

August 17, 2005

Taylor County Courthouse

A special meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00PM, August 17, 2005, in the County Board Room of the Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to receive CY2006 budget requests from the various municipal libraries.

Members Present: Kathy Fierke, Joseph Greget, Eileen Grunseth, Shirley Lemke, James Seidl, Sandy Volkmann and Donna Walbeck

Others Present: Library Directors Lori Cooley, Gilman; Ann Harris, Medford; Mary Hebda, Rib Lake; Pat Reich, Stetsonville

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Agenda: There being no errors or omissions noted **Grunseth moved to approved the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for the current meeting. This motion was seconded by Lemke and carried unanimously.**

Communications: Request from T.B. Scott Library, Merrill for reimbursement of 683 non-resident circulations made to residents of Taylor County during CY2004 in the amount of \$1,449. The request being determined to be valid and in order **Walbeck moved to approve the request and include it in the CY2006 County Library Budget for payment. Motion was seconded by Fierke and carried unanimously.**

Public Input: None

Committee Reports: Mrs. Walbeck reported on the following items:

Serving seniors with special needs. Wednesday, September 21, Marathon County

Northwoods Conference – Saturday, October 15, for library friends, supporters and volunteers – Skateway, Medford

Marathon County may possibly join V-Cat in 2006, aided by LSTA grant.

Recognition letter sent to Sen. Feingold for library support.

AB 483 – An effort to repeal maintenance of effort by counties, which requires counties to maintain financial support at a level not lower than the average of the past 3 years. Contact legislators to oppose.

10 Square Club – Recognition of library patrons who are 100 years old, or older. Get publicity by having them explain what library services have meant in their lives.

Chairman briefly reviewed the provisions of Senate Bill 272, which attempts to make changes in library operations.

Old Business: County Library Plan. Chairman Seidl reported that the plan had been approved by the County Board of Supervisors as recommended by the Library Board. Copies of the plan were distributed to each board member and librarian present. Copies had also been mailed to WVLS and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

New Business: CY2006 municipal library requests submitted to Chairman Seidl for consolidation and further submission to County Board Budget Review Committee.,

Discussion Items: Gilman and Rib Lake libraries are hoping to extend weekly hours during which they open in 2006 if budgets are increased.

Next Meeting Date: Because of the uncertainty of the budget review process and the possible need to schedule another budget session the Chairman asked that he be permitted to schedule the next meeting at his call.

Adjournment: There being no further business **Mrs. Walbeck moved to adjourn; which motion was seconded by Grunseth and carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM, August 17, 2005.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Lemke, Secretary

June 7, 2005

Westboro Public Library

The regular quarterly meeting of the Taylor County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Seidl at 7:00PM, June 7, 2005, at the Westboro Public Library.

Roll Call: Members Present – Fierke, Grunseth, Lemke, Rulien, Seidl, Volkmann and Walbeck

Members Absent – None

Others Present - Library Directors Aschenbrenner, Harris, Hebda, Reich
Library Board Members Louise Gonia, Bob Carpenter and Village President Wayne Tlusty

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Agenda: A motion was offered by Walbeck/Rulien to approve the minutes of the August 2004 meeting and the proposed agenda for the current meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Communications: ► Ltr, T.B. Scott Free Library requesting reimbursement for non-resident circulations provided to Taylor County residents during CY2003. The amount requested is \$2,100 for 1,064 circulations. Discussion followed concerning the fact that the request had originally been submitted to Taylor County in June 2004, but had not been provided to the Library Board until May 2005. The reason for the delay could not be explained. **Rulien moved to approve the payment. Motion seconded by Grunseth and carried unanimously.**

► Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance reports containing library funding information were discussed and circulated among the members.

► WVLS Report "Benefits of 2004 Taylor County Membership in WVLS".

► 2004 WVLS Statistical Report. Copies were distributed to board members by Chairman.

Committee Reports: Mrs Walbeck

► Lamplighter (WVLS Newsletter) available on WVLS website.

► Reasons to support public libraries.

► Encourage library patrons to contact legislators regarding library issues.

► 2005-2007 Wisconsin Library Assn State Legislative Agenda. Copies distributed.

► Acronyms and Library System Related Terms publication. Copies distributed.

Old Business: County Library Levy Distribution Formula. Chairman reported that he felt it was no longer necessary to attempt to develop a new distribution formula because during latest budget preparations the County Board had approved paying municipal libraries 100% of cost of non-resident circulations. Revised County Library Plan will include this commitment.

New Business: Revision of Taylor County Library Plan. Board members and library directors had received copies of proposed revision prior to meeting and had opportunity to study the document and recommend changes.

The procedure for reporting operational expenditures when used to determine circulation costs (Note on Page 3 of Library Plan) was discussed. The majority of members expressed their belief that it was unfair to smaller libraries to include gifts and donations under revenues when calculating circulation costs. After some discussion Chairman Seidl suggested changing the wording to read. "The value of gifts, donations and/or contributions,

whether in cash or in-kind services, may not be included when calculating circulation costs. Only revenue from the tax levy may be included."

A motion to accept this wording was made by Lemke/Walbeck. The motion carried unanimously.

Several other typographical and other minor changes to the plan and its attachments were approved after which **Mrs Walbeck moved to recommend approval of the revised County Library Plan and submission to the Taylor County Board of Supervisors. Motion was seconded by Lemke and carried unanimously.**

The resolution to forward the Library Plan to the County Board was then discussed. Because of several typographical errors in the resolution it could not be signed by the full committee during this meeting. **A motion to approve the resolution as corrected was made by Lemke and seconded by Rulien. Motion carried.**

A motion was then offered by Rulien to authorize Chairman Seidl to sign and submit the resolution on behalf of the County Library Board. Motion was seconded by Grunseth and carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: Chairman Seidl reported that because of his retirement Mr. Rulien was resigning from the board and this would be his last meeting. The board expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rulien for his valuable and devoted service to the Board. A replacement will be recommended.

Next Meeting Date: The Chairman informed the Board that it may be necessary to schedule a special budget meeting before the next regular quarterly meeting in September. A tentative date of August 17, 2005, was selected for the meeting. Location of meeting to be at Courthouse.

Adjournment: There being no further business **Mrs. Grunseth moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Volkmann and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:45PM, June 7, 2005.**

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Lemke, Secretary