

Minutes

Finance and Properties Committee Meeting

January 14, 1982

Present: Mr. Marshall, Chair; Mr. Mueller, Mrs. Rossiter; Mr. Seidman;  
and Mr. Dumas


The Committee convened at the Evans Branch at 3:30 p.m. to inspect the property prior to opening bids for the sale of the property. After inspection and discussion of the condition of the building, the Committee adjourned to the Board Room at the Central Library and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

After call to order by Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dumas reported on his conversation with Mrs. Donna McIntosh of the South Wheatland Township Library Board: South Wheatland Library had previously contacted Mr. Dumas about the possibility of contracting with the Decatur Public Library for Library service and he had met with the South Wheatland Library Board about the matter and subsequently had reported to the Personnel and Public Relations Committee who had approved in principle of extending service to South Wheatland on a contractual basis, the terms of which were to be worked out in the Finance and Properties Committee. Apparently interest had waned for a time but now South Wheatland was indicating interest and had requested firm costs.

Mr. Dumas presented figures indicating that, based on current costs, service could be extended for approximately \$22,000 - \$24,000 a year. However, South Wheatland did not contemplate beginning such service until fiscal 1983/84 at which time the costs would be somewhat greater. There was general discussion of the suggested figure, the likely effect of the cost on the South Wheatland Library tax rate and the political implications of a disparity between the Decatur and the South Wheatland Library tax rates.

It was the tentative conclusion of the Committee that service should not be extended for less than \$30,000 and that if a contract were extended that the South Wheatland Library tax rate should eventually match the Decatur library tax rate. It was the further consensus that the tentative position should be reported to the Board from whom more input should be solicited.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

  
Robert H. Dumas, City Librarian