.M. at the Covert Branch Library.

**Present:** Betty Markel, Wayne Rendell, Bruce Cutting, Pam Dickerson, Sandy Hanson. Dan Hutchins, Executive Director; Franc Pach, Business Manager.

**Absent:** David Vliek, (excused), Denise Campagna, (excused).

**Public Comment:**

None.

**2025 Budget Resolution and 2024 Tax Levy**

It was moved to approve the 2025 Budget Resolution and to certify the 2024 millage levy as presented: (Motion: Cutting; Second: Rendell; Voting “yes” – Rendell, Cutting, Dickerson, Hanson, Markel; Voting “no” – no one; Absent: Campagna, Vliek; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to adjourn at 4:34 P.M.: (Motion: Hanson; Second: Cutting; Motion: Carried).

Chairperson Markel called the regular Board Meeting to order at 4:35 P.M. at the Covert Library.

**Present:** Betty Markel, Wayne Rendell, Bruce Cutting, Pam Dickerson, Sandy Hanson. Dan Hutchins, Executive Director; Franc Pach, Business Manager;

**Absent:** David Vliek, (excused), Denise Campagna, (excused).

**Public Comment:**

None.

It was moved to approve the agenda as mailed, with the addition of the introduction of Covert’s new Branch Manager Milan Orozco to “Reports”: (Motion: Hanson; Second: Rendell; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2024 meeting with a minor spelling correction noted under “Reports: A. Financial Update”: (Motion: Rendell; Second: Cutting; Motion: Carried).

It was moved to approve the payment of the September 2024 “due to” vouchers 24-09-01 through 24-09-04 in the amount of \$10,250.68, and general fund vouchers 24-09-02 through 24-09-53 in the amount of \$203,949.95: (Motion: Cutting; Second: Rendell; Motion: Carried).

**Reports:**

**A. Introducing New Covert Branch Manager Milan Orozco**

Covert’s branch’s new manager, Milan Orozco, was introduced

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to the Board. Milan is a Youth and Teen Librarian who comes to us from Kalamazoo Public Library's Eastwood Branch. Milan has also worked at Willard and Portage Public Libraries.

**B. Financial Update**

A update was given on the library's financial status and the organization is within budget year-to-date.

**C. Investment Report**

Treasury bills continue to be rolled over as funding allows.

**D. Director's Report & Employee Changes**

An update was given on current situations and events at VBDL.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business (continued):**

**A. PA 152 Opt-Out Resolution for Benefits Plan Year Beginning December 1, 2024**

It was moved to approve the 2024 PA 152 Employee Health Insurance Override Resolution for Benefits Plan Year Beginning December 1, 2024 as presented: (Motion: Cutting; Second: Rendell; Voting "yes" – Rendell, Cutting, Dickerson, Hanson, Markel; Voting "no" – no one; Absent: Campagna, Vliek; Motion: Carried).

**B. Millage Renewal**

The possibility of renewing the ten-year .2 mill levy, since Headleed back to .1984 mills, which was passed in 2015 was discussed; this would allow the library to maintain its current millage rate of 1.4831. Several determining factors are currently unknown, including future branch library needs and the tax impact of the likely reopening of Palisades Nuclear Power Plant.

**C. October Library Board Meeting Date**

It was moved to change the date of the October 22, 2024 Library Board meeting to be conducted at the Bangor branch to October 29, 2024: (Motion: Cutting; Second: Rendell; Motion: Carried).

**Public Comment:**

None.

Next meeting is scheduled for, ***Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 4:30PM at the Bangor Branch Library, 420 Division Street Bangor, MI 49013.***

It was moved to adjourn at 5:12 P.M.: (Motion: Rendell; Second: Hanson; Motion: Carried).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairperson

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Secretary

Recorded by Dan Hutchins & Franciszek Pach