

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

June 17, 2025

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Helen Sosniecki, Mike Simpson, Bob Scoby, Michael Kinion, Susan Sellers and Glenn Lawrence

Trustees absent: Christine Hutson arrived at 5:25pm and departed at 6:35pm.

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

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Christal Haueter, Circulation Manager; Mark Spangler, Bruce Owen, Kerry Lewis, Jim Lewis, Dalene Reagan and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board. Helen Sosniecki seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Minutes from May 20, 2025

Susan Sellers made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented to the Board. Sam Allen seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Financials Report

Tina said she would email the financial comparison to the Board later, as it was not prepared in time for the meeting due to Kevin Allen being on vacation.

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the May 2025 financials report. Glenn Lawrence seconded. The motion passed 8-0.

President's Report

President Mark Campbell thanked everyone for showing up for the Historical Display unveiling in honor of Virgilee Clamme.

Mark Campbell said he had been notified by Bob Scoby that the Lebanon-Laclede County Public Library Foundation's bylaws had been changed and not approved by the Library Board of Trustees. Mark said he called the Foundation's President, Emily Huckaby to clarify.

Mark said he received a call from Jack Silberberg following May's Board meeting about Sunshine Laws and reminded the Board of Trustees to abide by the Sunshine Law and to read Robert's Rules—the book Helen handed out to everyone. He said if the Board plans to go into closed session, it needs to be included on the agenda 24 business hours in advance of the Board meeting. Mark said only in case of emergency should the Board go into closed session after the agenda is posted and to always state the reason for going into closed session that falls under the Sunshine Law closed session requirements.

Mark asked the Board to keep an ear out for information regarding the Hancock Amendment and how it will pertain to the library's revenue in 2026.

Director's Report

Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

Tina said the Summer Reading Program is going on. She had a meeting scheduled with the police chief that was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Tina said she has heard compliments on the historical display cases. She mentioned she had a meeting with State Rep. Melissa Schmidt, Mark Campbell and Emily Huckaby and will let the rest of the Board know in advance if there is another meeting scheduled. Tina said she purchased a book on how to prepare for emergencies for the next staff meeting.

She contacted the Lebanon Phone Company for the cost of purchasing and installing three additional security cameras. Tina explained the non-emergency number for the LPD wasn't working because their internet has been down. Glenn Lawrence asked Tina to research what types of flowers might do well in the concrete containers in the parking lot.

Christine Hutson entered the meeting at 5:25pm.

Javon, who is working on the library's electrical projects, was instructed to remove the can lights and work on the details of the breaker box. He will work on the breaker box on a Saturday, and it should take four hours.

Tina mentioned that the speed bumps installed are not correct, but if they are removed, there will be large holes left in the new parking lot. She does not know if she will investigate getting it fixed. The Board discussed installing two more speed bumps that are the width of the driving lane.

New Business

Security Proposal for Parking Lot: Mark Campbell scheduled a meeting with Tina and Doug Kinde to discuss the library's parking lot security. Doug works with a private security company. In the meeting, Mark asked him what the library could do to help keep trespassers and loiterers off the parking lot after hours. After the meeting, Mark asked Tina to propose a schedule for the security company for the Board to review. Tina presented her proposed schedule to the Board which was based on a 90-day

contract (the security firm requires). Mike Simpson and Sam Allen encouraged Tina to meet with the LPD police chief again to discuss what the city could do to help. If the problems persist after the meeting, Mike and Sam suggested attending a city council meeting to ask for advice. The Board stressed staff safety is important. Sam Allen said he would attend Tina's meeting with the police chief when it is scheduled.

Old Business

HB903: Tina said State Rep. Melissa Schmidt explained the bill is "dead in the water," but that other library directors believe it may not go away.

Tina said the library's state money finally came through and that she will keep the Board informed. Athletes and Entertainers money could be placed in a bond—she will give more details as they emerge. She said COVID money is running out, so state money will be affected.

Tina said she has six staff email addresses remaining to set up.

Glenn Lawrence asked if anything has developed pertaining to the book lockers. Tina said there is nothing new to report, but that she paid an outstanding bill. She said she would call Envisionware once more to see what they say, but it may need to be turned over to Chris Allen. Mark Campbell volunteered to help Tina with the lockers.

Glenn said he sent an email to the Historical Committee to set up a meeting to discuss the Missouri Room.

Glenn asked Mark Spangler if he would install the mount for the television. He mentioned Laclede County's website posts their commission meeting minutes and wondered if the library could do the same. Christine Hutson mentioned that Tina could discuss it with staff for Board meeting minutes moving forward.

Glenn asked Tina if she had received anything from Gary True about concrete bollards to be placed in front of the building. Tina said she did not.

Bob Scoby asked Tina for an update on the bids for new computers. Tina said she had one bid and was waiting on another for staff computers. She explained the library's tech support MyNetworks donated all the new patron use computers to the library. It was mentioned that the library could sell the old laptops once their drives have been wiped.

Board Members Leaving: Mark Campbell and Tina Chaney presented Board members Helen Sosniecki and Sam Allen with appreciation awards for their time on the Library Board of Trustees. Mike Simpson said Duard Johnson, Dan True and Sam Allen are owed a world of gratitude for their contributions to the library's relocation to and the renovation of the Kmart building in 2004. Sam was the chair of the Fundraising Committee—raising 3.6 million dollars for the library project. Sam said it was the easiest fundraiser he's ever been involved in. Helen Served one three-year term and Sam served on and off both the Foundation Board and Library Board for 27 years.

Tour of the Missouri Room: The Board exited to tour the library's Missouri Room.

Christine Hutson left at 6:35pm

Public Comments

Jack Silberberg, reporter for the Laclede County Record, asked if anyone had tried the city's non-emergency number to see if it was working yet. Tina said no.

Adjournment

Glenn Lawrence made a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm. Sam Allen seconded. Motion passed 8-0.