

HUNTINGTON CITY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

August 21st, 2024

5:15pm

Public Hearing for 2025 Budget

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input
3. Adjournment

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Reading and Approval of Financial Report and Bills
4. Report of the Librarian
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Personnel Committee
6. Communications
7. Public Input
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Patio/Park Area Update
 - b. Epoch Times Issue Consideration
9. New Business
 - a. Policy Updates
 - i. Community Room Policy
 - ii. Notary Public Policy
 - b. E-rate Resolution
 - c. Rainy Day Reduction Resolution
 - d. Other
10. Adjournment

HUNTINGTON CITY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

July 17th, 2024

5:15pm

Present: Daryl Shrock, Jessica Mankey, Sue Jepsen, Terri Salzano-Sees, Doug Denney, Jamie Hoffman

Absent: Rebekah Benjamin

Visitors: Cassidy DeHaven, Hank Miller, Sarah Jeffers, Eric Fry, Mike Perkins, Kelly Finley, Brianne Belford, Malissa Hostetler

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: Doug called the meeting to order.

2. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Jamie moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Terri seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Reading and Approval of Financial Report and Bills: Beka answered questions about the bills. Daryl motioned to approve the financial report and bills (corrected). Sue seconded the motion. Financial report and bills approved.

4. Report of the Librarian: Beka updated the board on staffing change and shared how programming has gone —and we have exceeded our goals.

5. Committee Reports: Beka noted that the book reconsideration committee met and reviewed how the process worked. She read Rebekah's statement on the reconsideration (as Rebekah was unable to be present). The statement proposed moving the book, *You Know, Sex*, will be moved to the parent/teacher curriculum section. Additional revisions to the guidelines to ensure appropriate placement of materials in childrens is also proposed.

There was discussion about the recommendations the committee made and what that would look like.

Daryl motioned to approve the recommendation of the committee, Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

Beka noted that the guidelines for decision making regarding where books are located will be updated and she will bring that information back to the committee as it is completed. It is time for an update.

6. Communications: None

7. Unfinished Business

a. Material Reconsideration Recommendation: See Committee Report.

b. Periodicals Collection Question: Beka outlined a review of the collection of materials we have in the periodical section and the need to update and balance the collection to ensure inclusion of other viewpoints.

c. Budget Draft - approval for advertising: Beka reviewed the updated budget draft and explained the rationale behind some of the last adjustments that she made. She explained the various aspects of the levy, certified rate, etc. and what she recommends and asked for the board's consensus.

d. Other: Nothing

8. New Business

a. Potential Sensory Park: CME prepared a proposal for the Sensory Park and Beka reviewed the plan that had been presented. Beka answered questions from the board and from the public about the proposal.

b. Hours Adjustment:

i. Book Release Party, Friday, September 20th 6:00pm -7:30pm - correction from

June approval: Terri motioned to approve extension of hours on

September 20, Sue seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

c. 2025 Holiday Closings: List of dates for closings was discussed, changes were discussed, and adjustments for Heritage Days. Heritage Days closings are only for the Huntington locations. Jessica moved to approve with the amendments, Daryl seconded. Motion approved.

d. Mobile Library Policy: Daryl motioned to approve the cancellation of the

bookmobile. Terri seconded. Motion approved.

e. Other: None.

9. Public Input: Kelly Findley asked further questions about the book that was being relocated. Mrs. Jeffers, expressed appreciation for the reconsideration of the book that she raised. She added additional concerns. Mr. Miller expressed concern about the refusal to purchase Epoch Times.

10. Adjournment: Sue motioned to adjourn. Terri seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Financial Report
Huntington City-Township Public Library

Report Dates = 7/1/2024 to 7/31/2024

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Start of year</i>	<i>Disbursements this month</i>	<i>Disbursements YTD</i>	<i>Receipts this month</i>	<i>Receipts YTD</i>	<i>Balance</i>
1. Operating Fund						
100 OPERATING	\$1,887,205.22	\$190,188.34	\$1,606,806.79	\$64,173.41	\$1,586,347.64	\$1,866,746.07
Subtotal	\$1,887,205.22	\$190,188.34	\$1,606,806.79	\$64,173.41	\$1,586,347.64	\$1,866,746.07
2. Special Revenue						
200 GIFT (REGULAR)	\$179,093.81	\$130.10	\$7,039.31	\$491.88	\$9,763.31	\$181,817.81
201 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY	\$8,786.45	\$1,152.59	\$7,386.29	\$102.08	\$1,700.16	\$3,100.32
202 LITERACY	\$21,760.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.08	\$404.10	\$22,164.89
203 GIFT - B. JOAN KEEFER CENTER	\$46,076.73	\$0.00	\$810.29	\$257.69	\$5,287.90	\$50,554.34
204 B JOAN KEEFER CENTER INVESMENT - UND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
205 GIFT CHILDRENS ROOM	\$2,426.85	\$0.00	\$4,603.29	\$104.97	\$4,403.69	\$2,227.25
207 BRIDGE-DICKEY INVESTMENT 08/2012	\$24,870.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24,870.19
208 BRIDGE-DICKEY FUND	\$2,053.36	\$0.00	\$536.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,516.95
209 OUTREACH	\$9,196.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.08	\$1,667.76	\$10,864.43
276 STATE TECH GRANT FUND	\$10,793.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.08	\$7,941.80	\$18,735.57
277 IND. STATE STUDENT ASSISTANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
280 ALA GRANT 2023	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$315,058.62	\$1,282.69	\$20,375.59	\$1,162.86	\$31,168.72	\$325,851.75
4. Capital Projects						
400 LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND	\$95,146.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$191.06	\$1,301.96	\$96,448.24
401 LIRF-INVESTMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
421 RAINY DAY FUND	\$1,037,213.81	\$0.00	\$77,990.00	\$2,084.81	\$16,174.59	\$975,398.40
422 RAINY DAY INVESTMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$1,132,360.09	\$0.00	\$77,990.00	\$2,275.87	\$17,476.55	\$1,071,846.64
5. Clearing						
800 PLAC FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
801 MARKLE PLAC FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
803 FEDERAL	\$0.00	\$8,774.90	\$66,827.32	\$8,774.90	\$66,827.32	\$0.00
804 FICA	\$0.05	\$7,617.73	\$56,442.29	\$7,617.77	\$56,442.37	\$0.13
806 STATE	\$0.00	\$3,223.04	\$23,892.56	\$3,223.04	\$23,892.56	\$0.00
807 COUNTY	\$0.00	\$1,850.20	\$13,674.94	\$1,850.20	\$13,674.94	\$0.00
808 INSURANCE	(\$1,683.89)	\$4,942.62	\$33,059.19	\$3,671.02	\$28,127.79	(\$6,615.29)
809 DEFERRED COMP	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$4,660.00	\$600.00	\$4,660.00	\$0.00
810 UNITED WAY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$130.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
811 EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION PERF	\$0.00	\$695.28	\$1,945.48	\$695.28	\$1,945.48	\$0.00
812 ROTH IRA	\$0.00	\$560.00	\$3,800.00	\$560.00	\$3,800.00	\$0.00
813 HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,700.00	\$500.00	\$3,700.00	\$0.00
814 GARNISHMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	(\$1,683.84)	\$28,763.77	\$208,001.78	\$27,687.21	\$204,135.46	(\$5,550.16)
Grand Total	\$3,332,940.09	\$220,234.80	\$1,913,174.16	\$95,299.35	\$1,839,128.37	\$3,258,894.30

Total all banks = \$3,258,894.30

Approved by the State Board Of Accounts for Huntington City-Township Public Library on 1/1/1998.

Appropriation Report for 421 RAINY DAY FUND

Huntington City-Township Public Library

Report Date: From 7/1/2024 To 7/31/2024

Account # Description	Annual Appropriation	Change to Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Disbursements This Month	Disbursements YTD	Balance	Percent
1. Personal Services							
1.12 Salary of Assistants (Salary and Wage Overflow)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	100.0
1.29 Other Employee Benefits (Benefits Overflow)	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$22,500.00		\$22,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	100.0
2. Supplies							
2.21 Operating/Cleaning/Sanitation Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100.0
3. Other Services and Charge							
3.14 Other Professional Services	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	100.0
3.52 Electricity Huntington (Utilities Overflow)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.0
3.63 Building Repair and Improvements	\$30,650.00	\$0.00	\$30,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,650.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$60,650.00		\$60,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,650.00	100.0
4. Capital Outlays							
4 Other Capital Outlays	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123,000.00	100.0
4.2 Buildings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
4.3 Improvements Other than Building	\$105,000.00	\$0.00	\$105,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$105,000.00	100.0
4.31 HVAC Replacement Plan	\$285,750.00	\$0.00	\$285,750.00	\$0.00	\$77,990.00	\$207,760.00	72.7
4.4 Furniture and Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	100.0
4.42 Technology Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$538,750.00		\$538,750.00	\$0.00	\$77,990.00	\$460,760.00	85.5

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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$626,900.00	\$0.00	\$626,900.00	\$0.00	\$77,990.00	\$548,910.00	87.6

Approved by the State Board Of Accounts for Huntington City-Township Public Library on 1/1/1998.

Appropriation Report for 400 LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RE

Huntington City-Township Public Library

Report Date: From 7/1/2024 To 7/31/2024

Account # Description	Annual Appropriation	Change to Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Disbursements This Month	Disbursements YTD	Balance	Percent
4. Capital Outlays							
4 Other Capital Outlays	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100.0
4.2 Buildings	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	100.0
4.3 Improvements Other than Building	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.0
4.4 Furniture and Equipment	\$5,241.00	\$0.00	\$5,241.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,241.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$40,241.00		\$40,241.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,241.00	100.0
Grand Total	\$40,241.00	\$0.00	\$40,241.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,241.00	100.0

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Appropriation Report for 100 OPERATING

Huntington City-Township Public Library

Report Date: From 7/1/2024 To 7/31/2024

Account # Description	Annual Appropriation	Change to Appropriation	Current Appropriation	Disbursements This Month	Disbursements YTD	Balance	Percent
<i>1. Personal Services</i>							
1.11 Salary of Librarian	\$96,450.00	\$0.00	\$96,450.00	\$7,416.48	\$55,503.60	\$40,946.40	42.5
1.12 Salary of Assistants (Salary and Wage Overflow)	\$1,110,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,110,000.00	\$84,889.68	\$634,932.34	\$475,067.66	42.8
1.14 Wages of Janitors	\$86,000.00	\$0.00	\$86,000.00	\$7,317.25	\$51,035.18	\$34,964.82	40.7
1.15 Additional Hours (750)	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$810.70	\$2,623.62	\$5,376.38	67.2
1.21 Employer's Share FICA	\$101,000.00	\$0.00	\$101,000.00	\$7,617.77	\$56,442.15	\$44,557.85	44.1
1.22 Unemployment Compensation	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	100.0
1.23 Employer's Contribution PERF - Library	\$113,000.00	\$0.00	\$113,000.00	\$8,206.48	\$61,649.54	\$51,350.46	45.4
1.231 Employer's contribution PERF - Employee	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$2,198.17	\$16,513.43	\$15,486.57	48.4
1.24 Employer's Contribution Group Health	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$210,000.00	\$14,072.07	\$109,199.12	\$100,800.88	48.0
1.25 Employer's Contribution Life Ins.	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00	\$144.85	\$4,765.49	\$6,734.51	58.6
1.26 Employer's Contribution STD	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$932.67	\$6,680.33	\$4,319.67	39.3
1.27 Employer's Contribution LTD	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$1,037.34	\$7,275.60	\$4,724.40	39.4
1.28 Employer's Contribution Dental	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	\$6,100.00	\$493.54	\$3,813.29	\$2,286.71	37.5
1.29 Other Employee Benefits (Benefits Overflow)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.0
1.3 Employer's Contribution Vision	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$18.63	\$363.27	\$386.73	51.6
Subtotal	\$1,801,300.00		\$1,801,300.00	\$135,155.63	\$1,010,796.96	\$790,503.04	43.9
<i>2. Supplies</i>							
2.11 Official Records	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
2.13 Other Office Supplies	\$26,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	\$2,442.63	\$10,855.73	\$15,144.27	58.2
2.21 Operating/Cleaning/Sanitation Supplies	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$1,571.48	\$12,695.92	\$304.08	2.3
Subtotal	\$39,001.00		\$39,001.00	\$4,014.11	\$23,551.65	\$15,449.35	39.6

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3. Other Services and Charge							
3.11 Consulting Services	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.12 Engineering and Architectural Services	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.13 Legal Services	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,220.84	(\$220.84)	-22.1
3.14 Other Professional Services	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$7,839.90	\$13,511.44	\$8,488.56	38.6
3.141 Contracted Labor for Grounds	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$470.08	\$7,700.44	\$5,299.56	40.8
3.145 Databases	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$491.36	\$8,923.17	\$1,076.83	10.8
3.146 Electronic Materials	\$38,000.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00	\$4,043.20	\$31,328.23	\$6,671.77	17.6
3.21 Telephone and Fax	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$361.55	\$2,304.23	\$2,695.77	53.9
3.211 Telephone - Markle	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$63.38	\$385.18	\$514.82	57.2
3.213 ENA - E-Rate Funding / Huntington	\$5,725.00	\$0.00	\$5,725.00	\$363.00	\$2,541.00	\$3,184.00	55.6
3.2131 ENA - E-Rate Funding / Markle	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$255.00	\$1,785.00	\$1,715.00	49.0
3.22 Postage and Shipping	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$328.70	\$471.30	58.9
3.23 Travelling Expense	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$57.84	\$857.28	\$2,642.72	75.5
3.24 Professional Development	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$297.00	\$5,251.53	\$3,748.47	41.6
3.31 Advertising and Public Notices	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$8,350.48	\$8,610.76	\$3,389.24	28.2
3.41 Official Bonds	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$657.00	(\$157.00)	-31.4
3.42 Operational Insurance	\$46,500.00	\$0.00	\$46,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,491.32	\$45,008.68	96.8
3.51 Gas Huntington	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$252.03	\$7,288.62	\$6,711.38	47.9
3.511 Gas Markle	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$19.24	\$533.01	\$666.99	55.6
3.52 Electricity Huntington (Utilities Overflow)	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$5,290.47	\$28,185.79	\$36,814.21	56.6
3.521 Electricity Markle	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$234.92	\$1,733.22	\$1,566.78	47.5
3.53 Water Huntington	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$250.17	\$2,026.83	\$973.17	32.4
3.531 Water Markle	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$26.00	\$159.18	\$190.82	54.5
3.54 Sewer and Waste Huntington	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$695.74	\$3,325.49	\$2,674.51	44.6
3.541 Sewer and Waste Markle	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$24.49	\$181.83	\$168.17	48.0

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3.62 Equipment Repair and Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,906.18	(\$3,906.18)	-97.7
3.621 Equipment Leasing and Maintenance	\$15,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,129.73	\$8,638.89	\$6,861.11	44.3
3.622 Contracted Facility Maintenance	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$1,010.00	\$20,668.59	(\$3,668.59)	-21.6
3.623 Technology License Agreements	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$3,635.69	\$7,163.68	\$6,836.32	48.8
3.624 Technology Maintenance	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00	\$345.00	\$2,401.25	\$10,098.75	80.8
3.625 ILS Maintenance and Contract	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$41,743.73	\$3,256.27	7.2
3.63 Building Repair and Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
3.71 Equipment Rental	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.72 Real Estate Rentals	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.91 Dues	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$2,325.00	93.0
3.92 Interest on Temporary Loans	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.93 Taxes and Assessments	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
3.94 Transfer to LIRF	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
Subtotal	\$375,132.00		\$375,132.00	\$35,631.27	\$219,027.41	\$156,104.59	41.6
4. Capital Outlays							
4 Other Capital Outlays	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#Num!
4.1 Land	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
4.2 Buildings	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
4.3 Improvements Other than Building	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0
4.4 Furniture and Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$40.00	\$2,471.33	\$5,528.67	69.1
4.42 Technology Equipment	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,281.14	\$6,718.86	74.7
4.43 Computer Technology Upgrade	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.0
4.5 Books	\$103,000.00	\$0.00	\$103,000.00	\$11,082.48	\$70,566.62	\$32,433.38	31.5
4.6 Periodicals and Newspapers	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,864.98	(\$864.98)	-10.8
4.71 Audio-visual Materials	\$22,050.00	\$0.00	\$22,050.00	\$3,157.22	\$12,369.68	\$9,680.32	43.9
4.77 INSPIRE	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	100.0

<i>Account # Description</i>	<i>Annual Appropriation</i>	<i>Change to Appropriation</i>	<i>Current Appropriation</i>	<i>Disbursements This Month</i>	<i>Disbursements YTD</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Percent</i>
4.79 Other Collections	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	100.0
4.8 Materials Processing	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	\$1,107.63	\$6,877.02	\$7,122.98	50.9
Subtotal	\$174,804.00		\$174,804.00	\$15,387.33	\$103,430.77	\$71,373.23	40.8
Grand Total	\$2,390,237.00	\$0.00	\$2,390,237.00	\$190,188.34	\$1,356,806.79	\$1,033,430.21	43.2

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Due to multiple concerns regarding business practices and legal issues, we have determined that subscribing to the Epoch Times newspaper is not in the best interest of our organization. Specific examples of our concerns are listed below.

- On June 15th 2024, multiple news outlets reported that the CFO of the media company was charged in a federal money laundering indictment. The indictment indicates a multi-year, \$67 million dollar scheme to launder 'crime proceeds' through various foundations and outlets of the company. According to the Associated Press, the organization "used cryptocurrency to "knowingly purchase tens of millions of dollars in crime proceeds," including funds from fraudulently obtained unemployment benefits that were loaded onto prepaid debit cards, according to federal prosecutors. Stolen personal information was then used to open accounts as part of the alleged laundering scheme, prosecutors said. The money was further laundered through other bank accounts held by Epoch and Guan's personal bank and cryptocurrency accounts."
- The Epoch Times is not accredited by the Better Business Bureau. Two years ago the business had an "F" rating, that rating is now a B- but the reason for the change is unclear.
- There have been hundreds of complaints listed on the Better Business Bureau website at <https://www.bbb.org/us/ny/new-york/profile/newspaper/the-epoch-times-0121-87139373>, mostly concerning issues with alleged fraud from the Epoch Times' refusal to cancel subscriptions or to provide refunds to those who have canceled their subscriptions and then been charged again for those subscriptions, and there are many more recent complaints of people being "subscribed" against their will to email newsletter versions of The Epoch Times, possibly using tactics like email harvesting, and finding that trying to unsubscribe only leads to more and more emails from the newspaper, inundating their inboxes. Not allowing users to unsubscribe from emails is an illegal practice according to the FCC.
- In 2019 NBC News reported that the Epoch Times had been banned from placing advertisements on Facebook due to fraudulent practices of using shell organizations to hide their spending on advertisements for a specific political candidate. The Washington Post reiterated that this "effectively bypassed Facebook's rules around political advertising and transparency".
- In 2023, Epoch times settled a lawsuit alleging that they sold website visitors viewing history and personal identifying information to Facebook.

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