

**AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 – 1:00 PM**  
**OCONTO COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**OCONTO FALLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY 251 N. MAIN STREET, OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154**  
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This is an open meeting of a Non-Standing Committee of the Oconto County Board of Supervisors. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the newspapers and to all news media who have requested the same as well as by posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the Office of the County Clerk and from the County's website calendar: [www.co.oconto.wi.us](http://www.co.oconto.wi.us)

- 1. Call to Order & Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - 2.1. Change of Sequence
  - 2.2. Removal of Items
- 3. Communications**
- 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings (Enc.)**
- 5. Discuss Library Structure Options**
  - 5.1. County creates a consolidated system with a new branch for unserved municipalities only
  - 5.2. County creates a consolidated system with unserved municipalities and acquires an existing branch(s)
  - 5.3. Full consolidation model (at current operational funding levels)
  - 5.4. Joint libraries across the county (at current operational funding levels)
  - 5.5. Joint library agreement expansion and reassessment of current funding obligations
- 6. Identify Future Agenda Items**
- 7. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)**
- 8. Select a Date/Location for the Next Meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

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Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.

c: Committee; County Administrator, Finance Director, Corporation Counsel, Library Services Board Members, County Librarians, NFLS, Oconto County Board Chair, Gary Frank, Media (via email); County Website; Central File, Official Posting Location (Physical Copy)

kp/Date Posted: 11/13/2023

**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 – 1:00 PM**  
**OCONTO COUNTY LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**FARNSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY 715 MAIN STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153**  
[www.co.oconto.wi.us](http://www.co.oconto.wi.us)  
*(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)*

**COMMITTEE PRESENT:** Debra Schroeder, Farnsworth Public Library Rep; Judy Patenaude, Lena Public Library Rep; Dawn Byars, Gillett Public Library Rep; Kathleen Marsh, Lakes Country Library Rep; Susan Mogged, Oconto Falls Library Rep; Joan Denis, Nicolet Federated Library Systems Board Rep; Al Sleeter, Administration Committee Rep; David Parmentier, County Board Supervisor Rep; LoAnn Elbe, Suring Library Rep; Vicki Gooding, Library Services Board Rep

**COMMITTEE ABSENT:** Chris Augustine, County Board Supervisor Rep

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk; Amy Peterson, Farnsworth Public Library; Katie Essermann, Lakes Country Library; Lori Repinski, Lakes Public Library; Rachel Pascoe, Oconto Falls Library; April De La Ruelle, Lena Public Library; Ben Pytleski, Lena Public Library; Tom Bitters, County Board Supervisor District 16; Pat Scanlan, County Board Supervisor District 11; Jean Grosse, Candie Lehto, Bonnie Hearley, Hannah Zima, Connie Meyer

**10. Call to Order & Introductions**

Schroeder called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**11. Approval of Agenda**

11.1. Change of Sequence – None.

11.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Patenaude/Parmentier to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

**12. Communications – None.**

**13. Approval of Previous Meeting Proceedings**

Motion by Sleeter/Byars to approve the August 23, 2023 minutes/proceedings. The motion was voted on and carried.

**14. Discuss Library Structure Options**

Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, reviewed pro/cons of different structure options, how Friends of the Library groups could impact funding sources, change in terminology from unserved to non-represented as all municipalities are receiving library services, management structures (Director vs Branch Manager), how the expansion of library agreements and service population could affect library directors, if the state will grandfather current directors, how changes are made to joint agreements (avoiding library hopping), Discussion followed.

Pytleski reviewed the math for options 5.1 – 5.4 below. Discussion followed.

14.1. County creates a consolidated system with a new branch for unserved municipalities only

14.2. County creates a consolidated system with unserved municipalities and acquires an existing branch(s)

14.3. Full consolidation model (at current funding levels)

14.4. Joint libraries across the county (at current funding levels)

Committee asked for information from counties that have made changes to their library structures.

**15. Identify Future Agenda Items**

- County creates a full consolidated system taxed outside the levy limit.
- Create new joint agreements with unrepresented municipalities; Little Suamico and Chase remain unrepresented.
- Create new joint agreements with unrepresented municipalities; Little Suamico creates a new library and Chase remains unrepresented.

- Create new joint agreements with unrepresented municipalities; Little Suamico and Chase remain unrepresented and contribution adjustments for those currently in agreements that have not seen an increase in recent years.

**16. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)** – None.

**17. Select a Date/Location for the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oconto Falls Community Library 251 North Main Street, Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

**18. Adjournment**

Motion by Patenaude/Parmentier to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. The motion was voted on and carried.

Kim Pytleski, Recorder

kp/Date Posted: ~~10/20/2023~~ 11/13/2023