

**Jasper County Library Board of Trustees**  
**Called meeting April 9, 2019 Pratt Memorial Ridgeland, SC**

In attendance: Maureen Pihonak, Elaine Kreiling, Scott Strawn, Glenice Watts, Octavia Lewis, Michael Lewis Jeanne Cole, Tom VanSteenbergh, Marcia Cleland, Mary VanSteenbergh, Leslie Jones Hart, Darlene Thomas-Burroughs

Call to order by Elaine Kreiling 6:00 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Leslie Jones Hart; second by Glenice Watts; approved

Approval of meeting minutes: motion by Glenice Watts; second by Tom VanSteenbergh; approved

Questions on current budget--none

Correspondence: Thank you letters to donors in memory of Lily Maude Terry (\$880)

Letter from Sen. Bright Matthews to the Senate Finance Committee for increase in funding for Jasper Cty libraries

Branch Manager Reports: Marcia Cleland (Pratt):1) no VITA this year 2) old shed has been removed 3) county is working on drainage issues at Pratt 4)Summer reading program is set. Theme is "Universe of Stories" 5) April's theme is gardening--books on display. Bake sale (Statistics on request)

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Darlene Thomas-Burroughs (Hardeeville Library)

1) numbers have improved 2) minor building problems closer to being solved 3) VITA finishes in April 4) Teen events 2nd Tuesday of each month ; 5) storytime numbers are down; 6)Children's Book Week April 29-May 5; May 4 final event for Book Week; 7)April 26-Community event--Poetry night; 8)May Financial workshops for young adults and adults (Statistics on request)

Director's Report:

CDBG grant August and September for next round of grants for Pratt project improvement

Children's room decor being designed for Pratt renovation

waiting for furnishing cost

Hardeeville: book drop still a problem

Mold issue: dehumidifier on HVAC system was taken out by the city--didn't think it was necessary

Explanation of impact fees: Beaufort Ordinance 2006-24 p. 62

Library funding from state raised from \$1.75 to \$1.94 per capita with a new minimum of \$100,000

Library salaries not from state aid but only from county funds. Requested additional amounts for AHJ budget allocation from Jasper County for FY2020. Request to Jasper County to raise salary of library employees from \$7.84 to \$10.00 per hour even though beginning salary for Jasper County employees is \$12.00

Additional \$31,900 to budget is needed.

Attic access in Hardeeville Library will not happen

Old library cleaned out

Pratt Memorial renovation project:

An additional \$5,000 for research and consultation concerning best designs and refurbishment of present structure

IT/Computer maintenance:An additional \$14,760; more cost effective to take Hardeeville Library off of City of Hardeeville's It contract and put it on AHJ regional library contract. The library was told the additional cost would be provided by Jasper County; cost is \$1,230 per month.

Next called meeting July 9, 2019 Hardeeville Library

AHJ Regional Board meeting April 25, 2019 Location TBD

Adjourn at 7:30 Motion by Maureen Pihonak ; second by Leslie Jones Hart

Approved