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**10.01 COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES.** (AM 15-29) **Establishment.** Pursuant to §43.57(3), Wis. Stats., a County Library Service is established to serve the residents of the County who do not live in municipalities that have established libraries under §§43.52 or 43.53, Wis. Stats. The County Library Service shall contract with existing library organizations for services.

**10.02(AM 15-29) COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD.** (1) (AM 15-29) **Membership.** The County Board Chairperson shall, subject to the confirmation by the County Board, appoint a 7 member Library Board for staggered 3-year terms for both its County Supervisors and its citizen members. In each year, the terms for the Board members shall be aligned to end on April 30 in the third year of the term. The Library Board shall include at least one school district administrator of a district located in whole or in part in the County and 2 County Board Supervisors, 2 representatives of existing Library Boards under §43.54, Wis. Stats., and 2 persons residing in municipalities not served by libraries. Where possible, membership shall reflect the various geographical areas of the County. Members shall serve only during their status as administrator, board member or resident of an unserved municipality, as originally appointed.

(2) (AM 15-29) **Organization, Compensation.** (a) At a date and place fixed by the County Board Chairperson within 30 days after the beginning of the terms, the members of the County Library Services Board shall organize, electing a Chairperson and such other officers as they deem necessary from their membership for a two-year term of the County Board.

(b) The procedural rules of order of the sec. 2.06 of this Code, and all committee rules, sec. 2.55 of this Code, not in conflict with this section shall apply.

(c) The County Clerk shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Board and shall present its budget directly to the Executive Committee.

(d) No compensation shall be paid to the members of the Library Services Board for their services, except as follows: Members, including County Board members, shall receive per diem, mileage and other necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as are allowed under this code. Per diem shall not be paid for attendance at meetings other than those of the Library Services Board unless specifically authorized in advance by the Library Services Board Chairperson and the County Board Chairperson.

(3) (AM 15-29) **Powers and Duties.** The County Library Services Board shall exercise those powers and duties included in §43.58, Wis. Stats., except as limited in this section.

(a) All powers of the Library Services Board with respect to the control and expenditure of monies collected, donated or appropriated for the library fund, the authority to purchase a site and erect a library building and the right and authority to receive a gift, bequest, devise or endowment are subject to the review and approval of the County Board. The Library Services Board is authorized to audit and approve all vouchers of the expenditures of the County Library Service, subject to the general superintending authority of the Administrative Committee of the County Board.

(b) Claims against the library service must be brought directly against Washington County and may not be presented directly to the Library Services Board.

(c) The Library Services Board shall not employ any personnel without the specific authority of the County Board, however, should personnel be authorized, the Library Services Board shall supervise the librarian and other personnel as the Library Services Board deems necessary and prescribe their duties and compensation.

(d) In the event that the Library Services Board shall be authorized to do any purchasing, the board shall purchase through the County purchasing system.

**10.03 PARTICIPATION IN FEDERATED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.**

**Authorization.** Pursuant to §43.19, Wis. Stats., Washington County hereby declares its intent to join a Federated Public Library System as proposed by the Library Planning Committee in its report adopted by Resolution No. 21-86-87 of this Board. To effectuate this purpose, the County Board Chairperson is authorized to make formal application to the recommended Federated Public Library System for inclusion of Washington County.

**10.04 FEDERATED PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD.** (1) (AM 15-29)(AM 16-36) **Membership.** The County Board shall approve the appointment of the requisite number of members to the Federated Public Library System Board consistent with §43.19(1), Wis. Stats., for staggered three-year terms. The Administrative Committee is authorized to solicit and review applications for membership and make recommendations to the County Board for consideration. Where possible, recommendations shall reflect the various geographical areas of the County.

(2) (AM 15-29) **Appointment.** The members of the Federated Public Library System Board shall be appointed in the following order and according to the categories listed. Nominations made for individuals not in the category currently being appointed shall be disregarded.

(a) The first member shall be a member of the County Board.

(b) Two members who shall be representatives of the Library Boards governing public libraries of participating municipalities.

(c) Two members who shall be persons residing in municipalities not served by libraries.

(d) Members shall serve only during their status as Board member or resident of an unserved municipality, as originally appointed.

(3) (AM 15-29) **Compensation.** No compensation shall be paid to the members of the board for their services, except that the County Board Supervisor may receive per diem, mileage and other necessary expenses occurred in performing his or her duty on the Federated Public Library System Board as authorized by the per diem code section of the County Code.

(4) (AM 15-29) **Powers and Duties.** The Federated Public Library System Board shall have those powers and duties granted by §43.58, Wis. Stats., which are appropriate to the board's jurisdiction and as similarly approved by the other county boards participating in the Federated System.

(5) (AM 15-29) **Liaison Committee.** The Administrative Committee shall serve as the liaison between the Federated Public Library System Board and the Washington County Board of Supervisors. The Administrative Committee shall be further authorized and directed to provide assistance to the County Library Services Board so as to assure coordination between the respective efforts of the Federated Public Library System Board and the County Library Services Board.