

RESOLUTION #19-26

A RESOLUTION TO PURSUE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH WEST BEND COMMUNITY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the purpose of the public library system law is to make quality library resources and services readily available to all citizens of the State of Wisconsin and to promote the development and improvement of public libraries in order to encourage the most effective use of library resources in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Washington County will be required to subsidize other counties' libraries in the amount of \$160,989 for unserved residents, due to 2005 Act 420; and

WHEREAS, such subsidies result in many residents paying for out-of-county libraries they do not utilize, while Washington County libraries' resources are cut; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 43 of the Wisconsin Statutes allows counties and municipalities to create joint libraries to serve the entire population; and

WHEREAS, joint libraries could reduce Washington County library levy dollars from leaving the county, and improve services to Washington County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board that the Village of Jackson pursues the development of a Joint Public Library with the City of West Bend, town of West Bend, town of Barton, town of Trenton, town of Jackson, and Village of Newburg.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board seeks approval from the Washington County Board and Washington County Library Services Board to create a Joint Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board requests an opinion of the Department of Public Instruction on the feasibility and desirability of establishing a Joint Public Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Washington County Clerk, each clerk of the participating municipality for the development of the proposed Joint Library, and the Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries and Technology.

Introduced by: T. Hippold

Seconded by: T. Olsen

Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nay

Passed and Approved: Sept. 10, 2019

Michael E. Schwab
Michael E. Schwab – Village President

Attest: Jilline S. Dobratz
Jilline S. Dobratz – Village Clerk

Proof of Posting:

I the undersigned, certify that I posted this Resolution on bulletin boards at the Village Hall, Post Office, and one other location in the Village.

Jilline S. Dobratz
Village Official

September 11, 2019
Date