

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

April 21, 2026

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Library for a regularly scheduled Board Meeting. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Mike Simpson, Michael Kinion, Christine Hutson, Glenn Lawrence and Kerry Lewis

Trustees absent: Lisa Anthony, Susan Sellers and Bob Scoby

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

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Cole Arreola-Karr, Christal Haueter, Circulation Manager; Mark Spangler, Bruce Owen, Steve Stewart, Jim Lewis, and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Christine Hutson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board with the amendment to include going into Closed Session for the discussion of personnel after Public Comments. Glenn Lawrence seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes from March 17, 2026

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes taken at the Board Meeting held on March 17, 2026, as presented to the Board with the amendment that Michael Kinion was not present. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes from April 14, 2026

Glenn Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes taken at the Special Board Meeting held on April 14, 2026, as presented to the Board. Kerry Lewis seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

President's Report

Library Board President, Mark Campbell thanked everyone for attending the Special Board Meeting on April 14. He made note of National Library Week and thanked the staff for their hard work. Mark mentioned the library would be closed from 3pm-5pm Friday for staff meeting and a team building exercise.

There was no update from the Friends of the Library or the Library Foundation Board.

Mark said the second training session for the new online donation system is coming up. Tina said it is next week and that she would like to use it for collecting payments for meeting room use, and to improve scheduling and fundraising.

Financials Report

Mike Simpson made note of the Gift Shop sales being more than three times what they were this time last year. He asked Tina to make sure Kevin Allen knows the CD was renewed. Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the March 2026 financials report. Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Director's Report

Library Director, Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

She explained the library numbers she provided and said she sent Chris Meckem the staff's PTO. Tina said mainline fire was in today and that she sent an email out to the Building Committee to schedule a meeting. She said the handicap access door isn't working and that she's working on getting it fixed. Until it's fixed, the library is not ADA compliant. Mark Campbell asked how the parking lot traffic situation was going and Tina said she is keeping an eye on it.

Mark Campbell asked for a programming update from Erica Semsch. Erica provided information for Patron Appreciation Day and the Friends \$3 Bag Sale on Saturday. She said Barbara Baird is presenting "Exploring 26 Mills in the Missouri Ozarks" on April 30 and Jim Ross and Shellee Graham's presentation "Route 66: The First 100 Years" is on Friday, May 1.

Committee Reports

Mark Campbell reminded everyone that Committee meetings must be posted appropriately if there is a quorum.

Glenn Lawrence said he looked at the bollards at the Middle School and provided photos of them to the Board. Discussion was held and Glenn said he would get a quote.

Special Districts Report—Cole Arreola-Karr

Cole gave a presentation on legislative updates pertaining to funding issues and property taxes. He discussed state level political topics and how they relate to the library district.

New Business

Technology Review: Mark Campbell said he, Tina and Erica met with the library's tech support and asked for an inventory list, along with an assessment for a replacement plan. Tina said he told her most computers are eight years old and cannot update anymore. She said he recommended focusing on replacing towers and a few laptops. She said a decision should be made soon, as prices are skyrocketing. Tina said the Gift

Shop's computer is a top priority. She provided a bid from the library's tech support and MOREnet. Christine Hutson made a motion to direct Tina to provide two more bids from tech providers or replacement computers as soon as possible—sending an email with the bids out to the Board. Glenn Lawrence seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Building Assessment: Tina said library staff made an initial assessment and a committee meeting will be held soon.

Old Business

Gala/Drinks: Mark Campbell explained that the Foundation hopes to hold a gala late in the year for stakeholders and donors to be invited to. He said it had been suggested that the library provide drinks at the event. Tina said there is a committee meeting on Thursday and that she plans to talk to Matt Starnes.

Glenn Lawrence made a motion to take a brief recess. Christine Hutson seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

Bruce Owen, President of the Lebanon-Laclede County Route 66 Society passed around a newspaper article from 2004, which covered his sister and her daughter's donation of their family's artifacts to the library and Route 66 Museum. Bruce brought up his concerns pertaining to the library's Route 66 Museum. Discussion about the MOU between the library and Route 66 Society was held. Christine Hutson said the Board would discuss the MOU and have a response prepared in time for the next Board meeting.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote:

Christine Hutson made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel. Kerry Lewis seconded. The Board took a Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session at 6:51pm.

Michael Kinion, Secretary and Member	Yes
Christine Hutson, Member	Yes
Mark Campbell, President and Member	Yes
Mike Simpson, Member	Yes
Glenn Lawrence, Vice President and Member	Yes
Kerry Lewis, Treasurer and Member	Yes

The Closed Session ended at 7:37pm.

Adjournment

At 7:37pm Kerry Lewis made a motion to exit Closed Session and adjourn. Christine Hutson seconded. All approved 6-0.