

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hays Public Library was held at 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2024. The following members of the Board, having been notified of the meeting or having waived notice, were present:

Shelley Bryant  
Amy Feauto  
Joe Lohmeyer  
Shaun Musil

Patti Park  
Emily Roth  
Mary Toepfer  
Katherine Wolfe

With the presence of said members, a quorum was present. Thereupon, Katherine Wolfe, Board Chair, presided over the meeting.

Thereupon, the Board discussed and considered the Board's support for the Ellis County Commission seeking to put to a vote to Ellis County taxpayers on the question of the formation of a county library pursuant to Kansas law, with said library to have its own taxing district excluding the City of Hays' taxing district. After discussion, upon motion duly made by Bryant, seconded by Toepfer, and approved by a vote of 8 to 0, the Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Hays Public Library does hereby support the presentation by the Ellis County Commission of a ballot question to taxpayers within that portion of Ellis County located outside the City of Hays, whether including or excluding the City of Ellis at the election of the governing body of said City of Ellis, and by which the taxpayers shall consider the formation of a county library under Kansas law, with the express intent to create a new county library taxing district to support said county library and libraries within Ellis County that agree to cooperate with and exchange or provide services to such a county library, and, thereafter, to withdraw said newly formed county library taxing district from the Central Kansas Library System, the regional system of cooperating library systems in which said newly formed taxing district is located; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the voters should approve the formation of a county library and the taxing district created to support it, the Board of Directors of the Hays Public Library does hereby pledge to offer library services to assist in the operation of said county library on terms of a contract for services to be mutually agreeable and entered into with the county library's board, as appointed pursuant to Kansas law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executive director of the Hays Public Library, Brandon Hines, is hereby authorized to submit a letter in support of such a county library and accompanying taxing district to the Ellis County Commission, appear before the Commission as necessary to request that the Ellis County Commission consider the formation of such a county library and supporting taxing district under Kansas law, and take such further acts in support of the county library

as Mr. Hines deems in the best interests of the Hays Public Library and taxpayers within Ellis County, with the express purpose of capturing Ellis County taxpayer dollars presently paid out through property taxes for the Central Kansas Library System for use in Ellis County and to increase the support for, and enhance the services of, the libraries within Ellis County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the Board of Directors of the Hays Public Library supports the formation of such a county library and taxing district, the benefits to be derived from such a taxing district are not sufficient in scope to cause the City of Hays or the taxing district of the Hays Public Library to be included within said newly created taxing district and, therefore, the Board does hereby state its desire that the City of Hays remain excluded from the taxing district for a newly formed county library.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

The members of the Board of Directors, having appeared and participated in this special meeting and having waived notice thereof, execute these minutes as follows:

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Katherine Wolfe, Chair

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Mary Toepfer, Vice Chair

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Shelley Bryant

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Joe Lohmeyer

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Patti Park

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Emily Roth

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Amy Feauto

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Shaun Musil, Mayor City of Hays

### **CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned does hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting secretary of the Board of Directors of the Hays Public Library, and I certify that the foregoing Minutes of Special Meeting is a true and correct copy of the minutes and that the resolution as stated above was passed by a vote of at least the majority of the Board of Directors at the meeting on the date first above noted.

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Amy Feauto, Secretary