



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** January 26, 2021

**Title of Item:** Approve Request to Fill East Central Regional Library Board Vacancy

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

<b>Submitted by:</b> Jessica Seibert	<b>Department:</b> Administration
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Jessica Seibert, County Administrator	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**  
East Central Regional Library Committee has one opening. Two applications have been received.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Make appointment for the East Central Regional Library Committee opening.

**Financial Impact:**  
 Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No  
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$  
 Is this budgeted?  Yes  No *Please Explain:*

## NEWS RELEASE

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### AITKIN COUNTY HAS AN OPENING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE:

East Central Regional Library Board

\*At Large

Serve as a citizen representative from Aitkin County on the joint governing board of East Central Regional Library, along with representatives of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties. The Board is comprised of 1 county commissioner and 2 citizens appointed by each of the respective counties who are signatories of a Joint Powers Agreement. The Board is responsible for policies, goals and objectives, budget, hiring a director, and advocacy for the regional library system. Board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of the month, generally at the regional library headquarters in Cambridge with 2-3 meetings per year at one of the other branch libraries. Board members also serve on working committees as appointed by the Board President. Mileage is reimbursed.

Applications are being accepted until Noon on December 4, 2020 or until filled. The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners will make the committee selections from submitted applications during a County Board meeting. All applicants will receive notification by mail whether or not they have been selected. Applications can be found on the Aitkin County website, or call 218-927-7276 option 7 to request an application by mail.

For additional information on the East Central Regional Library Board, please email Carla Lydon @ [clydon@ecrlib.org](mailto:clydon@ecrlib.org)



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Cambridge MN 55008  
Phone (763) 689-7390

*Branches in Aitkin, Chisago, Isanti,  
Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties*

January 14, 2021

Aitkin County Board  
c/o Angie Sahr  
Aitkin County  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Nw Room 310  
Aitkin, MN 56431

Aitkin County Commissioners:

I'm writing in response to the applications you have received from Marcia Gerber and Julie Yeager for the East Central Regional Library Board. Both applicants seem well qualified, interested and either would be a welcome addition to the ECRL Board.

From my perspective, based solely on their applications, each applicant brings something unique. Ms. Yeager brings a different perspective that, I believe, would be beneficial to the ECRL Board. Both her previous experience with a Library Board in Iowa, as well as her perspective as a current member of the workforce, represent a viewpoint and experience that is missing from most ECRL Board members.

Ms. Gerber's many years of experience as a member of the Aitkin Library Friends group indicates a dedication to the improvement of library services and an existing understanding of the Aitkin Library and our services. This understanding and dedication is an asset for Board members as well.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide input regarding the appointment and appreciate Aitkin County's commitment to and support of the library. In closing, I recommend either applicant for this position. I will leave it to your discretion to determine which applicant will best represent Aitkin County in this capacity.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Lydon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Regards," text.

Carla Lydon  
Executive Director

# MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

East Central Regional Library Board

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Minnesota Statutes 15.0597, state that the application shall include a "statement that the nominee satisfies any legally prescribed qualifications and any other information the nominating person feels be helpful to the appointing authority." (May include employment, community service experience, or education that would be pertinent to this appointment)

My husband and I have owned property in Aitkin  
county since 1995. After retiring from a 27 year  
career as an elementary teacher in 2008, we have  
made this area our permanent home. We have been  
members of the Friends of the Aitkin Public Library for  
12 years where I have served as secretary since 2018.  
Additional area volunteer activities include being a  
docent at the Jacques Art Center and a driver for the Rides  
for Health program.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Marcia Gerber  
Signature of Applicant

12-29-20  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW – Room 310, Aitkin, MN 56431**

NAME OF APPLICANT: Marcia Gerber

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
37724 310<sup>th</sup> St.  
Aitkin, MN 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS 320-279-1517 (cell)  
EVENINGS 218-927-3739 (home)

**For Office Use Only**

Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY

RECEIVED

JAN 11 2020

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Statutes 15.0597, state that the application shall include a "statement that the nominee satisfies any legally prescribed qualifications and any other information the nominating person feels be helpful to the appointing authority." (May include employment, community service experience, or education that would be pertinent to this appointment)

I have served in many leadership roles throughout my career. I have been in education; as an elementary teacher, a professional development coordinator training new teachers and as a MS assistant principal.

I am currently an executive vice president at Learners Edge. Our company creates online courses for teachers nationally. I have also previously served on a smaller library board in IOWA.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Julie Yaeger  
Signature of Applicant

1.7.21  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
307 2nd Street NW - Room 310, Aitkin, MN 56431

NAME OF APPLICANT: JULIE YAEGER

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
44623 296th Lane  
Aitkin MN 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS mobile 952.240.6738  
EVENINGS \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Term #: \_\_\_\_\_