

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
William F. Laman Public Library
12 October 2009

The Library Board met in the board room at 10:30 AM. Those present were Mr. Ron Oliver, Chair; Mrs. Nancy White, Rev. J.C. Myers, Ms. Esther Crawford, Mrs. Shirley Lindsey, Mr. Michael Rowett, Mr. Jeffrey Baskin, Director and Mrs. Zoe Butler, Assistant Director. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Rev. Myers to accept the minutes from the September meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rowett. The motion carried unanimously. The September financial report was unanimously approved as presented, after a motion by Mrs. White, seconded by Ms. Crawford.

Director's Report:

Mr. Baskin stated that the library has \$535,000 remaining in the bond for the phase 2 construction project. It was thought that the project could be completed with this amount. However, at bid opening, the real cost was determined to be about \$207,000 above the bond amount, plus an additional \$25,000 for furnishings. The library contacted CBM and requested they rerun the numbers and see what could be deleted from the project. CBM reran the numbers, and none of the numbers brought the total down far enough to keep the library from having to put a lot of money into the project. Mr. Baskin then requested that CBM delete all construction and demolition plans for the first floor. This would allow all monies to be concentrated on the mezzanine. This would bring the furnishings budget back down. This would still leave the total about \$150,000 over budget. Mr. Baskin estimated that, even after a 3rd round of number crunching, it is not likely to get the project down enough. The library would still have to contribute between \$100,000 and \$150,000 above the bond amount. A motion to use \$100,000 from the non-tax service account for the phase 2 construction project was made by Rev. Myers, seconded by Mrs. Lindsey. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Baskin reported that, at a subcommittee meeting, Laman Plaza was nominated as one of the top four possible locations for the Veterans Memorial.

Mr. Baskin stated that the library bought a table for the Argenta Downtown Council again this year.

Mr. Baskin stated that, because of slow bandwidth, the library's T3 line will be converted to a T6. The wiring is already in the computer room, and just needs to be connected.

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05am

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. Baskin,
Secretary