

Oconee County Library Board Meeting
Minutes for January 9, 2023
4:30 p.m.
Oconee County Library

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The following members of the Board were present: Chairman Mark Campbell, Vice-Chairperson Rubielen Norris, Secretary Laura French, Mike Eddy, Matt Stephens, Rachel Watson, Jonathan Kirkpatrick, Deann Craft, Daphne Norton, Angela Moss-Hill, Fred Lutz, and Mandy Marable. Oconee County Library and Athens Regional Library System members were also present, including James Mitchell, Valerie Bell, Toby Mayfield, and Donna Butler.

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Norris made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick, which was unanimously passed by the Board.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Mitchell provided his Librarian's Report to the Board. His written report is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Mayfield provided her Assistant Director's report for regional services. Her written report is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Bell provided her Director's Report to the Board. Her written report is attached to these minutes.

The Friends of the Library Reports were provided by the Bogart Friends and Watkinsville Friends. The Bogart Friends are in a regrouping phase as they have lost their facility. The Watkinsville Friends have their upcoming book sale February 9-12, 2023 at the Civic Center. Ms. Norris encouraged everyone to attend and volunteer.

Mr. Campbell provided a report to the Board regarding the new library. The plans have been approved by the City of Watkinsville, and we have moved into the bid phase of the project. There are six bids that have been submitted. The analysis of bids was provided to the Board and is attached to these minutes as an exhibit. The recommendation of the staff and Chair is to proceed with Garland and Associates as the low bid, and because Garland has been on time and within budget on the Bogart Library project. Upon motion made by Mr. Eddy, seconded by Ms. Norris, the Board unanimously approved entering into a construction contract with Garland and Associates for the new Oconee County Library.

Mr. Campbell also discussed commemorative naming opportunities for the Oconee County Library at Wire Park. Donor opportunities range from \$1,000 up to \$75,000. One donor has submitted a pending donation in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Campbell encouraged the Board C

Chairman Campbell announced it would be in order to elect officers for 2023. He noted that Ms. French was stepping down as Secretary, and it would be in order to select a new Secretary for the Board. Upon motion by Ms. French, seconded by Ms. Marable, the following individuals were unanimously elected to serve as Officers for 2023:

Mark Campbell, Chairperson
Rubielen Norris, Vice-Chairperson
Fred Lutz, Secretary

There being no further business, upon motion made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Craft, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bogart Library.

Mark Campbell, Chairman

Laura French, Secretary