

RUPERT J. SMITH LAW LIBRARY

Minutes March 19, 2020 Emergency Meeting

Present: **Honorable Michael Linn, Chairman**
 Cathy Townsend, County Commissioner
 James Wilder, Trustee
 James Walker, Trustee
 Donna DeMarchi, Trustee
 Nora J. Everlove, Librarian

I. MINUTES:

Judge Michael Linn called the meeting to Order. This meeting is to discuss the closing of the Law Library due to COVID-19. This meeting is in Compliance of the Sunshine Statute 189.015.

II. DISCUSSION ON CLOSURE OF THE LAW LIBRARY:

Trustee Wilder brings forth a Motion for purposes of discussion as to close the Law Library to attorneys and the public until April 3, 2020 but have the library remain open for employees only to answer emails and phone calls. He is also requesting information of closing be posted on the front door of the South County facility and Fort Pierce facility along with being posted on the RJSLL website and with COSA. Closing to take place by the next business day. Closure can be re-evaluated at the next meeting

Trustee DeMarchi seconds the Motion. The Chairman calls on each Trustee for their vote and is as follows:

Trustee Walker - no
Trustee DeMarchi - yes
Commissioner Townsend - yes
Trustee Wilder - yes
Chairman Linn - yes

Motion carries and is approved by a 4 to 1 vote.

Trustee Walker is requesting discussion. He moves to have the Motion amended. He has indicated most attorneys have suspended their data agreements and are relying on research in the library. He is requesting an Amendment that excludes attorneys from the closure.

Trustee DeMarchi seconds for purposes of discussion of the Amendment request.

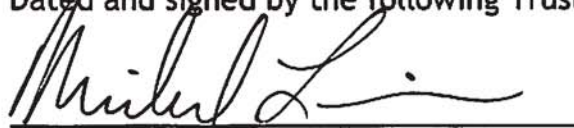
Chairman Linn calls on each Trustee for their vote on the Amendment and is as follow:

- Trustee Walker - yes
- Trustee Wilder - no
- Trustee DeMarchi- no
- Commissioner Townsend - no
- Chairman Linn - no

Trustee Walker Motions for an additional amendment that requires the librarian contact Westlaw to see if it is possible for attorneys to get a temporary password during this time for legal research purposes. Trustee DeMarchi seconds the motion and the motion is unanimously carried.

As there were no further topics for discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Dated and signed by the following Trustees this 1st day of May, 2020.



Michael J. Linn, Chairman

 for
Cathy Townsend, County Commissioner

 for
James A. Wilder, Trustee

 for
Donna DeMarchi, Trustee



James T. Walker, Trustee