

The boards of the Rosebud County Library and the Bicentennial Library of Colstrip met with the County Commissioners September 25, 1985 at 6PM at the Blue Spruce. Present were Commissioners Hank Stokke, Ed McCaffree, and Malcom McRae and Forsyth board members Mariellen Lee, Albert Martens, Jean Dahlman, Alan Rolston, Hazel Walter, Esther Dean, Librarian and Colstrip board members Retha Jakeway, Dolly Fandrich, Cliff Young, Keith Brighton, and Megan Fite, Colstrip School Librarian. Esther Dean thanked everyone for coming.

Albert Martens, Chairman opened the meeting to informal discussion at 6:55PM.

Megan Fite stated that Colstrip should be very proud of its library. It is staffed and operated completely by volunteers. They have a good selection of books and are expanding. Each year they have a fundraiser to keep it going. Retha as Chairman of the Board has trained the volunteers. Dolly is presently Chairman. Western Energy provides the building. It is one of the oldest structures in Colstrip, a two story frame house which has been remodeled. Western Energy insures the building. The Board has \$10,000 insurance on the contents.

Albert asked what the library budget was? They did not have a financial statement at hand. They stated they had a spaghetti dinner this year which raised \$450. They have received \$5,000 from the county budget for the past 2 years.

Jean raised the question, "What do you want for the library?" Dolly responded that they would like a half-time librarian. At present library hours are 9:30-11:30, 2-4, and 7-9 most of the time. The hours are irregular because it is a volunteer effort.

Mac stated that from reading the statues it is legal to form a branch library, but that would be up to the Library Board. Since the budget has been set for this year, there would be no funds available at present.

Megan asked what percentage of the mill levy would Colstrip Library get and how many dollars would be generated? Albert said that the library budget is about \$53,000. At present the levy is .217. By law, the county may levy up to 5 mills for library services. Mac replied that you first decide what's needed and then set the mill. The Commissioners have been trying to secure land in Colstrip from Western Energy. If Western Energy donates the land, Rosebud County will build a building to house Human Services. The 2 level building will have a daylight basement with the lower floor used for Senior Citizens and Library Services.