WARRENTON

Petition drive is a success; library tax issue is on ballot

A petition drive to get a proposition calling for a 4-cent property tax increase on the April 6 ballot has been successful. If approved, the money would be used to build a new library for Warren County.

On Jan. 25, the Warren County Commission ruled that the proposal will be on the ballot after a petition containing signatures of 975 voters was submitted to the commission. Of that number, 941 were verified as registered voters by the Warren County clerk's office. Supporters of the tax increase needed 431 signatures to get the proposition on the ballot.

If the April vote is favorable, a 7,500-square-foot building will be built on a lot owned by the library district. The lot is in Warrenton, on South Highway 47. The building has been designed by LePique & Orne Architects of St. Charles. The firm also designed the McClay Branch of the St. Charles City County Library District. It opened last year.

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