

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

January 27, 2026

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Trustees present: Mark Campbell, Mike Simpson, Susan Sellers, Glenn Lawrence, Lisa Anthony, Christine Hutson, Michael Kinion, Bob Scoby and Kerry Lewis

Trustees absent:

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

Also present: Tina Chaney, Library Director; Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director; Mark Spangler, Jim Lewis, Bruce Owen, Sherry Jennings and Jack Silberberg

Agenda

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board with the amendment of removing the Gift Shop Tour and changing the date of the Board meeting from January 20 to January 27. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Minutes from Dec 16, 2025

Bob Scoby made a motion to approve the minutes from December 16 as presented to the Board. Glenn Lawrence seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Financials Report

Mike Simpson mentioned his comments from the last Board meeting pertaining to Athletes and Entertainers money—when he questioned the extra \$14,000 (from A&E) in October. He said he checked into the amount and found it was Equalization money, but had been entered in as A&E.

Mark Campbell advised Board members look at the information packets sent out on the Friday before the meeting and to ask questions in advance, allowing Tina time to research for answers. Kerry Lewis said several items were misclassified in the financials, but she got in touch with accountant--Kevin Allen to change them. This will allow the budget to be more accurate.

Tina will move forward only making copies of the bank statements for Kerry Lewis and the Finance Committee, for security reasons. Kerry asked Tina to provide credit card statements.

Mike Simpson said the library ended up with a \$180,000 gain for the year due to the timing of property tax dollars coming in.

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the December 2025 financials report. Susan Sellers seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

Library Tour:

The Board took a tour of the Circulation Desk. Staff member, Monica Allen led the tour and explained operations.

President's Report

President Mark Campbell mentioned he stopped by Storytime with Santa and the Festival of Trees Grand Finale in December. He made note of the parking lot being completely full and explained there are times, especially during programs, when the parking lot is very busy. He thanked the staff and volunteers for helping to make that evening successful. He said he saw the library's 2025 statistics and congratulated everyone on a successful year, thanking the staff.

Mark said he attended the Route 66 Society's annual meeting and that the library was well-represented. He said the Route 66 Museum is shaping up to have a very busy year with the celebration of the Centennial of Route 66. He stressed that the Gift Shop be open to accommodate the extra travelers and tours. He asked that everyone keep in mind the extra time that staff will spend on Route 66-related tasks throughout the year.

Mark said a Board/Staff Training will be held on Monday, February 16 at 9am at Jude's with Cole Karr. The training will cover Special Districts. Mark reminded everyone of the Strategic Plan and said it needs to be revisited periodically—addressing the previously determined priorities. He said to be mindful of going to staff with ideas and tasks—staff can only do so much with limited resources. Mark advised going directly to Tina to discuss ideas at the beginning of the process.

Director's Report

Tina Chaney emailed her report to the Board in advance.

Tina said she sent the check for the parking lot to Willard. She got four snow removal bids and provided the library numbers for 2025. Tina thanked the Friends for the donation for large print books.

Mark Campbell asked the Foundation for a brief update. Lisa Anthony, the Board's liaison for the Foundation, said they have set a date for the next Murder Mystery Fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on October 1, 2026. She said there has been discussion of the Festival of Trees Fundraiser, but details haven't been decided. Bob Scoby asked if the Foundation could get nametags, so members of the public could identify them at events. Glenn Lawrence asked if the Foundation would make their future donations towards projects to the library, rather than sending payment straight to

an individual for services. The Foundation sent their portion of the payment to Willard Asphalt for the parking lot, rather than donating to the library for the project.

Mark asked Bob Scoby for an update on the Friends of the Library. Bob said the Friends are planning something special to help with programming this summer. He said the ½ Price Book Sale is in March.

New Business

Replacing Light Pole: The Board looked at pictures of the fallen light pole, provided in their packets. Bob Scoby said he thinks there is enough light at that entrance without the pole being replaced. The Board discussed the concrete base as a possible hazard. Bob Scoby said he knew a man named Dennis Brown who would remove the pole for free. Mark Campbell made a motion to contact and allow Dennis Brown to remove the fallen light pole. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Snow Bids: Tina provided four bids for snow removal. Mike Simpson made a motion to accept a bid from Garner Construction. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0. Mike mentioned this is not a commitment to more than one time. Mark said the parameters of the job should be established and communicated.

Special District Training: Mark explained that the training on Monday, February 16 will consist of planting the seeds on how to get ahead of the game with the General Assembly and the potential elimination of tax dollars the library relies on. He expressed the importance of having a representative or stakeholder to keep the library abreast of legislation. Mark said Cole Karr's fee is \$325 for the three-hour presentation. Tina said she would send Cole's emails to the Board in advance to help prepare them for the presentation. Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the \$325 fee for the Special Districts training. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Placement of Funds in Reserve CD: The Board discussed the CD, which matures in August—rate needs to be double checked. Mike Simpson said the library's excess funds are being collateralized by First State and the library is complying with regulations. The Board will discuss more next month when more information is provided.

Old Business

Concrete Pillars: Glenn Lawrence did not provide any new information. Discussion was held on installing concrete balls, with a footing and the Board agreed to continue brainstorming.

Bylaws: No Updates.

Glenn provided the final version of the updated Operations Policy and expressed a need to get it uploaded to the library's website. Glenn asked if there was an update on the book lockers. Mark Campbell said he has looked through the file of communication involving the lockers and that it seemed to go in a circle. Bob Scoby asked if someone

needed to contact the president of the company. Further discussion was held and no decisions were made.

Public Comments

Jack Silberberg asked if there was an update on computer bids. Tina said there was no update. Susan Sellers said she contacted Jeremiah to ask his opinion on the existing bids. She said he explained the bids were for computers without enough storage capacity. Susan was asked to get Jeremiah's opinion on adequate computer storage. Tina was asked to pass info along to Ryan with MyNetworks. Mark requested Tina keep the Board informed of the status.

Glenn Lawrence asked if there was an update on a new meeting room reservation policy. Erica Semsch said there had been no further discussion.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote:

Bob Scoby made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and real estate at 6:40pm. Glenn Lawrence seconded. The Board took a Roll Call Vote to go into Closed Session at 6:45pm

Michael Kinion, Secretary and Member	Yes
Christine Hutson, Member	Yes
Mark Campbell, President and Member	Yes
Lisa Anthony, Member	Yes
Susan Sellers, Member	Yes
Mike Simpson, Member	Yes
Glenn Lawrence, Vice President and Member	Yes
Bob Scoby, Member	Yes
Kerry Lewis, Treasurer and Member	Yes

The Closed Session ended at 8:01pm.

Adjournment

At 8:01pm Bob Scoby made a motion to exit Closed Session and adjourn. Susan Sellers seconded. All approved 9-0.