

**Lebanon-Laclede County Library District  
Minutes of Board of Trustees Special Meeting and Public Hearing**

**August 28, 2025**

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees held a public hearing for the Operating Levy on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

**Trustees present:** Mark Campbell, Mike Simpson, Bob Scoby, Kerry Lewis, Susan Sellers, Christine Hutson and Glenn Lawrence

**Trustees absent:** Michael Kinion

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

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Linda Cansler, Laclede County Clerk; Jim Lewis and Jack Silberberg

**Agenda**

Bob Scoby made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board. Mike Simpson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

**New Business**

Discussion of Operating Levy: The Board held discussion on the operating levy—specifically, how the library district's operating levy differs from the school district's and how the Hancock Amendment impacts it. Bob Scoby informed everyone that the current tax rate (\$.20) has been the same since it was voted on in 1966.

Information from Linda Cansler: Linda explained that the Board can vote to lower the tax rate. She said the Board can also vote to make it higher if it hasn't reached its ceiling, but that it can't exceed that rate without a vote from residents. She said the library's ceiling is \$0.1290, which is a \$0.0052 reduction—given by the state. Linda said the state gave every subdivision a reduction due to the Hancock Amendment. She explained that she uses a general number of 87% to 88% collection rate for her budget calculations.

Mark Campbell asked if there are any state or federal laws recently passed that will affect the library. Linda said the senior tax freeze would impact the library. She said Senate Bill 3 did not affect Laclede County, but it was left "open ended."

Voting on Operating Levy: Mark Campbell made a motion to approve the tax rate as calculated at \$0.1290. Mike Simpson seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark Campbell encouraged Tina to submit the necessary information by 4pm.

## **Public Comments**

## **Adjournment**

Mark Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 5:32pm. Glenn Lawrence seconded.  
Motion passed 7-0.