

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Timothy Barden, Assistant County Administrator
Doug Jones, Library Director

Subject: Request Board Approval of Appointments to the Library Advisory Board

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval of appointments to fill positions on the Library Advisory Board.

Background:

The Library Advisory Board consists of seven members, one from each County Commission District and two at-large members. In order to qualify for this position, members must live in the district they represent and must be registered voters in Wakulla County. Members terms coincide with those of the elected Board of County Commissioners they represent, and in the case of the two at-large members, four year terms staggered two years apart.

The Library Director spoke with each Commissioner about their appointments and all deferred to the Library Director to select someone appropriate. After careful consideration, the Library presented each Commissioner his recommendations. Those recommendations were approved by each Commissioner and are put forth before you in this agenda item.

This agenda item requests the appointment of individuals to fill positions on this board.

- District I- Alan Brock. Staff recommends the appointment of Molly Clore, 13 Card Lane, Crawfordville, Florida, to represent Commissioner Brock. She will replace Mr. Fred Hollis, Commissioner Langston's representative. Ms. Clore's term will end December 2012.
- District III- Mike Stewart. Staff recommends the re-appointment of Mr. Paul Johnson, 537 Hickorywood Drive, Crawfordville, Florida to represent Commissioner Stewart. Mr. Johnson previously represented Commissioner Brimmer in this District. Mr. Johnson's term will end December 2012.

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- District IV- Howard Kessler. Staff recommends the appointment of Ms. Linda Sheldon, 16 Bryant Street, Crawfordville, Florida, to replace Molly Clore who recently moved from District IV to District I. Ms. Sheldon's term will end December 2010.
- District V- Lynn Artz. Staff recommends the appointment of Mr. David Roddenberry, 170 Municipal Avenue, Sopchoppy, Florida, to represent Commissioner Artz. Mr. Roddenberry will replace Mrs. Mary Butera, Commissioner Lawhon's representative. Mr. Roddenberry's term will end December 2012.
- At-Large I. Staff recommends the re-appointment of Marj Law to this position. Ms. Law, 151 Country Club Road, Crawfordville, Florida, is currently the Library Advisory Board's representative on the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries Governing Board. Ms. Law's term will end December 2012.

No changes are necessary in the following 2 districts:

- District II-George Green. Patricia Thomas, 2237 Bloxham Cutoff Road, Crawfordville, Florida, represents Commissioner Green. Her term will end December 2010.
- At-Large II. Sue Belford, 40 Yarbrough Road, Crawfordville, Florida, serves as a liaison to the Friends of Wakulla County Public Library. Ms. Belford's term will end December 2010.

All of these individuals live in the Districts they represent or in the case of at-large members, in Wakulla County, and are registered voters.

Analysis:

The Library Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the County Commission in respect to all matters pertaining to the public library and its cultural activities, facilities, plans and programs. The Library Advisory Board has no power or authority to commit the County government to any policies or financial obligations, or to create any liability on the part of the county. No actions or recommendations of this Advisory Board are binding upon the County until approved or adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

One member of the Library Advisory Board serves as one of two Wakulla representatives on the Wilderness Coast Public Library Governing Board. The other member represents the Board of County Commissioners. The BOCC member is currently Commissioner Kessler.

Options:

1. Approve the respective appointments to the Library Advisory Board.
2. Do not approve the respective appointments to the Library Advisory Board.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option # 1- Staff recommends that you fill the current vacancies on the Library Advisory Board by appointing or re-appointing the nominated individuals.