

Regular Library Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Taylor at 4:13 pm.

Roll Call: Ronda Haumann, Andrea Thomas, Judy Taylor, and Marcy Andersen

Absent: Board member Una Clausen has resigned from the board.

Visitors: Michelle Hodges McIntosh, and Kim Mills

Taylor read the Open Meetings Act Statement.

Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Taylor.
Vote: Aye: Taylor, Andersen, and Thomas. Haumann abstained because she was not at that meeting.

Taylor made the motion to approve the agenda for the July 24th 2020 meeting. Seconded by Thomas.
Vote: Aye: Andersen, Taylor, Thomas, and Haumann.

Michelle Hodges McIntosh has agreed to be a member of the Thomas County Library board upon appointment of the Thomas County Commissioners.

Treasurer Report: Thomas asked that this agenda item be moved to later in the meeting.

Budget Work Session: The board with the help of Kim Mills went over the yearly budget line items, and will present the 2020-2021 budget to the Thomas County Clerk Lorissa Hartman. It was decided that all library employees will receive a 2% raise. This will bring wages for Josephine, Virgil and Barb to \$10.13, and Diane and Dawn to \$9.93. Kim Mills informed the board that her last day will be July 31, 2020. The board asked Kim to prepare a formal resignation letter to be presented at the next meeting. The wages for the Library director was put on hold for now. Bookmobile billing was discussed and a temporary schedule was prepared by Andersen and we are estimating 18 trips out next year. This will bring the annual bill for McPherson County to \$6358.00 without summer runs, \$7306 for both. Cherry County will be \$2188.00, and Thomas County will be \$2834.00 without summer runs or \$3242.00 with.

Hand rail and steps for the garage were discussed. Andersen and Thomas informed the board that NIRMA did an insurance audit on the Courthouse and library and the work that Trent Porath did on the steps in the garage were not the right dimensions. The steps will now need to be filled back in and a handrail installed. The bookmobile staff will have to walk to the end on the ramp in the garage to enter the bookmobile. Andersen will talk to local contractors to see if they would give us a bid for the cement work and about making a handrail. Kim Mills said that she will talk to Jim Mills to see if they have handrailing that will work for this project. Kim will let the board know what he says.

Thomas reported that the Courthouse is looking at security for the Thomas County Courthouse and she will be talking to IT Service and Hinton Locks to see what kind of security we can get for the library. Andrea will keep the board posted on what they recommend and the price.

Library Director Report: Kim has brought in the shelves from the garage. Those needed to be moved back into the building to make the ramp in the garage usable. Dawn and Kim have been working on moving books and rearranging the library. Kim also asked the board if she could get the Eleanor Manning plaque repaired. The board told Kim to check with Recognition Unlimited in North Platte. Kim also told the board that she is planning on having a garage sale with items from the library that have been surplused. Items include chairs, copy machine, and books.

Library Director Applications: a motion was made by Taylor that the board go into executive session and invited Michelle McIntosh to stay at 5:30 to discuss applications for the Library Director position Andersen and Kim Mills were excused from executive session at this time. Vote: Aye: Thomas, Taylor, and Haumann. Andersen Abstained.

Andersen and Kim Mills were called back into the meeting at 5:50. A motion was made by Haumann to come out of executive session. Vote: Aye: Haumann, Taylor, and Thomas. Andersen Abstained. It was decided by the group that they will interview the two applicants on July 31st Andersen will interview at 3:00 and Dawn Bryant will interview following Andersen.

Motion was made by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Vote: Aye: Andersen, Haumann, Taylor, and Thomas