



COUNTY OF MARATHON
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

A Special Meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees
Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.

NOTE LOCATION:

Marathon County Courthouse
Assembly Room
500 Forest St. Wausau, WI 54403

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chair – Open Session
2. Approval of Minutes
3. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (Roll call vote suggested)
 - A. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of: “Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons. . . which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations,” to wit: complaint of employee of Marathon County Public Library.
 - B. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” to wit: Library Director.
 - C. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of: “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.”
4. MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION (Roll Call Not Necessary) and Possible Announcement(s) or Action Resulting from Closed Session items
5. Request for Future Agenda Items
6. Next Meeting Dates
7. Adjournment

Signed

Library Director or Designee

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the Library Administration Office at (715)261-7213.

FAXED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and
 FAXED TO: Other Media Groups
 FAXED BY: H. Wilde
 FAXED DATE: May 24, 2021
 FAXED TIME: 3:00 p.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE

BY: _____
 DATE: _____
 TIME: _____

Meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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Present: Sharon Hunter, Gary Beastrom, Jeff Campo, Dino Corvino (arrived at 3:09 p.m.), Kari Sweeney, Michelle Van Krey, Scott Winch

Excused:

Others: Molly Adzic, Scott Corbett, Michael Puerner, von Briesen & Roper Law Firm (phone), Heather Wilde

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Sharon Hunter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECONDED BY SCOTT WINCH TO REQUEST TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(F) WISCONSIN STATUTES FOR THE PURPOSE OF: "CONSIDERING FINANCIAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL HISTORIES OR DISCIPLINARY DATA OF SPECIFIC PERSONS, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PERSONNEL PROBLEMS OR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST SPECIFIC PERSONS. . . WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON REFERRED TO IN SUCH HISTORIES OR DATA, OR INVOLVED IN SUCH PROBLEMS OR INVESTIGATIONS." TO WIT: COMPLAINT OF EMPLOYEE OF MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.**
- B. PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. SEC. 19.85(1)(G) FOR THE PURPOSE OF: "CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED."**

Scott Winch - yes
Michelle Van Krey - yes
Kari Sweeney - yes
Gary Beastrom - yes
Jeff Campo - yes
Sharon Hunter – yes
Dino Corvino – was not present for vote

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and Possible Announcement(s) or Action resulting from Closed Session items

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECOND BY DINO CORVINO TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

The library board had a discussion about personnel issues regarding Ralph Illick, Tom O'Neill and Matthew Derpinghaus. It was discussed and recommend that Mr. Illick be placed on unpaid administrative leave.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECONDED BY DINO CORVINO TO PLACE MR. ILLICK ON UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION. HE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, MAY 26. MOTION CARRIED.

The second issued discussed in closed session was the allegations against Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Derpinghaus. There was an agreement that we would put them on unpaid administrative leave.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT WINCH; SECONDED BY DINO CORVINO TO PLACE MR. O'NEILL AND MR. DERPINGHAUS ON UNPAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION. GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND UP UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS. MOTION CARRIED.

Because we are without a Library Director for one week, we need to appoint an interim.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHELLE VAN KREY; SECONDED BY SCOTT WINCH TO APPOINT LEAH GIORDANO AS INTERIM DIRECTOR WITH AUTHORITY GIVEN TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IF LEAH DECLINES THE AGREEMENT TO APPOINT ANOTHER INTERIM DIRECTOR. THIS WILL BE UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE INVESTIGATION. MOTION CARRIED.

We also need to authorize someone to supervise the suspension of Mr. Illick, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Derpinghaus. We would like Molly Adzic to do this.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF CAMPO; SECONDED BY KARI SWEENEY TO AUTHORIZE MOLLY ASZIC TO SUPERVISE THE SUSPENSION OF MR. ILLICK, MR. O'NEILL AND MR. DERPINGHAUS. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GARY BEASTROM; SECONDED BY JEFF CAMPO THAT WE, AS A LIBRARY BOARD MEET 8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, MAY 27 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM. MOTION CARRIED.

Request for Future Agenda Items – none

Next Meeting Dates – Thursday, May 27 at 8:00 a.m.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY KARI SWEENEY; SECONDED BY DINO CORVINO TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED**

/s/ Sharon Hunter

Library Board President or Designee

Note: These minutes are subject to approval at the next Special Meeting of Library Board of Trustees scheduled for May 27, 2021.