

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 21, 2025
4:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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: Vern

Jorck Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 16, 2025 Board Meetings were reviewed. Wilkerson moved and Hack seconded approval as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 451 through 550 in the amount of \$872,347.63. Hatton made note of some claims. Wilkerson moved and Hack seconded approval to pay claims as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

- A. Eastside Renovation Quote- Hatton presented a quote from Repp and Mundt and Dunlap for the renovation at the new Eastside location. Repp and Mundt was \$96,310. Dunlap was \$136,000. Bids were also solicited from Taylor Brothers and Driftwood Builders. Both decided not to submit bids. Finke Scott moved and Jorck seconded approval of the Repp and Mundt bid as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of August.
- B. Eastside Name- Hatton recommended that the official name of the new branch should be Eastside Branch to match Hope Branch. Also, the name Eastside has been found to be very identifiable to the building with minimal negative opinions associated with it. Consensus of the Board was to get reactions from their networks and those in the Eastside community before adoption.

Reports

A. Hatton presented his Director's report. He reported on property/liability insurance at the LEX. We will be using a new company as the current company chose not to renew

based on the high claim paid out for the vandalism. Hatton also gave a quick overview of the current organizational chart and the challenges of the current structure. Updates on Hope, Eastside, and the LEX were also given. Preliminary numbers indicate that the 2026 income will be significantly less than 2025. Hatton will be presenting a more detailed preview at the August meeting. Exhibit Columbus is kicking off on August 16th.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

Attendee congratulated Laura Hack on her Women in Leadership award from the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce.

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President