

Magnolia Steering Committee Meeting – May 22, 2020 Via WebEx

Members Present: Jim Thompson, Elizabeth Simmons, Mara Villa Polk, Otha Keys, Frances Coleman, Hulen Bivins, Jeff Slagell, Stephen Cunetto, Susan Bryant

- **Frances Coleman opened meeting**
- **Discussed EBSCO offer**
- **Stephen explained EBSCO offer**
 - **2% increase**
 - **Can opt out if budget tanks**
 - **Bryant, Villa Polk, Thompson and Slagell agreed**
- **Coleman asked about MDE funding. Simmons said that they are talking about it. Dean Coleman can talk to Dr. Carey Wright.**
- **Hulen spoke about Legislative information.**
 - **29.4% down from April revenue because of unemployment-shortage because of refunds.**
 - **Everything is unknown at this point**
 - **All programs are suffering**
 - **Hopefully by June it will get better, but these are uncertain times**
 - **CARES money to Magnolia? Can't do anything new. Ongoing...**
 - **Digital inclusion-WiFi, etc, supplies libraries need...i.e. cleaning, masks, etc.**
 - **One time fiunding**
- **Coleman asked-when the budget is identified, should we contact legislators? Hulen said yes, to remind them of the importance of Magnolia. Coleman inquired about new Legislators...are there many new ones? Hulen said there were over 20 new.**