

Law Library
Board Minutes
December 18, 2002

A law library board meeting was held on December 18, 2002 at 4 PM in the law library. Board members in attendance were Tom Kelly, Chuck Paschke, Judge Douglas, Judge Johnson and Elmer Eichelberg.

The purpose of this meeting is to address the question of whether the law library should contribute another \$25,000.00 to the new library construction. The total is then \$75,000.00

Mr. Kelly remains neutral and opens the matter to discussion after reading the last correspondence concerning Richard Norman's public request for more than the \$50,000.00 contributed from the law library fund for the new library project.

Eichelberg points out that the county board is grateful for the contribution. However the costs are increasing due to new heat pumps and removal of a solid wall to facilitate the new library, therefore the requested increase.

Johnson raises the question of when will these requests for more contribution end. Both Kelly and Johnson envision no additional financial contributions should the board agree to the additional \$25,000.00

Kelly points out the project will continue whatever the board decides, and Johnson says to pay it because it serves the public, buys peace and shows the library's good intentions.

Kelly adds that the library board not ask for any concessions including the new conference room, and Johnson concurs.

Eichelberg states the matter will not be brought up again. Eichelberg also tells the board of the pending ways and means committee meeting on December 31, 21002 and Mr. Engels fee adjustments on the whole project.

Douglas states he is against giving an additional \$25,000.00, because a new building is needed for county business. However, realizes the matter is out of his hands and to give the \$25,000.00 but no more.

Kelly asks for a motion on the matter and Johnson makes motion to give the additional \$25,000.00, seconded by Paschke. Kelly asks for further discussion on the motion. Johnson does not want the law library to be sandbagged, or a whipping boy for the project. Douglas votes against the additional funding. The motion is then carried by a 4-1 majority vote.

Kelly adds that while the library has no obligation, out of its kindness makes this contribution. Kelly instructed McCoolley to send Richard Norman a memo that the library board agrees to an additional \$25,000.00 but that is it, no more. Any additional requests for funding will be resisted.

Johnson says to keep the memo simple.
Eichelberg feels members should also carry the message individually to other commissioners.

Johnson moves to adjourn, second by Paschke and unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM

Respectfully submitted

John McCooley
Law Librarian