

# *Chelsea Public Library*

## *Board of Directors*

Meeting: September 8, 2011

Present: Charles Woodrow, Dana Polk, Earlene Isbell, Dawn Wilson, Tamara Roethig, Kim Roberts (Assistant director Harrison Regional), Mary Hedrick (Shelby County Information Technology), and Mike Denton.

Charles Woodrow called this special informational meeting to order at 10:00 am.

No minutes from the last board meeting were presented.

Financial Report: None

Directors Report: Dana reported that circulation numbers are down a little from having been closed for the move this year, but in the months after the move the circulation statistics have been higher.

Old Business: None

New Business: Kim and Mary presented the plan to migrate the library computer system from its current location in Columbiana to Pelham. Currently all libraries are joined with Harrison Regional via T1 lines. The proposal to move the computer system to Pelham County Services building gives us several advantages:

- Can change from AT&T to Charter cable which will result in a reduction of fees for each library.
- The internet speed will be approximately 13 times faster with Charter cable.
- We will be able to add streaming of video which is unavailable with current connection.
- It will be possible to add social media for the libraries.
- There will be one consolidated bill to Harrison Regional instead of each library paying separately.
- The Pelham County Services building houses the 911-call center so it is unlikely that power will be lost.

In addition to those benefits, other considerations are:

- Contracts with AT&T have expired so there are no penalty fees.
- The contract for internet is out for bids, and it might be possible to waive the installation fees.

Charter internet is not currently available in Columbiana.

The Chelsea Library phone is still part of the City phone lines, and has a two-year contract with Charter for VIOP over internet. Once this contract is up, it might be possible to negotiate a lower price.

The transfer will probably take place over a Friday-Sunday in December and hopefully will have minimal down time. This is one of the slowest seasons for the libraries.

Currently the system must be turned off when storms come through. Since the new building has power backup and is built for storms, this should not be necessary once the transfer takes place.

Charter Cable and AT&T both have scheduled maintenance between midnight and 4am. so there should be no changes for scheduled maintenance.

The change to Charter will include a new filtering system called Barracuda, which will be more precise, and make it less likely that users can get through to blocked sites. Social networking can be limited, and uncategorized sites may be blocked. We would probably be changing to this filtering system due to the significant cost increases on the current system. The system currently blocks streaming (because of bandwidth-this will change once Charter service begins), hate crime and pornography.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011 at 10:00a.m.

Motion to adjourn—Tamara Roethig, seconded by Earlene Isbell, passed unanimously.  
Adjourned @ 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Wilson, filling in for Paula Baker, Secretary

*Dawn C. Wilson*