

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 17, 2025  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Vice-President Frazier.

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

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Gary Gron

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 27 Regular Board and Board of Finance meetings were reviewed. Doup-Pandit moved and Jorck seconded approval of the minutes as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 81 through 153 were reviewed. Hatton made note of some claims. Hack moved and Wilkerson seconded approval to pay claims as presented for a total of \$682,012.97. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Resolution to cancel outstanding warrants was presented. Two checks totaling \$62.46 were listed as still outstanding. Hack moved and Doup-Pandit seconded approval of the of the resolution as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

B. The recommendation of the name of the property at 850 Tipton was again brought before the board after being tabled in January. Discussion was held regarding potential name associations and the feedback Board members had received. Jorck moved and Wilkerson seconded the resolution to name the property: "The LEX: The Library of Experience." The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Hatton reminded the Board that the name will be unveiled at a ribbon cutting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and encouraged all members to be there.

C. Hatton asked for two changes to his benefits. 1) An increase in his cell phone stipend to \$100/month from \$30/month. Hack moved and Scott seconded approval of the request. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously. 2) An exception to the existing educational reimbursement policy that would allow reimbursement of the Masters in History he is currently pursuing. Hack suggested he work with the Friends or designate some of the library's professional development funds to enact a policy for all staff to take advantage

of. Consensus was that Hatton should come back to the Board with a new policy. Jorck motioned and Wilkerson seconded to table the request. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

### Reports

- No report from Teen Services due to a last-minute issue.
- Hatton reported on a proposed facility assessment from Luminaut for buildings within the system. Board consensus was to move forward with assessments at Main, Hope, and Eastside.
- 2024 statistics: Circulation is up across the board as are most statistics. Programming had a slight dip due to staff being at capacity. Digital circulation increased dramatically.
- Legislative Update: SB283 about putting County Council in charge of the library budget will not be moving forward. Property tax reform is being addressed and will likely have ramifications for us.
- Eastside: Board of Works approved the transfer of the two properties. Hatton will be getting the keys later today. He is working with Housing Partnerships to handle the renovations.
- Currently working on eRate applications for internet at The LEX and Eastside.
- Friends' Fundraiser – Library After Dark scheduled for 3/22 at 7 pm at Main – more information to come.

### Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None

### New Business

Hatton reminded the Board that the next meeting will be March 24, 2025 due to BCSC Spring Break.

### Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attested:

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Laura Hack, Secretary

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Gary Gron, President