

**Lebanon-Laclede County Library District
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting**

February 17, 2026

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Mike Simpson, Susan Sellers, Glenn Lawrence, Lisa Anthony, Christine Hutson, Michael Kinion, Bob Scoby and Kerry Lewis

Trustees absent:

With nine of nine Trustees present, a quorum was established.

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Kristina McGhee, Mark Spangler, Emily Huckaby, Jim Lewis, Bear and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board with the amendment of moving the update from Foundation Board President, Emily Huckaby to after the Director's Report. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Minutes from Jan 17, 2026

Mark Campbell said the minutes should be amended to indicate the CD would be renewing again in March (August was the date of the first renewal). Christine Hutson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17 as presented to the Board with these changes. Susan Sellers seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Financials Report

Mike Simpson made note of personal property tax being \$85,050 less compared to January 2025 due to heavier payments in December—leaving the budget short this year.

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the January 2026 financials report. Susan Sellers seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

President's Report

President Mark Campbell thanked everyone who showed up to the Special Districts Training on President's Day. He said he asked Cole for permission to share the presentation with the Board. He asked that the questionnaire included in the presentation to be sent out to the Board, Friends, Foundation and staff—gathering the information by the joint meeting in April.

Bob Scoby said he is interested in getting the information about the Special Districts Association and voting on it in the next board meeting. Mark said everyone is invited to Jefferson City to advocate during Special Districts Day (Bob Scoby said he would attend with Tina).

Friends Update: Bob Scoby said the project the Friends are working on is a Summer Camp for the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. He said the Friends are already having fun with it and making fish for the kids to take home. Bob said the next book sale is at the end of March--a ½ Price Sale—with another sale coming up in April.

Mark Campbell asked Erica Semsch to give an update on upcoming events. Erica mentioned regular programming like Storytime, LEGO Club, the Adult Book Club and the Panel Discussion and Uke 66 concert with the Route 66 Society happening on February 28.

Mark asked everyone to keep in mind staff capabilities when recommending programming and grant opportunities. He said grants and events should align with the library's vision and mission.

Director's Report

Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

Tina said she emailed Cole Karr about attending the Special Districts Day at the Capitol on March 4. She said she called Scott (who Mark recommended) about the computers today and she hasn't heard back yet. Tina pointed out that the speed bumps were collected and are laying beside the library. She said she would get computer bids by next month.

Glenn Lawrence asked if anyone had approached the snow removal company for reimbursement for the damaged speed bumps. Bob Scoby recommended sending out a letter from the board, asking for reimbursement or replacement.

Foundation President—Emily Huckaby

Emily updated the Board on the Foundation, saying they nearly have a full board now. She said she would be willing to ask the Foundation to ramrod the library newsletter. Emily said Tina had given the Foundation a new fundraising direction to go in with the need for updated technology—she asked Tina to get quotes and bids to give to the Library Board for approval. Emily mentioned the newly formed Grants Committee has been meeting regularly and are waiting on a SAM number from Tina to allow them to apply. She said Kerry Lewis and Bruce Owen came to the last Foundation meeting, asking about grants for the library's Route 66 Museum. The committee decided they need three months' advance notice to apply.

Emily said the Murder Mystery Fundraiser is on October 1, 2026, and the Festival of Trees starts in November. She mentioned a gala for the holiday season for past donors, which will require an annual report from the library.

Emily said the community is seeking to make donations online, which she believes will help people donate more to the library. She called the Springfield-Greene County Library to ask what they use—they responded GiveSmart, an online fundraising platform built for nonprofits. Emily said the Friends contacted her, saying they did not want to participate. She proposed the Board partner with the Foundation—paying for half the cost (\$2,899) for the next 18 months to use GiveSmart. Emily said there is no contract and the company will train people how to use it. Mark Campbell made a motion that the Board will pay half of the \$2,899 for 18 months—the Foundation will invoice the Board and donate them their half. Mark will sign the contract and the account will be set up at First State Community Bank. Michael Kinion seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Pertaining to grant writing, Mark Campbell mentioned the first step being to make sure staff can complete the grant requirements. He said to make sure the commitment can be accomplished and that it fits the library's mission—reach out to Tina in advance.

New Business

Speed Bumps: Mark Campbell will help draft the letter to the person who was hired to remove snow from the parking lot. Tina was asked to talk to Willard about options.

CD: Mike Simpson made a motion to check local rates—that he will check around concerning interest rates. Christine Hutson seconded. Mark Campbell abstained. Motion passed 8-0.

Mark Campbell said he noticed an increased number of people seeking shelter during cold weather, and while the library should be sympathetic to those situations, patron and staff safety should be prioritized. He said the library should leave a good first impression on travelers and patrons and there should be a strict policy of following rules where the building, exterior and parking lot are concerned.

Glenn Lawrence said he began adjusting the Board of Trustees Bylaws. Bob Scoby said historical value is lost when board members roll off—fresh ideas are needed but so is wisdom. Discussion was held concerning the bylaws.

Old Business

Meeting Room Policy: Tina said she would talk to Christal.

Light Pole: Discussion was held about the concrete bases and if they should be removed. There is still electricity in the bases, making removal more difficult.

Bids on Technology: Discussion was held about upgrading the library's technology—specifically the point-of-sale system in the gift shop. It was recommended that everyone ask their tech contacts to offer their opinions about what the library needs, and when it's needed. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Pillars: Discussion was held about placing the pillars closer to the front doors.

Library Tour—Friends Area

The Board took a tour of the Friends of the Library area. Bob Scoby gave the tour.

Public Comments

Bear asked about the library providing video games for check out and a possible video game night for teens—saying he thought it would bring more teens into the library.

Jim Lewis said he tried using the microfilm and it is unreadable—he asked if the library had thought about subscribing to online resources that provide newspapers. He mentioned newspapers.com.

Jack Silberberg asked if the loitering issue in the parking lot had been resolved or if the LPD had been contacted. Tina said no. Jack asked if there was a day set to have the light pole moved. The Board said a date had not been set yet.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote:

Bob Scoby made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Glenn Lawrence seconded. The Board took a Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session at 7:23pm.

Michael Kinion, Secretary and Member	Yes
Christine Hutson, Member	Yes
Mark Campbell, President and Member	Yes
Lisa Anthony, Member	Yes
Susan Sellers, Member	Yes
Mike Simpson, Member	Yes
Glenn Lawrence, Vice President and Member	Yes
Bob Scoby, Member	Yes
Kerry Lewis, Treasurer and Member	Yes

The Closed Session ended at 7:49pm.

Adjournment

At 7:49pm Kerry Lewis made a motion to exit Closed Session and adjourn. Lisa Anthony seconded. All approved 9-0.