

Beatty Library Meeting Minutes

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400 N. 4th Street, Beatty, NV 89003

Tuesday July 9, 2024

2:00 pm

Charlie Lix, Chair; Frank Suchy, Vice Chair; Diane Pierce, Secretary; Carol Stephens, Treasurer; Stephanie Beecham, Director

BEATTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

Call to Order at 2:10pm.

1. **Roll Call**– Charlie Lix Chairman; Frank Suchy, Vice Chair; Diane Pierce, Trustee; Laurel Hickenbotham, Library Aide; David George, Interim Library Director. Michelle Nelson, Assistant District Attorney, Patti Butler, transcriber.
2. **General Public Comment** – None
3. **Approval of the Agenda for July 9, 2024**
4. **Trustee Comments** – None
5. **Approve and Amend or Approve the Minutes of May 14th and June 1st – Motion approve the May 14th and June 1st minutes by Frank Suchy 2nd by Diane Pierce. No Public Comment. Approved.**
6. **Library Director's report regarding Library activity for June 2024** – David – 85 patrons 10 computer users Budget Hearing and budget was passed. Charlie asked if David attended the meeting. Dave explained that he sent copies of the budget with the board signatures on it to the state and he got a letter back stating it was approved. **No Public Comment.**
7. **Discussion, Deliberation Regarding the Library's Expenditures, including Payment of Bills, Revenues, Petty Cash, & Collections Reports** – Reports are all in the packets except the expense and revenue reports. David's passwords expired for Eden, and he emailed the county for a new one but hasn't gotten it yet. Charlie Reopened this item to questioned the amount of money the McArthur accounting firm charges us and whether we can get our audit done by the county, if that's a conflict of interest, or if there is any cheaper way. McArthur charged \$6488.00 to audit our financial statements and assist with preparation with the financial statements. David was told by the State Dept. of Taxation that we needed an audit each year. Charlie questioned whether the former library director steered the business to McArthur and if we could get it done differently or less expensive. David said he was told by the State Dept. of Taxation that they use McArthur. Diane questioned if we should look around Charlie said because McArthur knows all the ropes and which boxes to check so that our audits go smoothly we should stay with them.
8. **Discussion, Deliberation Regarding Public Bathroom Addition and Update on a Possible Grant from AshantiGold** – Diane did not talk to AshantiGold because she first wanted to hear from Buildings and Grounds (B&G) to find out if they are responsible for the addition. She has not heard from B&G back yet. Because if it's up to B&G to do the addition, then why do we need a grant? Diane is not sure what the protocol is. David was informed by a previous employee that the county is not responsible for the

building. Laurel found that the building was built from a grant in 1978. Charlie stated that it is his opinion that it is covered by the county, they have covered issues in the past. Michelle said she will reach out to B&G to get a response. Diane feels she needs that information before she reaches out to AshaniGold for a grant. Charlie said we will carry this item over to the next agenda. **No Public Comment**

9. **Discussion and Deliberation on Progress made to Acquire New Board Members** – David notified the county and they will advertise and put a notice in the Pahrump Valley Times. They sent us a copy of the ad. We posted it in the library, Chamber of Commerce and on the Townsite news. Patti stated that when she was at the BTAB meeting the previous night she announced that there were openings on the board.
10. **Discussion, Deliberation regarding the purchase of an outside garbage can and security lighting** – Laurel. She and Frank looked at the cost of garbage cans and its very expensive \$700.00 - \$800.00. She thought it was worth it to purchase one for \$40.00, put bricks in the bottom and chain it to a tree. Marty who is our landscaper, suggested Harbor freight has reasonably priced solar security lights and we should put them up at the back of the building, and front door. Because we have no outdoor lighting. Charlie wasn't sure if the solar would work very well on the north side of the building. After discussion on where to put the wiring. Discussion started regarding the trash can, Charlie suggested getting a \$700.00 garbage can surround and doing it right. What kind of an image are we projecting by chaining a trash can to a tree? Charlie made the motion to purchase 3 solar security lights (front, side and rear doors) at Harbor Freight at a cost not to exceed \$100.00 and to study the purchase of a quality garbage can surround and the concrete and bolts to secure it. 2nd by Frank. Charlie will pick up the lights. No public comment. Approved.
11. **Discussion. Deliberation, regarding Establishing a Policy Regarding the Banking of Overtime Hours** – Diane – she was going to talk to county human resources and find out what constitutes overtime. Our employees only work 19 hours a week. Overtime in Nevada is over 8 hours in a day or over 40 in a week. So Patti said what we are "calling" overtime hours is anything over 19 hours, because 19 is the maximum hours we schedule and budget for. In the policy we can state that anything over 19 hours in a week can be banked and taken as paid time off. Patti said it is done at the Chamber and it's on the honor system. You have a log or time sheet but it doesn't go into county payroll. Discussion ensued about how to log the time. Motion made by Charlie to develop a system of keeping track of banking and using "overtime" hours for employees. 2nd by Diane **No public comment, Approved**
12. **Discussion, Deliberation regarding hiring Wish Upon A Princess (WUaP) party entertainment service from Pahrump to present during the month of October as a Halloween surprise.** Laurel – there are papers in the packets. Trying to find something differed we have hired people in the past to offer a little pizzazz to our parties, Laurel thought they were pretty reasonable, \$140.00 for 1 character plus \$20.00 for gas. Games are included a 2nd character is an additional \$50.00 They do face painting, sing dance, games and have prizes. We put out money for food and prizes for other programs and we could do this for Halloween earlier in the month of October. Michelle questioned whether this was just for girls or women because it's called wish upon a "princess". Laurel stated no, it's for all including parents. Charlie made the motion to hire WUaP service for 2 people with a \$250.00 limit. 2nd – Frank. **Public comment** – Diane said she doesn't like the name Princess, it would discourage boys. Laurel explained this would not be the name of the party but it's the name of the company. **Approved.**
13. **Discussion, deliberation regarding updates and status of the Pink House including Maintenance and Repairs** – Frank, maintenance is ongoing, repairs – it's too hot to be outside. Charlie stated that he found a map where the property of the pink house is being encroached upon by the Atomic Inn. He

said there is a triangle of the property that is in question that the Atomic Inn has built on. Michelle will inquire if there are issues with respect to ownership and said there needs to be a Quiet Title action filed. Patti said it would be to our advantage to get a surveyor and have the entire lot marked out. If the Atomic Inn is claiming ownership they would have to prove it. Michelle explained the quiet title goes before a judge to determine ownership. Patti stated that a title company does not stand behind a title search, there is a fine print disclaimer stating they are not responsible for the information in the report and will not stand behind it. Patti said she still believed it would be in our best interest to do both the Quiet Title and Survey. Michelle asked for the lot APN and Patti said she will get it for her. **We will bring this issue back next month.**

14. Future Meetings – Tuesday August 13, 2024 at 2:00pm

15. Public Comment – None

16. Adjourn – 3:04pm

Respectfully Submitted – Patti Butler