

Minutes  
Bartholomew County Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
BCPL Eastside Branch  
January 29, 2026  
Board Meeting 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Susan Finke Scott, and Vern Jorck. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Monta Frazier, Mike Wilkerson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Scott moved and Jorck seconded approval as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 1001 through 1033 from 2025 in the amount of \$255,022.69 were reviewed as were 2026 Claims 1 to 68. Hatton made note of some of the claims. Hack moved and Scott seconded approval to pay claims as presented. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Eastside Petty Cash- With the new Eastside Branch, a petty cash fund is needed to make change at the desk. Hatton stated that \$25.00 is what is at Hope and seems to work well. Scott made sure security of the cash was kept in mind. Scott moved and Hack seconded to establish a \$25.00 petty cash fund at the Eastside Branch. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

B. End of Year Transfers. Hatton presented the end of the year transfers that need to be made to adjust line items and budget categories to zero. A resolution was presented to transfer monies from category to category. Jorck moved approval of the resolution and approval of the line item transfers. Hack seconded. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Board of Finance Appointments. Gron asked for volunteers to serve on the Board of Finance. He appointed himself, Jorck, and Hack. The meeting will occur immediately following the meeting.

Reports

A. Eastside Branch- Michelle Copple, Dave Miller, and Sandy Allman discussed the new branch as today was the first day open. Copple discussed all of the changes that were done to the building. Miller and Allman discussed programming and partnerships.

B. Legislative Update- Vanessa Martin gave a legislative update. SB8 passed the Senate and is moving through the House. It gives County Council control over the library budget if it grows more than 50% of the MLGQ. The Indiana Library Federation is working to stop the bill or put guardrails on it that protect full elimination of a library's budget by Council.

C. Director's Report- Hatton handed out his updated workplan from 2025 discussing progress on each item. He also gave a handout listing the major goals of 2026.

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

Audience member congratulated the library and Board on the opening of the Eastside Branch.

New Business

None

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Attested:

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Dawn Doup-Pandit, Secretary

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Gary Gron, President