

**JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAY 14, 2007**

The Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Central Services Offices, 5678 State Road PP, High Ridge, MO 63049 on Monday May 14, 2007. President Retta Tuggle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Board members present: Retta Tuggle, Paula House, and Phil Amato; quorum present. Staff present: Director Pam Klipsch; Assistant Director Karen Duree; Branch Managers Elizabeth Link and Cindy Hayes; IT Manager Jay Manning; Technical Services Manager Jeane Tornatore; and JCL attorney Bianca Eden.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Dr. E. Terrence Jones, professor of political science and public policy administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, was also in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Amato moved, seconded by House to accept the agenda; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by House, seconded by Amato, the minutes of the April 17, 2007 regular Board meeting were approved as presented; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

Upon motion by Amato, seconded by House, the minutes of the April 17, 2007 closed session were approved as presented; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Jones presented the findings from the Citizen Survey that he conducted in March 2007 for JCL. A written copy of the findings was distributed. Some points that he made concerning the survey included:

- Most respondents had good things to say about JCL.
- There were no differences in response by geographic area which indicates uniform quality of service throughout the JCL system.
- Eighty percent of respondents indicated that they received their money's worth or more. This is a high score for a public entity.
- The library is serving diverse needs of patrons.
- Usage of the St. Louis City or St. Louis County Public Libraries by respondents was low.
- Programs and services were rated very high in all but two instances.
- The number of respondents for and against JCL having service hours on Sunday was split right down the middle.

- Customer satisfaction with JCL is very high.
- The library is seen as essential to the community.
- JCL needs to trumpet its own horn.

Amato was disappointed that the survey did not indicate whether the public was aware that the library has “lived within its means” while opening three new buildings. He was also looking for feedback on the library structures. Dr. Jones indicated that the survey did not include questions that would elicit response to the two issues that Amato mentioned.

Klipsch will craft a press release concerning the community survey, and Dr. Jones will assist.

FINANCIAL REPORT: TREASURER

Reineri was not in attendance, but an investment summary was included in the board packet.

ACTION ON BILLS

Amato moved, seconded by House to approve disbursement of the Resolution Number R2007-5: Standard Bills; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The managers hope to have a draft Long Range Plan for 2008-2012 completed by the June board meeting. There are significant technology issues to be addressed including the upgrade to a new Sirsidynix platform or migration to a new integrated library system and the needed expansion of bandwidth as a result of the increasing demands of audio and video applications via the Internet.

Since the JCL budget is extremely tight and will remain so for several years, a discussion of the possibility of asking voters for an increase in the library tax levy during the next five years ensued. Klipsch would like to ask for a 5 cent increase with a sunset clause to help pay off the debt on the library buildings, but Amato was opposed to this because the voters would ask why the buildings were built in the first place if the library could not afford them. Amato suggested some kind of a drive to raise funds, but Klipsch indicated that a one time fundraiser would not provide for JCL's long term needs. Since there are so many technology demands that the library is facing, Amato suggest that a tax increase to keep the library technologically up-to-date might be a better route.

A digital view of the Arnold mural was previewed along with a rough cut of the video being put together by Tom Stuckoff on the history of Arnold. Amato suggested that Stuckoff include Charles Becker in the video.

Senate Bill 22 has just been passed by the Missouri House and will now return to the Senate for approval as the House made changes to SB22.

Tuggle moved, seconded by House to direct Klipsch to notify the city of Arnold that the JCL board is in favor of Steve Ott continuing to jointly represent seven entities including JCL on the reactivated Arnold TIF Commission; by roll call vote, motion passed with two (2) in favor and one (1) abstention by Amato.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Byron was not in attendance, but a written report was included in the board packet.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

8.a. ARNOLD WALL LEAK-WRAP UP PROGRESS

Closed session.

8.b. SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT ENGINEER

Amato moved, seconded by House to approve Resolution Number R2007-5A entering into a contract with CMV-Cochran Civil Engineering for professional engineering services at the sewage treatment plant located at the Northwest Branch for a lump sum fee of \$2,950.00; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed.

8.c. OTHER

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

9.a. MISSOURI STATE LIBRARY

None.

9.b. OTHER

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.a. LONG RANGE PLAN

This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

10.b. OTHER

None.

NEW BUSINESS

11.a.

None.

11.e. OTHER SUCH MATTERS THAT COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

None.

At 8:55 p.m., Amato moved, seconded by House to adjourn the regular session and enter into executive session as to the provisions of RSMO 610.021; subparagraph 1 for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. Voting in favor of the motion were Amato, House, and Tuggle.

CLOSED MEETING; CLOSED MINUTES.

ADJOURNMENT

House moved, seconded by Amato to adjourn; by roll call vote, motion passed with three (3) in favor and none (0) opposed. President Tuggle adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Duree
Assistant Director for Library Services