

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MAY 4, 2026**

Presiding Officer: Pamela Poe, President

Board Members present: Steve Burks, Ann Carruthers, Brett Loyd, Katie Nacrelli, Roger Whaley, Kate Ziady

Board Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Melissa Foster, Sandra Fortner, Aaron Williams, Jeremy Armstrong, Erin McCorkle, Amanda Harris, Luis Munoz, Patrick Yarusso, Melinda Borie, Ashley Martin

Guests present: Library attorney Justin Endres

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Applegate Room at 5:32 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of April 6*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for June 1*
- D. Items to be declared surplus*

Mr. Burks moved: That the consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Mr. Whaley

Motion: approved unanimously

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Cathy Higgins expressed concerns about the food pantry closing without an alternative to replace it.

Tony Hostetler from Care Not Cuffs asked the Library to work with the community to pass the food pantry torch to someone else.

Shauna Burns from Care Not Cuffs urged the Board to find a partner for sharing food pantry resources instead of simply shutting the pantry down.

**PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner reported several hires and resignations. Safety Officer Albert Macklin was rehired effective May 4. Part-time Safety Officer Tristram Martin began work on April 14. Piper Craft is a former intern who will return as a Librarian Assistant later this month. Social Services Leader Gina Patterson will begin work May 18.

Librarian Assistant Brianne Salisbury's last day of work will be May 7. Part-time Galena Safety Officer Greg Crabtree's last day of work will be May 15.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Central Leader Patrick Yarusso spoke about upcoming programming for veterans. The Library will be a featured partner at the 22 Challenge Ruck March on May 16, supporting suicide prevention and awareness.

Mrs. Foster thanked Luis Munoz for an excellent job on the Super Summer Reading flyer. This year, Metro United Way and the State Street Chick-fil-A are Summer Reading Program sponsors in addition to the Friends and Foundation. A full line up of programs is planned and the summer lunch program will also return. This year's prizes are fanny packs or capes, Chick-fil-A cow or free nuggets, buttons, and pins.

The electric gate is finished and operational at Galena, and tuck pointing is almost done. New air handlers are in the works for CAC and the Annex. Construction will begin soon on the old Indiana Room, which will become a study room, staff prep area, and storage. Mrs. Foster is in search of replacement furniture throughout the building for worn pieces.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley reported that the Foundation will determine the yearly distribution to the Library at their next meeting in July. The Foundation's balance at the end of March was \$695,372.46.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Galena lease agreement:

Library Attorney Justin Endres reported that the County Commissioners sent a revised agreement today with a number of new and unexpected changes. He suggested setting a meeting between a County representative, a Library representative, and the two attorneys to settle the changes.

Mr. Burks moved: That Mrs. Foster and a Library representative meet with a Commissioners representative to resolve the matter.

Seconded by: Mr. Loyd, with an amendment that Mr. Burks be the Board representative.

Amended motion seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Ayes: Mr. Burks, Ms. Carruthers, Mr. Loyd, Ms. Nacrelli, Ms. Poe, Mr. Whaley, Ms. Ziady

Nays: None

Motion: approved unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Book displays in Children's:

Mr. Loyd expressed appreciation that some sections of pre-school books have been rearranged by popular topic.

### Coffee bar at Central:

Mr. Loyd asked about the history and usage of the upstairs café. Mrs. Foster explained that people needed an area to eat that is not near the books or in the back foyer. Mr. Yarusso reported that patrons give positive feedback for having a place to eat and socialize.

### Acceptable Use Policy Review:

The Board must review this policy every year to receive discounted internet service from the federal E-rate program.





Mr. Burks moved: That the Acceptable Use Policy (POL-26-P-001) be accepted.  
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady  
Motion: approved unanimously

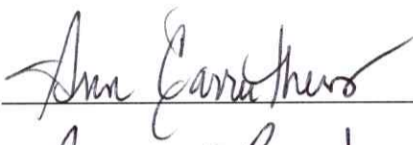
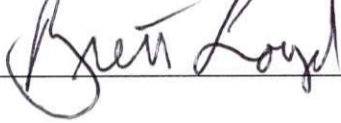
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Whaley moved: That the meeting be adjourned.  
Seconded by: Mr. Burks  
Motion: approved unanimously

Ms. Poe thanked the public for attending and offered to stay afterward to speak with anyone individually if they wished.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....June 1, 2026

  
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