

Stone County Library

Regular Board Meeting

March 21, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the Stone County Library met in regular session on Thursday March 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President George Scott. Those present were George Scott, Jim Huy, Mary Carlson, Angie Evans, and Pam Sheridan.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mrs. Carlson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Evans seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Next the treasurer's report was shared. The balance for treasurer's cash at the end of February was \$939,631.03 and the building reserve was at \$196,016.24. Revenue for month was \$125,870.12. A Large payment for Galena Building was made at the end of the month. Mr. Huy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mrs. Evans seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Payne shared the librarian's report. She shared that numbers overall were a bit lower than February 2018. She also shared that this could be because of closings due to weather.

In Crane the brickwork has started. Windows doors and lights still need to be done. According to the contractors the awning is still about 3 weeks out. They estimate the whole project should be done the first or second week in April. She shared that the project manager will need to do the final walk through once everything is installed and verify everything is satisfactory.

In Blue Eye Mrs. Payne plans to go to the next school board meeting to share information. She plans to clarify that the library is asking for one acre with an easement for laterals if necessary. She plans to share how many people we have coming through the library and the services the library provides to the community. Mr. Scott shared that he had asked Dennis Woods if there is any other property available in Blue Eye, but had not heard back yet. Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Sheridan shared that we should be able to connect to MoArk for water. Mr. Huy asked that Mrs. Payne send an email if there is any decision. The board continued the discussion on building in Blue Eye, and the benefits of building in a location near the school. Mrs. Payne stated that she plans to clearly explain to the school board that only one acre is needed per her discussion with the Health Department. She also plans to share statistics and the value to the students. Mr. Scott asked that she share with school board that library board is enthusiastic about building a library in Blue Eye and continuing the services in that area.

Mrs. Payne then shared updates for Galena. She informed the board that someone apparently tried to steal the book drop. She had a cement slab poured and the book drop has been anchored to that. She also shared that a library employee is planning to put the bench together, and she plans to have someone also anchor it.

In Other business, proposals for the interior renovation were received from Casco, Parragon, and GHN. Mr. Huy asked what the projected timeline is. Mrs. Payne stated that the first step is to select an architect, and then hold a community meeting. She suggested having the architect there. Mr. Scott stated that he felt the architect did not need to be there, and that it would be better for the Board to listen to the community, formulate plans and then tell the architect what to do. Mr. Huy suggested having a board member share the project, then ask community to share what they find most important.

Mr. Huy said to promote the event and try to get a big turnout, and hopefully set the meeting around sporting events, community events, and board meetings. He asked Mrs. Payne to find out what dates will work best and set the date. Mrs. Payne suggested setting two dates, so if someone can't make one they might be able to make another. Mrs. Evans suggested a Wednesday to avoid other events. Mrs. Carlson suggested a community building at one of the churches if we are concerned with space. Mrs. Evans suggested the school. Mrs. Payne felt it would be better to have the meeting at the library, so that the community can see what the space looks like. Mr. Huy mentioned that the county has a lot of chairs that we might be able to use. Mr. Scott suggested calling the mayor to coordinate a date, and to put a big sign in the window.

The board next looked over the proposals from each of the architects. The library has worked with both Paragon and Casco in the past. GHN included projects that are similar in nature and showed evidence of being familiar with historical buildings. Mrs. Payne mentioned that if one is selected then it doesn't work the library can select another from the pool. Mr. Scott was more impressed with GHN because the architect came out to look at the space, and that they have engineers on staff.

Mrs. Payne also mentioned for interior design the library could use CI select, a company that provides free design services. They use contract services to provide furniture, etc. Mr. Huy made a motion to choose GHN based on the fact that they have experience working with libraries. Mrs. Carlson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Payne introduced Gia Rodriguez, as one of the new staff members at the library.

There were no members of the public in attendance to address the board.

Mrs. Evans made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Huy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held April 18, 2019 at 3 PM.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Payne

Recording Secretary