

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 1, 2026

Presiding Officer: Pamela Poe, President

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

Board Members absent: Katie Nacrelli

Staff Members present: Melissa Foster, Sandra Fortner, Aaron Williams, Jeremy Armstrong, Erin McCorkle, Amanda Harris, Luis Munoz, Patrick Yarusso, Melinda Borie, Ashley Martin, Salvatore Giambrone, Juli Hutson, Emma Scheldorf, Bonnie Thrasher, T.J. Martin

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the upper level open area at 5:35 pm.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of May 4*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for July 6*

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

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Gannon Small, Teresa Keown, Diana McCartin, Paige Adams, Juli Hutson, Lane Stumler, Nichole Jones, Lindsay Carter, Gina Brown, Andrew Raker, Shetwana Martin, Jerry Brewer, Paul Snyder, Ellen Morrison Kelley, Jim Duffy, Kevin King, Jonathan Eve, Michele Henry, Timothy Bratcher, Tyra Curran, Geon Downing, and Rachel Kennedy spoke in support of the Library's Community Corner Food Pantry.

Jon Train urged the community and congregations to step up and find solutions.

Jonathan Smilley expressed concern about some comments implying that Library constituents and unhoused people are two classes of people.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner reported that three interns have returned for the summer: Morgan Ray, Olivia Eblesisor, and Emma Haley. Maxwell Eberle has been hired as an intern at the CAC. Former intern Piper Craft has been hired as a part-time Librarian Assistant. Gary Carroll will begin work in Facilities on June 15 to replace Mark Holbrook, who is retiring at the end of the month. Museum Educator Jessica Hartman has resigned from her position at the CAC effective June 4. A previously announced hire for the Galena Makerspace did not show, and the hire for Social Services Leader has withdrawn from consideration, so we are again advertising for those jobs.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Foster thanked the public for coming out to the meeting, and thanked the staff for their work in the pantry and summer programming. Today's first summer lunch served 98 children. The Library has participated in the summer lunch program since 2017.

The Library will partner with the Floyd County Parks Department for the Bubble Bash at Community Park on June 13.

Mrs. Foster made clarifying remarks regarding the pantry. The pantry is currently still open. In December, the Board's directive was to close the pantry. The food received from USDA has been phased out. The Dare To Care portion of the pantry is still open by appointment. Dare To Care gives us food donations, not financial donations (except for grants written for equipment). The rest is supplied or funded by donations.

Patrons receiving USDA food must qualify for it; Dare To Care has no such requirements. Day bags are provided for those without refrigeration or cooking access, and are distributed upstairs from 9-11am. The Library uses grant money to purchase food for day bags. Day bags are still being distributed.

Finally, there is no budget line item specifically for the pantry. It is funded only through donations. The intention was to phase out the pantry gradually, giving the equipment to other organizations.

The pantry was opened in 2021 as solely Dare To Care, and was later expanded to include USDA.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley reported that the next Foundation meeting is in July, where the Foundation will determine the Library's annual distribution.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Pantry:**

Mr. Burks moved: To temporarily suspend the phase-out of the Community Corner food pantry for a period not exceeding 6 months (starting June 1). During that 6 months, a volunteer Library Board committee will be created, along with Library staff and any community organizations, to make a determination to find a viable location, to relocate equipment, and to staff it approximately 30 hours per week.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Ms. Carruthers suggested removing the 6 month timeline so that the process can be staged appropriately, without rushing. Board discussion ensued.

Mr. Burks amended his motion: To temporarily suspend the phase-out of the Community Corner food pantry. A volunteer Library Board committee will be created, along with Library staff and any community organizations, to make a determination to find a viable location, to relocate equipment, and to staff it approximately 30 hours per week.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

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

Motion: approved unanimously

Mr. Burks requested that members of the public interested in volunteering would submit their information so that the Board Committee can follow up with them. Ms. Carruthers, Ms. Ziady, and Mr. Whaley volunteered to serve on the Board Committee.

Galena Digital Branch Interlocal Agreement:

Mr. Whaley moved: That the Interlocal Agreement with the County be approved.  
Seconded by: Mr. Loyd  
Motion: approved unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution for 2025 Year End Transfers:

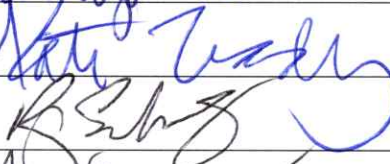
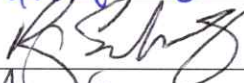
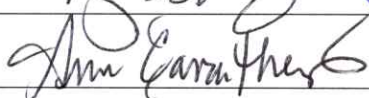
Financial entries are now complete for 2025. Several appropriation transfers are needed within their respective categories.

Mr. Burks moved: That resolution 26-FIN-004 be approved.  
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady  
Motion approved unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Carruthers moved: That the meeting be adjourned.  
Seconded by: Mr. Loyd  
Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....July 6, 2026

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