

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 19, 2025
4:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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; Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Vern Jorck

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for April and May will be approved at the June meeting.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 282 through 367 in the amount of \$533,425.88. Hatton made note of some claims. Wilkerson moved and Frazier seconded approval to pay claims as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. None

Reports

A. Lindsey Bailey, Children's Services Manager gave an update on her department.

- Gearing up for Summer Reading. Theme is Reading Renaissance.
 - Renaissance Faire- June 14 at 4:00pm at the LEX.
- Cummins Collaboration- Library received a grant from Cummins to create a Learning to Read collection.
- Growing Readers- partnership with Viewpoint Books and local pediatrician offices. A book and literacy tips are given to every child (6 months- 5 years) at their well-child visit.

B. Director's Report

- Liz Cleland, new Communications and Engagement Manager- introduction
- The LEX- cleanup has been in progress for 2 weeks. We had a \$10,000 deductible for vandalism. No progress on finding out the culprit(s).
- Eastside- Housing Partnerships declined to quote due to too many other projects. Hope to receive quote from Repp and Mundt soon.
- System upgrade to Polaris went well with no major issues.
- Shooting incident at Jackson County Public Library. Has our staff worried. We are working on updates/retraining our active shooter plan.

- No updates on budget
- Blessing Box in front of Downtown Columbus location removed due to issues and donations being taken advantage of.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board that the next meeting will be June 16, 2025 at the Downtown Columbus branch.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President