

Gilpin County Board of Trustees Meeting: May 11, 2023

Attendance: Harv Mastalir, Linza Douglas, Dorothy Sweet, Jeffrey Smith, + Director Michael Carlson; **Absent:** Alisa Witt, Ruth Arnold

1. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm
2. **Call for Changes to Agenda:** Harv moved to change item 6b [Update on Study Room Project] to an action item. Linza seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Dorothy moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2023 meeting. Linza seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. Library Director's Report

Michael reported that although he didn't have numbers from programming attendance, all other statistics in April were similar to last year. The library staff is currently preparing for the annual Summer Reading Program and have already booked six programs while a harpist and string quartet have been scheduled for upcoming adult programming. Michael told the board he wrote an article for the Register-Call about a new library program that allows reluctant children readers to read to a therapy dog.

a. Financial Report

The library district's finances were reviewed and discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Update on Well Project

Michael told the board a well company and engineering firm agreed that attempting to recover and use the library's current water well with a filtration system would likely end up costing more than having water delivered, even at recently inflated delivery rates. Permitting with the state and maintaining the filtration system would be additional large expenses. While the library will continue to have water delivered, there is concern the current supply and its delivery will eventually go away. The board therefore agreed to have Michael move forward with the idea of drilling a new well at the opposite end of the library's property. He is going to have water at a nearby home tested for \$250 to help determine if the library's water issues are isolated to its current well.

b. Update on Study Room Project

Michael explained the costs for constructing two proposed study rooms continue to increase, finding a licensed contractor has been difficult and county permitting/regulations continue to be an issue. Finding the current cost to build the rooms, "unreasonable," Michael and Harv researched alternatives and found self-contained, noise-proof office pods by Think Tank. They come with furniture, lighting and ventilation. The units are considered the same as furniture and do not require county permitting or other regulations required of new construction. It was suggested a four-person unit be ordered at first and if popular, a second, smaller one-person unit could be added later. The cost for purchase and delivery are similar to original projected costs of building the study rooms. **Linza moved to approve spending up to \$19,000 for a four-person office pod in place of constructing study rooms. Dorothy seconded. Approved unanimously.**

c. Update on Parking Lot Lighting

Board members received county lighting regulations and were asked by Harv to collect their thoughts about what lighting in the parking lot means to them and bring those ideas to the next meeting to discuss possible options and ideas.

7. New Business

a. **Board Trustee candidate discussion**

Harv told the board the most recent search for a new board member included three letters of interest and candidate interviews that resulted in a recommendation of David Josselyn by search committee members Harv and Ruth. Harv explained David had all the qualifications the committee sought from a candidate and he would be a “real asset” to the board. A letter from Ruth expressed similar thoughts. **Dorothy moved to offer the vacant board position to David Josselyn and recommend him to the County Board of Commissioners. Linza seconded. Approved unanimously.**

8. Next Regular Meeting: June 8, 2023

9. Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jeffrey Smith, Secretary