

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
Indiana Government Center North
Room N1058
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)
THE KOKOMO-HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY)
HOWARD COUNTY) No. 07-089
FOR APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF)
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS)

A petition was filed on behalf of the above-named taxing unit for approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funds for (1) the construction and equipping of an addition to the existing South Branch of the Public Library, and (2) conducting all of the necessary or related site work and improvements associated with such project; in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 for a term not to exceed twelve (12) years.

A recommendation having been received from the Local Government Tax Control Board (Control Board), pursuant to Indiana Code section 6-1.1-18.5-8, the Department of Local Government Finance (Department) reviewed the petition and found that the Library complied with the appropriate provisions of Indiana Code section 6-1.1-20 and Indiana Code section 6-1.1-18.5. After careful consideration of all the facts, the Department finds the following:

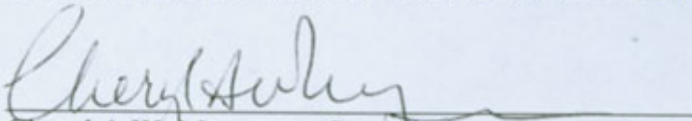
1. Library officials properly advertised, and on July 23, 2007, held a public hearing concerning the appropriation of proceeds of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library General Obligation Bonds.
2. On July 23, 2007, the Board of Trustees of the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, with one member absent, adopted the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library Preliminary Bond and Additional Appropriation Resolution pursuant to Indiana Code section 6-1.1-20-9 to issue bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,950,000.
3. The purpose of the project is the construction and equipping of an addition to the existing South Branch facility.
4. No application for remonstrance/petition was filed.
5. Pursuant to Indiana Code section 6-1.1-18.5-8, on August 23, 2007, the Department presented the proposed indebtedness to the Control Board.
6. The Control Board, in a 6-0-1 vote, forwarded the project to the Department without a recommendation.
7. The total project will cost the taxpayers of Kokomo and Howard Counties over \$2.6 million dollars in principal and interest.

8. The estimated maximum tax impact for the project may reach \$3.17 a year for a \$100,000 house within the library taxing district.
9. The estimated cost of the project per person within the library taxing district is approximately \$30.77.
10. The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library has approximately \$ 4.3 million in the Library Improvement Reserve Fund (LIRF).
11. The Howard County Council President indicated, by letter dated November 26, 2007 to Commissioner Musgrave, that the Howard County Council members opposed the proposed bond issue.
12. By letter to Department Commissioner Musgrave dated October 5, 2007, the President of the Howard County Board of Commissioners supported rejection of the proposed bond issue.
13. The Department received other indications of both opposition and support from affected individuals and businesses.

WHEREFORE, based upon the above findings, it is therefore ordered that the issuance of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 by the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library for the construction and equipping of an addition to the existing South Branch of the Public Library is hereby DENIED.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2007.

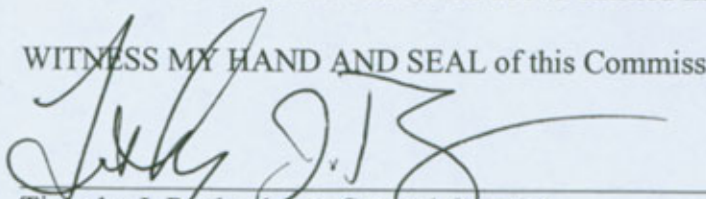
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Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner

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I, Timothy J. Rushenberg, General Counsel for the Department of Local Government Finance, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and complete copy of the order of the Commissioner made this date in the above-entitled matter.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of this Commissioner on this 13th day of December, 2007.


Timothy J. Rushenberg, General Counsel