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Naming Of Executive Director For Two Units In City System Endorsed— *City, County Boards Back Library Consolidation*

By DAN DONAHUE

The wheels of consolidation that some day may bring the Stanford L. Warren and the Durham Public Libraries together were put into motion this morning at a joint meeting of the City Council and the county commissioners.

The joint body adopted a resolution backing the proposals by the boards of trustees of both libraries that an executive director be hired sometime this year who would head the new consolidated library.

Dr. Ben Powell, chairman of the board of the Durham Public Library and J. H. Wheeler, treasurer of the Stanford L. Warren Library, presented the consolidation recommendations, which included building a new library "somewhere in the center of town."

Both Wheeler and Powell said they were following the recommendations of Dr. Emerson Greenaway, who made a study of Durham's library facilities in 1963.

Dr. Greenaway recommended

that the two library boards be merged and that a new library be built.

He also recommended that the salaries of library personnel be increased so that more and better professional help may be hired.

City Councilman Charles Steele proposed a motion at this morning's meeting which, he said, "would show the members of both library boards that we are one hundred per cent behind them in their program of consolidating the libraries and hiring

a director to head the consolidated library."

The motion was adopted unanimously and the joint body agreed to incorporate into their budgets sufficient funds, "up to \$5,000," to hire an executive director to head the new library.

Dr. Powell showed slides at the meeting this morning to illustrate the need for a new library in Durham.

He showed color slides of the new libraries in Raleigh, Charlotte and Winston-Salem. By way of contrast, he showed pictures

of the old Durham Public Library.

"We need a new 'people's university' here," he said. "A new library is vital not only to the people who are here now, but also is a factor in whether or not new industries locate here."

The request for a new library was made at the same time the two library boards presented their budgets for 1964-65.

The request for the Durham Public Library totaled \$101,134, about \$9,500 more than last year.

The Stanford L. Warren Li-

brary budget request totaled \$71,048, a \$13,000 increase over last year.

Most of both increases would go to salary increases, explained Powell and Wheeler.

They said the salary increases are a "modest beginning to bringing a first-class library to Durham."

Wheeler noted that Dr. Greenaway, in his study, recommended the total annual budget for both libraries be \$349,000, and that the total budgets for next year are only about \$174,000, and

that Durham had a long way to go before they had the first-class libraries recommended by Greenaway.

Also presented at this morning's meeting were the Civil Defense and Chamber of Commerce budgets.

Lee Goodwin, director of Civil Defense, asked for a \$212 increase over last year's budget.

The new budget totals \$26,652.50.

Paul Wright, chamber president, asked \$14,000 from the city and county.

He said that out of the \$91,700

budget of the Chamber, Durham businessmen contribute \$77,700 and the city and county governments, \$14,000.

"Three years ago, when our budget was \$36,000, the city and county gave us \$15,000," said Wright. "Last year they gave us \$14,000 — the same amount we are asking this year."

All the budget requests were referred to a joint study committee of the City Council and the county commissioners. The committee will look the budget requests over and make recommendations to the joint body.