

# Decennial Committee on Local Government Meeting

June 8, 2023

Lillie M. Evans Library 6:00 pm

## Minutes

The first meeting of the Lillie M. Evans Library Decennial Committee on Local Government was called to order on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:01 pm. Resident Teresa Bouton, Resident Marie Horrie, Director Beth Duttlinger, Board Member Angie Daily, Board Member Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Board Member Diane Smith, Board Member Rachel Wilson, and Board Member Deb Givens were present. Board Member Randy Ingle arrived at 6:43pm. Board Member Zach Waldis was absent.

**Introduction of committee and chair**—Board President Gayle Johnson-Brackett and Director Beth Duttlinger will co-chair the committee. The committee members are made up of the Lillie M. Evans Library District’s Board of Trustees, the Library Director and 2 residents of the district.

**Purpose of committee**—the purpose of the committee is “to study and report on local government efficiency” as defined in the Local Government Efficiency Act, 50 ILCS 70/1.

**Review sample report**—the committee reviewed the memo and sample report provided by the law firm, Ancel Glink to the Reaching Across Illinois Libraries (RAILS) System on March 10, 2023. The Director will draft the core programs or services offered (section IV). Committee members suggested that we include grants and initiatives (such as Bike the Trail) under awards and recognitions (section V). Libraries efficiencies suggested to include in section VI included: Senior Volunteer Day (PHS), Food Pantry collection, Peoria County Christmas light collection, Village spraying sidewalks for weeds, Summer Reading tokens with local merchants, Shred Days with PSB and Haskell Funeral Services, wifi devices ordered for PHS, Joint Board meetings, partnerships throughout the years with Museum and partnerships with PCA. We reviewed the list of documents in section VIII. The committee suggested we include Inspiration Celebrations, yoga, movie nights, grants, utilizing free resources like Discord and Canva, and our LRP process as things we have done well (section IX). For section X, we identified this law (Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act) and other unfunded mandates as inefficiencies. We plan to include a statement about how these inefficiencies impact our services/programming and duplicates other reporting requirements. For section XI, we feel that the LME Library is a responsive organization that can address inefficiencies when we find them but we will review. We may use a phrase similar in section XI if we do not have any additional recommendations when the study is complete.

**Identify areas of focus**—the committee felt that reviewing Serving our Public 4.0 (which we have to do for Per Capita grants anyway) was an efficient way to evaluate our progress, identify

inefficiencies, and improve any weaknesses. We've been reviewing Serving our Public of decades so we are always looking of inefficiencies and how to improve library services.

**Survey of residents who attended asking for input on the matters discussed at the meeting—** no other residents attended the meeting so there was no one to contribute.

**The next meeting was set for November 9, 2023 at 6pm at the LME Library.**

**Adjourn—**Teresa Bouton moved and Diane Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. All ayes, motion carried.