

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of the)
Future of the Library)

RESOLUTION

#88-8

WHEREAS, the Library Board and Head Librarian have taken the lead in developing a long term library plan and implementing it. The plan included recommendations for achieving stable and adequate funding through a Tri-County Library System or a Special Service District.

WHEREAS, despite the concerted efforts of the Library Board, Head Librarian, and concerned citizens, the proposed Special Library Service District did not obtain approval of the county's cities.

WHEREAS, there is currently no legally and politically viable means to achieve a regional library system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. if the Library Board and the Library Association believe that a change in governance of the Library is desirable and agree on a plan, the Board of County Commissioners will consider their proposal. The Board of County Commissioner's Strategic Planning Committee will review the proposal and report to the Board. If the Library Board and Library Association feel that a change is not needed, the Board of County Commissioners will continue to contract with the Library Association.

2. that the Board of County Commissioners commends the Library Board and Head Librarian for their leadership in attempting to achieve adequate and stable long term funding for the library and for their work in developing cooperative agreements with neighboring counties.

3. that the Board of County Commissioners will support legal changes to facilitate formation of a regional library system.

4. that in the absence of a long range funding solution which would provide stable and adequate funding for the library, the Board of County Commissioners plans to provide funding for the libraries commensurate with our past support. In addition, the Board of County Commissioners will work with the Library Board and Head Librarian to pass another serial levy in 1990 to maintain quality library services.

5. that the Chair should determine whether the public members of the Library Board would like to continue to serve and reappoint or replace them accordingly. As part of that survey, the Chair should develop staggered terms of office for the five public members to ensure continuity.

Dated that 28th day of January, 1988.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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