

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by Chairman Tom Callahan.

In attendance were Chairman Tom Callahan, Vice Chairman Martin Valadez, Secretary Louise Matzner, and Board members Sandra LePage, Susan Paysse, Ed Frost, and Rosemary Ford.

Also in attendance were Executive Director Kyle Cox, Finance and Business Director Rose Courneya, Collections and Services Director Michael Huff, and Operations Director Erin Meneely.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ed Frost moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Martin Valadez and carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS****Public Hearing – Resolution 2020-01 Property Tax Levy and Resolution 2020-02 Authorizing a Property Tax Increase**

Chairman Tom Callahan opened the public hearing at 10:13 am.

Finance and Business Director 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 2019 ad valorem tax levy for 2020 taxes of \$.3283417861 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. She added the property tax levy went down because property values went up over \$1 billion. Last year's levy was at \$.34 and this year's levy is \$.32.

Mr. Cox explained that MCL is limited by state law (Initiative 747), which caps the amount of money collected to 1% of the actual value that was collected before with the exception of new construction. Because property values in the district have gone up over \$1 billion, it impacts our tax rate. MCL can't collect \$.34 cents per \$1,000 because the actual taxes collected would exceed state law. There's growing pressure in Olympia to look at the 1% increase limitation.

MCL is one of the few districts that have a levy rate that low. The only way to remedy this is to do a levy lid lift election.

There was no testimony and the public hearing closed at 10:25 am.


Susan Paysse moved to adopt Resolution 2020-01. The motion was seconded by Sandy LePage and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Courneya reported the Board is also required to adopt a resolution in order to capture the maximum property tax increase allowed by law. The resolution authorizes an increase in the amount of \$49,686.01, which is a percentage increase of 1% from the previous year.

Martin Valadez moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02. The motion was seconded by Louise Matzner and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

  
Rose Courneya, Finance and Business Director

Approved:

  
Louise Matzner, Secretary