Dave Dacus

**Marion County Library Board Meeting Minutes**
Date: July 26, 2021
Time: Called to order at approximately 5:00p
Location: Marion County Library

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at 805 o'clock A M
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Marion County Clerk
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Board Members Present
Paul Hudson
Bonnie Kenny
T.C. Burnett
Marcus Flippin (presiding)
Dave Dacus

Staff Present: Head Librarian Mary

Guests: Chris and James (representing the Marion County Law Library / Bar).

**Call to Order and Roll Call**
The meeting was called to order. Roll call was taken, and all board members were present.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**
The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2021 meeting.
**Motion to approve: Paul. Second: TC.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Amendments**
Two items were added to the agenda: (1) Presentation by Chris and James regarding the Law Library, and (2) items from Paul. No objections; agenda approved as amended.

**Public Comments**
Public/Law Library Presentation:
Chris and James discussed the Law Library's approximately $27,000 balance and the desire to provide better public access to legal resources. They proposed placing a dedicated computer in the library with access to legal research tools (e.g., LexisNexis, Westlaw, Fastcase, or Google Scholar) at no cost to the library. They also offered Arkansas case books (historical, ~1,000 volumes, not current) for potential display as artifacts, though space constraints were noted.

**Motion**: To allow the Marion County Law Library (run by the Bar) to investigate establishing a law research computer at the library, develop feasible options and costs (with the library assisting where possible), and return for a future presentation and final approval.
**Moved by: Paul; Seconded by TC.**
Motion carried unanimously.

**Staff Report**
Head Librarian Mary provided a staff report that is to be turned in with packet to clerk.



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**Public Comments on Late Fines**
Written comments were received requesting lower late fines, citing impacts on low-income patrons and literacy. The Board discussed responsibility, prior research on fines, renewal policies, circulation data, and comparisons to other counties. No changes were made.

Consensus: Maintain current fine structure. Further review of past minutes/research on fines if needed for the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer presented revised March and April–June 2021 financial reports. Key points:
Assets grew significantly (~$56,000 in recent months).
Interest reporting clarifications (e.g., CDs, Arvest Money Market).
Petty cash ($75) handling and documentation discussed.
Deposits from fines/copies noted as healthy.
Investment strategy discussion: Diversifying funds across local banks/CDs vs. current setup; state aid funds and interest tracking.

**Motion by TC**: To approve the revised March, April, May, and June Treasurer's Reports.
**Seconded by Paul**.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business / Committee Reports**

*Maintenance & Building Projects*:
A bid of $54,450 was received from Brad Stone for exterior repairs (siding, soffit, etc.).
Discussion covered potential hidden issues in the 1960s-era building, need for structural engineering review (asbestos, beams, etc.), and a proposed 20x30–35 ft addition for a conference room/meeting space (subject to setbacks).

Further research planned on engineering costs, city setbacks, and architectural input before proceeding.

*Part-Time Position & Cleaning*:
Discussion on volunteer hours, Saturday staffing challenges, and options for part-time help or cleaning services. A proposal from Marker Cleaning Services was reviewed. Another option was considered where the AARP foundation pays minimum wages to a person 55 or older, who would be needed on Saturdays especially, with limitations to money handling.

**Motion by Paul**: To hire Marker Cleaning Services for twice per week cleaning at $370 per month on a month-to-month basis (with a trial period).
**Seconded by TC**.
Motion carried unanimously (roll call vote: all yes).

*ALA Grant / Automatic Door & Accessibility*:

Draft ordinance prepared and submitted for budget process to establish a special construction fund. Community input process underway.

Other:
Investment/stewardship of state aid funds: Ongoing discussion with county treasurer.

**New Business**

*Library Operations*
Library Hours:
Discussion on patron patterns (low after 5 p.m., some waiting before 9 a.m.) and Saturday usage.
**Motion by Paul**: Change library hours to 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. effective Monday, August 17, 2021 (back-to-school adjustment), with appropriate public notice.
Motion carried.

The Board affirmed monthly meetings.

Next meeting: August 18, 2021 at 5p.
September meeting: September 22, 2021 (rescheduled due to travel).

**Adjournment**
**Motion by TC** to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Dacus, secretary