

RESOLUTION NO. 3025

WHEREAS THE CITY OF ALBANY has already approved some revenue enhancements and general fund expenditure reductions; and,

WHEREAS THE CITY shall have funds in excess of the amount designated for its contingency reserves; and

WHEREAS in an agreement with the City Council in May of 1989 the library increased its hours of service and in return received from the City Council the go-ahead for library automation; and,

WHEREAS THE LIBRARY's circulation of materials has increased by 23.9% since May of 1989 without any increase in staff; and,

WHEREAS to forestall any requests for hiring additional staff and for better utilization of present staff, and in the name of modernization and enhancement of services to a growing public; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL that the Albany Public Library be allocated \$239,000 for the purchase and installation of an automated circulation and catalog system.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 1991.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY RECORDER

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION

I have been working to get more specific and up to date information for automation of the Albany Public Library.

The system that the library has identified as most appropriate for our needs is the INLEX System. This system was chosen through a joint search with the Corvallis Public Library. This was done as a major cost savings move since Corvallis had initiated its search just prior to Albany's. Corvallis put together a search team of library professionals, the head of the city's Informations Services Department, and a hired automation consultant. They proceeded with a very thorough search sending out 30 RFP's before narrowing the field down to just a few and which they then visited on-site installations. Albany Public Library Director, Wayne Suggs, worked closely with this process because the features Albany desired were the same as Corvallis'. In fact, it was the intention of Corvallis, Albany, LBCC and OSU to join databases much like the Chemekata Regional library System. INLEX was the system selected.

Since then I have worked with the INLEX representative and the representative from Hewlett-Packard, the provider for most of the hardware for this system. We have narrowed our scope and managed to realize a considerable savings over the initial costs quoted. The cost of automating with the INLEX system is now approximately \$145,000. There is an annual fee of \$12,960 for hardware and software support, maintenance, and enhancements. In addition, the library will need to complete a number of in-house preparations including records clean-up, supplies, site work, furnishings, phone lines, and some temporary help which will cost approximately \$31,000. The total cost running to approximately \$188,690.

Just last night a group of concerned citizens suggested that the library look into an alternative system, Data Trek. Today I talked with the Data Trek representative and he has faxed some additional information to me. His initial estimate for automating the library is \$110,082 plus another \$3,600 for software support. He did not have the figures for hardware support available. There would still be the same site preparation, records clean-up, etc. costs as above. Unfortunately, the Data Trek system does not provide the system which this library needs and has some definite disadvantages which I can explain if you would like more information.