

Carthage Public Library District
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting – January 30, 2026, 4:30 pm

Present: John Dittmer, Ann Thompson, Sarah Talley, Andy Bastert, Dean McHugh, Amy Gee Architect Darren Schretter and Interior Designer Sophia Trajcevski from Studio GC joined us virtually via Teams

President John Dittmer called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Darren reported that he received an updated quote for Aurora shelving from Henricksen. Although it was less than their original quote, it was still higher than the quote from LFI.

We reviewed the quote from LFI for Estey shelving, which totaled \$177,884.73. We will use the children's shelving we received from another library, so we can deduct \$17,790.93, reducing the total to 160,093.80. The delivery and installation amount will also be reduced.

We will still order end panels and canopy tops from LFI for the used shelves, but we will need to update the measurements, which may change the amount quoted. We are also waiting for samples to select the color of the shelves and end panels.

Darren received an updated furniture proposal from Hendrickson. Library staff have made many changes in the choice of furnishings in an effort to reduce costs. The cost of the revised quote is \$75,504.87. Amy and Studio GC will review the quote for accuracy.

These two quotes together total just under \$236,000. Since the proposals still need to be reviewed and updated, we can't sign the quotes as presented tonight, but we wish to be able to move forward in a timely manner.

John made a motion to authorize Amy to sign furnishing and shelving contracts for a total not to exceed \$250,000. Seconded by Sarah. Passed.

Darren informed us that after we finalize and sign the shelving contract, the company then prepares shop drawings, which take a couple of weeks. Once Darren has approved them, it usually takes almost 16 weeks for the shelves to be delivered and installed.

After the video call ended, Amy showed the board members the fabrics and finishes that the staff had chosen for the various furniture pieces.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Amy Gee, Library Director