

## Minutes

### Laurens County Library Board of Trustees

April 24, 2019

4:30 pm, Meeting Room of the Laurens County Library

**Attendance:** Dr. John W. Womack, Ms. Shirley Jefferson, Ms. Sandra Power, Ms. Annette Senn Crawford, Ms. Rose Blackstone, Ms. Velma Austin, Ms. Wanda Woody, Ms. Carol Gaines, Ms. Ann Szypulski, Guests: Jeffrey Wheeler, Zach Wheeler, David Pitts

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm

The press was notified on April 10, 2019.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Ms. Woody made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Power seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

**Presentation:** Jeffrey Wheeler of Wheeler and Wheeler made a presentation concerning the possibility of redeveloping historic buildings in downtown Clinton for a library. He said that the work done was preliminary and showed the possibility of remodeling the Industrial Supply building. Mr. Wheeler answered questions from the board and from country councilman David Pitts.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Szypulski presented the financial report as prepared by accountant Mike Fortune. The report was accepted as information.

**Sales Tax Referendum:** Ms. Szypulski reported that the county council approved a penny sales tax referendum. It is scheduled to take place with the general election in November 2020. A committee will be appointed to decide which projects are placed on the referendum. Ms. Szypulski said a presentation to the committee will probably take place between July and October and the library should be prepared with a presentation of plans and costs. Ms. Szypulski suggested that an ad hoc advisory committee be formed to present some options to the library board at the July meeting. Dr. Womack, Ms. Woody and Ms. Gaines agreed to be on the committee.

**2019/20 Budget request:** Ms. Szypulski said the library's county appropriation budget was approved as part of a consent package at the April 23 county council meeting. She said that she will request \$40,000 for carpet when capital requests are considered.

**Directors Report:** Ms. Szypulski discussed items in the Director's Report, including plans for summer reading programs for all ages.

**Friends Report:** Carol Gaines discussed the Friends of the Library activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by Ann R. Szypulski 4/29/19