



# Arkansas State Library

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November 30, 2012

The Honorable Mary Anne Salmon, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Tommy Lee Baker, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Land Sale Review

Dear Senator Salmon and Representative Baker:

I am submitting the sale of two unimproved residential parcels owned by the Arkansas State Library for review by the Arkansas Legislative Council pursuant to A.C.A. §22-6-601(h)(2).

The properties being sold are:

- Lot 69, State Addition, Horseshoe Bend (Izard County)/ Market Value Appraisal \$1,000
- Lot 12 Block 34, Santa Fe Addition, Cherokee Village (Fulton County)/ Market Value Appraisal \$1,000

The bid process was conducted by the Arkansas Building Authority (ABA). One bid of \$100 was received for each parcel of land for a total of \$200. After discussions with ABA regarding the yearly cost of taxes on the property and the cost to rebid the land for a third time, we feel it is in the best interest of the state to sell the land for the bid amounts. ABA concurred and the sale has been approved by the Governor.

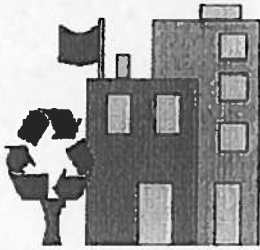
I now respectfully submit our request to you for your review.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Ashcraft  
State Librarian

Enclosures

**Arkansas  
Building  
Authority**



MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR • ANNE W. LAIDLAW, DIRECTOR

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November 9, 2012

The Honorable Mike Beebe  
Governor, State of Arkansas  
Room 250, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Sale of Land for Arkansas State Library - residential parcels located in Izard and Fulton Counties

Dear Governor Beebe:

ABA recently conducted the second bid process for the sale of the above referenced properties for the State Library. The first bid process was conducted in 2009 and the properties (land only) were appraised at \$2,000.00 (Izard County) and \$3,000.00 (Fulton County). ABA did not receive any bids for the properties on the first attempt and the Arkansas State Library elected not to rebid at that time. Recently, the two parcels were placed out for bid a second time at the request of the State Library. As with most property values in the State, their appraised value suffered as both of these properties were re-appraised recently at only \$1,000.00 each. On the second attempt, ABA received only one bid for each property. The bid amount received for each property was \$100.00 (\$200.00 total). Ark. Code Ann. §22-6-601(h)(2) allows for the sale of property for below appraised value if approved by your office and reviewed by Arkansas Legislative Council. I and staff have conferred numerous times with Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian, and her staff on these properties. It is the view of both parties that the cost for the State to maintain and pay taxes on the two parcels, as well as the resources expended on the two attempted bid processes for their sale, far exceeds the value of the properties. Therefore, it is the opinion and recommendation of this office and the State Librarian that these two rural, residential lots be sold for the bid amounts. We concur that further solicitation of these properties is not in the best interest of the state.

We therefore respectfully request that the bid amounts which are less than the appraised value be accepted by the Arkansas State Library so that they may proceed with the sale of the property to the bidder. Once so notified, this request will be placed before the Legislative Council prior the finalization of the sales.

Sincerely,

  
Anne Laidlaw, Director

Enclosures

cc: Carolyn Ashcraft, State Librarian

## Freeburn, Vicki

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**From:** Mindy Hodges [mindy@library.arkansas.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2012 10:27 AM  
**To:** Freeburn, Vicki  
**Cc:** Carolyn Ashcraft  
**Subject:** ASL Property Sale - Governor's approval

**Importance:** High

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**From:** Morril Harriman [mailto:Morril.Harriman@governor.arkansas.gov]  
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**To:** Anne Laidlaw  
**Cc:** Jon Moran; Harriett Phillips  
**Subject:** FW: Send data from MFP07483112 11/09/2012 13:41

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**From:** Jon Moran  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 1:35 PM  
**To:** Morril Harriman  
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Per your approval

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Jon,

Please find enclosed the request from ABA and ASL regarding a request to sell property for below appraised value. This issue has been going on for several years and both agencies believe that it is in the State's best interests.

Please let me know if you need any other information. If approved by the Governor, then ABA/ASL hope to make it onto the Dec agenda for Legislative Council.

Susan Wilson, Deputy Director  
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