

Minutes

Finance and Properties Committee

Thursday, October 7, 1982

The meeting was begun at 4:10 p.m. Present were Mr. Marshall, Chairman, Mr. Grieve, Mrs. Rossiter, Mrs. Moore, ex officio, and Mr. Dumas.

The first item of business was a discussion of a letter from Paul Johnson of Rolling Prairie Library regarding a change RPL was proposing for inclusion in the approaching renewal of the computer-sharing contract, to wit, that maintenance costs be shared on the basis of comparative circulation instead of comparative ownership. This would result in Decatur Public Library being responsible for 58% of maintenance rather than the 21% that the present contract requires. The money difference is between about \$300 (for the upgraded equipment) under the present terms and about \$850 under the proposed terms (plus an increase of 10% after January 1). It was the consensus that the new proposal had little merit in it with respect to its impact on the Decatur Public Library, but that the Library did have an interest in certain changes in the contract to guarantee the security of the Library in its continued use of the computer and in increased access to the computer. It was suggested that comparative number of parts each library had might be a basis for allocation of maintenance cost and that the Committee would meet with representatives of RPL to negotiate the differences.

The second item of business related to a proposal from Decatur Refrigeration regarding an extended four-year warrantee on the new air conditioner compressor. It was the consensus that the cost of about \$1,500 was excessive, and that the Library would self insure.

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