

**Aurora Free Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting
September 9, 2019**

Present: Jim Burkett, Barb Blom, Debbie Hoke, Thea Miller, Steve Moolin, Julie Schneider, Ellen Baker-Wikstrom, and Sandy Groth.

Excused: Rufus Bates

Call to Order at 5:30 pm

2019/2020 Library Construction Discussion

Toured 'Old Jail' and reviewed scope of reconstruction work.

Wide ranging discussion with key points following:

- Focus should be on the Old Jail being a program and meeting space.
- Discussed supervision policies needed for an out-of-the-way location such as the Old Jail.
- Next step is to look at other library best practices and consult with FLLS legal counsel around supervision liability issues.

Scope of work and cost discussion

- Agreed that we should strive to get the entire scope described at Old Jail, Main Street entry reconstruction, and wood floor reconstruction in first floor reading rooms up to possible \$90,000. Steve will run the \$90K and distribute spreadsheet to Board subsequent to the meeting.
- Discussed option of using CNY Community Foundation Funds (\$155K was earmarked for preservation). Suggested we investigate bridging loans that may have interest rates lower than the 5% to 5.5% the CNYCF is earning in the long run.

Debbie Hoke moved that the Board authorize the President to sign the Assurances for the Public Library Construction Grant Program for state FY 2019/2020. Seconded by Ellen Baker-Wikstrom. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 6:35 pm Steve made motion. Julie seconded. Approved unanimously.