

Date: January 4, 2022

Resolution No. 22-25

Title: Appointment of the Lucas County Poet Laureate

Department/Agency: Lucas County Commissioners

Contact: Benjamin W. Pushka, Executive Assistant

Summary/Background: The Board of Lucas County Commissioners created the honorary position of Lucas County Poet Laureate in 2007 (Resolution # 07-1494). The Lucas County Poet Laureate is modeled after the United States Poet Laureate and contributes to the community's visible arts profile. Lucas County Poet Laureate works throughout the community to highlight the importance of poetry, while encouraging and mentoring those interested in expressing themselves through the art of poetry.

The Poet Laureate will be asked to write and read original works at dedications, groundbreaking, or openings of transformative community projects. During their term, the Poet Laureate has been asked to undertake one significant project during their term that increases access to the reading, writing, and enjoyment of poetry.

Since its inception, two (2) individuals have served as the Lucas County Poet Laureate; Professor Joel A. Lipman served as Poet Laureate from 2008-2014, and Dr. Jim Ferris served as Poet Laureate from 2014-2020.

Both Professor Lipman and Dr. Ferris, along with representatives from The Arts Commission and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library served on the review committee. The committee combed through each application and selected three (3) candidates for the Commissioners to review.

Jonie McIntire has been selected to serve as the next Poet Laureate for Lucas County and will serve a two (2) year term. Ms. McIntire has multiple years of leadership in the field of poetry. Ms. McIntire has regularly led community events, workshops, and organized opportunities for area writers and the general public to participate in access to and enjoyment of the craft of poetry with a mission to define the Toledo area as a literary destination.

Budget Impact: \$2,500 annually (\$5,000 total) 2282.113008.50.M0251

Statutory Authority/ORC: N/A

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Jonie McIntire is hereby appointed as the Poet Laureate of Lucas County for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023.

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Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

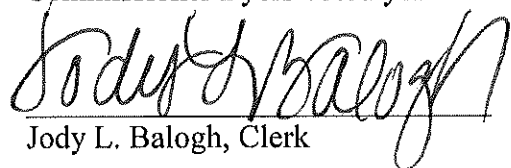
Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Action Taken:

Commissioner Skeldon Wozniak voted yes

Commissioner Gerken voted yes

Commissioner Byers voted yes



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk