

ORDINANCE NO. 98-28

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Section 125.01(6), gives the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County the power to provide libraries; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to provide for the operation and maintaining of a free public library service within Nassau County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED this 14th day of September, 1998 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1. NASSAU COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

There is hereby created a department of Nassau County government to be known as the Nassau County Public Library System. The Library System shall function as a department of the general government of Nassau County and shall be subject to all county fiscal, administrative and personnel policies. The department shall have a single administrative head called Library Director.

Employees of the Library System shall be employees of Nassau County. As such, they shall be entitled to all benefits of such employees and shall be subject to all rules and regulations governing such employees.

The financial records of the Library System shall be the responsibility of the Nassau County Finance Department. These shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, payroll and other disbursements, and receipt and proper accounting of funds.

Facilities of the Library System shall be provided for and maintained by Nassau County Public Library System.

SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.

The Board of County Commissioners shall designate from time to time the free public libraries within Nassau County operated by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. BUDGET AND REPORTS.

The Nassau County Library Director shall file a tentative budget for the ensuing fiscal year with the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County at the time and in the manner required each year by the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 4. NASSAU COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR.

The Library Director shall be the executive officer of the Department. The Director shall be charged with the development of a single long range plan for all library outlets; development of a single annual plan of service; development of an annual budget; implementation of a long range plan, annual plan of service, and the budget; and prepare reports on behalf of the library. The Director shall, subject to the approval of the County Coordinator, employ, promote, demote or dismiss library personnel within the provisions of the annual budget and the rules of the Personnel Policy of Nassau County. The Director shall be the professional advisor to the Board in matters relating to library policies and functions and shall assist the Board in any manner possible to better the Nassau County Public Library System and its services to the citizens of Nassau County.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

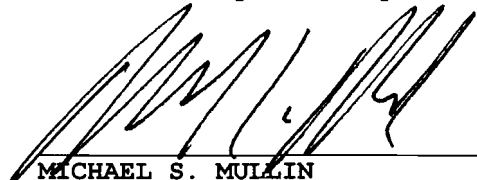


CHRIS KIRKLAND
Its: Chairman



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN