Motion: Move to approve the 2019 City, County, and Board Funds budgets.

Background: Because of city-wide revenue shortfalls, all General Fund departments were required to make reductions in their proposed 2019 budgets; for the library, this amounted to a 5.2% decrease from 2018. The largest impact will be felt by not filling a vacant Library Associate position. Other reductions were made in a number of line items, largely through identified efficiencies. The library’s services, events and collections for the public will remain funded at the levels initially proposed.

The County budget reflects a 2.1% increase, based on the County contract’s CPI clause. A letter from the County dated September 24 identified this increase.

The Board Funds budget has decreased, to allow those funds to be reserved for a future air handler replacement project. While the larger of the two air handlers will be paid for with CIP funds, replacement of the second air handler will be the responsibility of the library, through the Board Funds.