

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
September 23, 2024  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Susan Finke Scott, and Mike Wilkerson. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Vern Jorck

Announcements

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 19, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Doup-Pandit moved and Frazier seconded approval of the August 19, 2024 minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 674 through 758 in the amount of \$438,359.79 were reviewed. Hatton made note of some claims including databases and 850 Tipton expenses. Wilkerson moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay Claims 674 through 758 in the amount of \$438,359.79. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Public Hearing on the 2025 Operating, Library Improvement Reserve Fund and Rainy Day Budgets. No public comment was made. Hatton presented an overview of the proposed budget. He reported that he had made some slight changes within the categories. Hatton reminded the Board that adoption of the 2025 budget is set for the October Board Meeting.

B. Additional Appropriation. Hatton reported that, as we did last year, we will need to seek County Council approval for an additional appropriation to the 2024 budget. He said we have the cash in reserves, but not the ability to spend it. The request will be on the agenda for the Council meeting on October 14.

Reports

A. Director's Report.

- Partnership with BCSC. We have over 400 students with cards now through the new partnership
- Library Design Institute. Hatton, Michelle Copple and Tricia Gilson will be attending the conference in Cincinnati. There will be several breakout sessions by an architectural firm and we will be the focus in one of the sessions regarding 850 Tipton.
- Love Where You Live. Will be held the weekend of October 4. Growing Readers will be featured as well as a concert by a Taylor Swift tribute band.
- Movie. The library will again be featured in a movie. *The Mastermind* will be using the library as the setting for an art heist. Main will be closed for about 3 days between 10/21 and 10/30.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board of the next meeting on October 21 and reminded them that we must have a quorum at that meeting to vote on the 2025 budget.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Attested:

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Laura Hack, Secretary

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Gary Gron, President