

Pulaski County Library System

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes

January 26, 2016

Pulaski County Public Library

Trustees Present: Laura Walters, chair; Meagan Pratt; Margaret Spradlin; Parks Lanier, Jr.; Robert Bopp

Trustees Absent: Nancy Hudson; Thomas Brewster

Staff Present: Carol Smith; Sally Warburton

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: After expressing her appreciation of everyone getting to the meeting in the snowy weather, Laura Walters called the meeting to order on Tuesday January 26, 2016 at 4:20 pm at the Pulaski County Public Library.
- II. Approval of Minutes: After reviewing the minutes of December 1, 2015, Parks Lanier moved that the minutes be approved. Margaret Spradlin seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- III. Library Reports: The following reports were reviewed by the Trustees and a copy of each is filed with the record of this meeting.
 - A. Expenditures
 - B. Statistics
 - C. Director: Sally added that the Libraries were closed Friday January 22 and Saturday January 23 due to snow. Peter Huber, County Administrator, and the Board of Supervisors closed all County offices on Friday. The storm continued through Saturday morning.
 - D. Dublin Branch
 - E. Youth Services
 - F. Technology
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Meetings and Other Reports:
 - A. Repairs to back of Pulaski Library building: The repairs are continuing. The brick sidewalk and steps have been completed.

Handrails and railings on the porch will not be added since it is only 3 steps and it rises only 18 inches. As per OSHA regulations....1926.1052(c) "Stairrails and handrails. The following requirements apply to all stairways as indicated: 1926.1052(c)(1) Stairways having four or more risers or rising more than 30 inches (76 cm), whichever is less, shall be equipped with: 1926.1052(c)(1)(i) At least one handrail"

- B. Appointment of new board members: Ashley D. Edmonds, Executive Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, advised Sally via email that the two vacant appointments on the Library Board would be placed on the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for January 25, 2016.
- C. Recognition of John Freeman's service on the Library Board: A book on baseball will be placed in the Pulaski Library System collection in honor of John's many years of service to the library. It was also suggested that he be publicly thanked at a minor league Pulaski Yankee's baseball game, since he attends all the games. Meagan Pratt will be working with the Yankee's and will make sure this is done.

V. New Business:

- A. Re-codification of County ordinances: Peter Huber has asked that the Library Board review the County code (see attached). The Library Board made the following suggestions for changes:
 - 24.1 should be Pulaski County Library System or Pulaski County Public Library System;
 - 24.2 The board is composed of eight trustees selected by the Board of Supervisors for terms of four years (for no more than two consecutive terms) and the Superintendent of Schools is a permanent member;
 - 24.3 could be simplified by changing "shall not be used but for library purposes and the board of trustees..." to "shall be used only for library purposes. The board of trustees..." Sally will forward these suggestions to Mr. Huber.

- B. Capital Improvements: The Capital Improvements Listing was distributed to the Trustees. There were no new suggestions for additions to the list.
- C. Banned patron: Carol Smith gave a short history of the activities of a patron of the libraries which has led to her being banned from both the Pulaski and Dublin Libraries. On December 3, 2015, she was escorted out of the library and told by both library staff and the Pulaski Police Department that she could not be in the libraries and would be arrested for trespassing if she returned. In support of this, Margaret Spradlin moved that in support of Restraining Order number V15 001243, the patron could not enter Pulaski County or Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library and would be arrested for trespassing if she did so. The motion was seconded by Parks Lanier and passed by all present.
- VI. Adjournment: Sally Warburton read a “Kudos” from the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce newsletter of January 4, 2016, “...to Laura Walters for being presented with the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Friends of Claytor Lake”. Carol Smith distributed an article published in the January/February 2014 issue of *The Atlantic* entitled “Libraries Are the New Homeless Shelters” by E. Fuller Torrey, M.D.
<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/01/very-short-book-excerpt/355728/> There being no further business, Parks Lanier called for adjournment; seconded by Meagan Pratt; approved by all those present.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Walter, Chair
Sally Warburton, Recorder

Approved: February 23, 2016

Chapter 24 LIBRARY

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Sec. 24-1. County library system established.

There shall be and is established in the county a county free library system which shall be known and designated as the Pulaski County Library.

(Ord. of 6-6-1943(01))

Sec. 24-2. Board of trustees formed.

The management and control of said county library system be and it hereby is vested in a board of five trustees to be selected by the board of supervisors for terms of five years, and any vacancies filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the manner in which the members of the board are regularly chosen.

(Ord. of 6-6-1943(01))

Sec. 24-3. Financial support of board.

The board of supervisors shall appropriate annually for the support of the library and all funds appropriated or set aside for library purposes shall constitute a separate fund and shall not be used but for library purposes, and the board of trustees shall have the right to accept gifts and bequests of money, personal property or real estate for the establishment and maintenance of such county free library system or endowments for same.

(Ord. of 6-6-1943(01))

Sec. 24-4. Board power concerning contracts.

The board of trustees shall have the power to enter into contracts with adjacent cities, or towns, to provide library service on terms and conditions as shall be mutually acceptable, and to contract with county school boards and boards of school trustees to provide library service for and generally to do and perform all acts and things necessary to the proper management and control of said county free library system in accordance with powers set forth in state law.

(Ord. of 6-6-1943(01))