

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library Commission

Via Zoom

Special Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

Lakyn Ausherman, President, called the special meeting of the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library Commission to order at 7:04 p.m. in a Zoom meeting.

Attendees:

Voting members: Lakyn Ausherman, President; Sarah Douglass, Vice Chair; Robert Mahaffey, Member; Alisa Mills, Secretary

Non-voting members: Gretchen Fry, MBCPL Director; Lynn Walker, Finance and Human Resource Manager

Guest: Kevin Whitney, Crabtree representative

The Board met for a short meeting with the representative from Crabtree to discuss fireproofing options for the library before the HVAC project resumes. Benefits of a sprinkler system vs fireproofing materials were described. Sprinklers would offer excellent protection and possibly lower insurance costs.

An estimate of the cost difference between fireproofing and sprinkler system was discussed, with sprinkler costing about \$6.50 to \$8.00 per sq foot and fireproofing materials costing about \$5.50 to 6.50 per square foot.

The lower floors need fireproofing as well as the roof, to be compliant with code.

Crabtree will draw up a proposal with a cost estimate so the board can make an informed decision.

The meeting was closed at 7:34 p.m.