

# THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

East Seventh Place and Court Street

The Dalles, Oregon 97058

March 3, 1977

The March 1, 1977 Board Meeting was canceled because of a lack of a quorum.

If someone has a suggestion for another meeting date before the next scheduled meeting please let me know so that we can make arrangements. I can not come March 7 as I have an appointment to conduct a tour of the library for a group at 7:30 P.M..

On February 23 Meg Smith, Jim Kribs and I met with the County Court to discuss the 1977-78 budget. At the suggestion of B. Smith, District Attorney, I made some changes in the budget proposal. The effect was to appropriate the entire amount for the proposed security system in one year rather than in two. Also, I abandoned the possibility of converting our part-time position to a permanent position; this resulted in a savings of approximately \$4,000.

The County Court gave a tentative approval to the budget proposal and to the requested increase. We asked for an increase of \$1,000 from Revenue Sharing and an increase of 8% from the general fund, the entire amount to be matched by the City. The City would contribute an additional \$2,000 to offset receipts from the Library.

I have enclosed a copy of the amended budget proposal.

The present situation is that the County Court has approved our budget proposal and will recommend it to the County Budget Committee. Formal acceptance depends on approval by the County Budget Committee and the County's revenues for next year. In the event that the City can not match the County's share will be reduced proportionally. Salary increases had to be estimated and if they are higher than anticipated we would have to absorb them from within the library budget. The City Manager and the City Budget Committee have not yet reviewed the library budget.

The amended budget basically represents the minimum in salaries and materials in order to get the security system in one year. If there are any unexpected personnel costs or city shortages of significance it will be necessary to abandon the security system or defer part of the costs, if the County will agree.

I went to a meeting in Salem in February for a discussion of a proposed cooperative library automated circulation system network. I have enclosed copies of the brochure describing the potential of such a system and the Gaylord GLS service. It is obviously at least a year away but there was great interest shown by the 34 libraries represented.

Richard Wagner