

The Special Meeting of the Library Board of Control was called to order on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm with the following:

PRESENT: Bennie Smith
Courtney Hubbell
Lauren Bordelon
Ruby LeBlanc
Francine Middleton
Carolyn Soley
Archie Chaisson, Parish President & Library Liaison

ABSENT: Tonya Hearn

Also present in the meeting room: Laura Sanders, Library Director; and Mrs. Dana Clement.

Ms. Smith stated after roll call, "We have a quorum and can move forward with our meeting."

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together.

A motion to accept the LBC agenda was made by Mrs. Hubbell, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc, and motion carried unanimously.

Public Wishing to Address the Board; Daniel Lorraine-Parish Councilmen-asking the board for an update of both Golden Meadow & South Lafourche Branches.

Archie Chiasson, Parish President and Mrs. Sanders both gave an update, "at this time, no funds have been collected from insurance or FEMA" Mr. Archie said that "the Parish has gone out to bid on the roof for South Lafourche". In an effort to bring services to the area, Mrs. Sanders, explained, "We're working closely with Councilwoman D'lynn Chiasson in Cut-Off and Mayor Mr. Bouziga, in Golden Meadow. We're repurposing one of our courier vehicles as a temporary Bookmobile "Library 2 Geaux" for our down the bayou patrons to provide some needed library services while we work on the 2 library buildings in the area. Our goal for the Bookmobile is to provide print/copying services, materials to check out, take & make crafts and WiFi services, etc. We're hoping for November 1st, but supplies have been delayed and it's hard to guarantee delivery times. The library is also planning weekly storytimes prior to Library 2 Geaux's arrival at both locations. Also, Mrs. Sanders stated, "we've changed Larose Branch hours, M-Th 8:30-7:00 & F-Sat 9:00-1:00 so patrons have more time to get to Larose and receive services there". Mr. Daniel expressed his approval of the library having reserve funds to handle the effects of such a devastating hurricane. Mrs. Sanders said that is why the library has always kept a year of funding in reserve for this very situation. Mrs. Sanders expressed that she has been personally attacked by some for this very practice but explained it was in our bylaws to do so. Because of this the library has not had to request financial assistance from the Parish when ad valorem funds were significantly delayed. At this time the library has less than \$4M, with no reserve funds left.

New Business:

1. Discussion and approval of Change Order No. 4 for the Lockport Entryway Modification Project:

Mrs. Sanders explained, "this is a balance change order for a credit of \$25,536.00 and adding an additional 40 days to the contract time due to rain delays." After some discussion on the item, a motion was made by Mrs. Bordelon, seconded by Mrs. Soley, to approve the balance change order for the library with a credit of \$25,536.00 and adding an additional 40 days to the contract time and to send this to Council for approval. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Smith yes, Mrs. Hubbell yes, Mrs. Bordelon yes, Mrs. Hearn absent, Mrs. LeBlanc yes, Mrs. Middleton yes, and Mrs. Soley yes. The motion carried 6-0-1.

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. LeBlanc, seconded by Mrs. Bordelon, and carried unanimously. The Library Board of Control was adjourned at approximately 5:30pm.