

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

**September 9, 2025**

The Lebanon-Laclede County Library District Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at the Lebanon-Laclede County Library. President Mark Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

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

**Trustees absent:**

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

Also present: Jack Silberberg

Library Staff: Tina Chaney, Library Director and Erica Semsch, Assistant Library Director

Friends of the Library: Betsy Scoby, Robin Johnson and Debbie Schaffer

Lebanon Laclede Public Library Foundation: Emily Huckaby, Callee Bennett, Heather Officer and Cherokee Miller

Lebanon Laclede County Route 66 Society: Bruce Owen, Mark Spangler, Dalene Reagan and Jim Lewis

**Agenda**

Mike Simpson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented to the Board. Bob Scoby seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**New Business**

Director's Notes: Tina introduced Lisa Anthony as the Board's newest Trustee, appointed by the city. She said she is starting to look at software for meeting room reservations and preparing to look a policies. Tina said she is looking at the 2026 budget. She hired a janitor and said they start on September 17. Tina said the Library Foundation's meeting is on September 10 at 12pm, the Friends meeting is on the 14 at 5:15pm and the Board meeting is on the 15 at 5pm.

President's Report: President Mark Campbell said the Board will be looking at policies on fines, bylaws changes, meeting room scheduling and software for reservations. He said the Board will begin working on the budget and explained the recent operating tax levy hearing. Mark said he is interested in a potential training or presentation for the Board about what it means to be a Special District. He complimented the Friends,

Foundation and Route 66 Society for their efforts in aiding and advocating for the library. He encouraged everyone to continue to focus on making the library a better place.

Friends of the Library Report: Friends President, Betsy Scoby announced that the next book sale is on October 2, 3 and 4. She said the goal is to sell gently used books to help the library fund the summer reading program and small purchases. Betsy said all books are \$1 and that she hoped the price increase would not deter purchases. She said the next book sale is scheduled for November, after the Christmas Parade from 12pm-4pm. In 2025, the Friends gave the library \$9,700—most of that going towards library programming for children, teens, adults and Outreach Services. Betsy said there are currently 43 members of the Friends and they all volunteer in different capacities. She said the Friends also help the Community Blood Center of the Ozarks with their bi-monthly blood drives at the library. The Friends sort books on most Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm and most Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Lebanon Laclede Public Library Foundation Report: Foundation President, Emily Huckaby said their board currently has nine members and three have the option to re-up at the end of this year. She said the Foundation was proud to head the Parking Lot Replacement Project, running around \$175,000. The city made a \$50,000 donation to help with the project. She said currently \$86,420 is still due towards the project. Emily explained that the Board of Trustees agreed to contribute \$25,000 of what remains. She said the library's roof replacement could be their next big funding project and that Tina is working to get additional bids. Emily said she hopes the project is included in the Governor's Budget for 2026. She advertised the Foundation's upcoming fundraisers which include the Murder Mystery Dinner on October 16 and the Festival of Trees on December 18. Emily asked what more the Foundation can do to ensure clear communication and support.

Mark Campbell explained that a helpful addition to the process of planning large projects would be to develop a policy for making large purchases, including the scope of work. He said he believes the Foundation will become more important over time as additional funding becomes scarce. Emily said she would love to get a list of donors from Tina to begin the process of reaching out.

President of the Lebanon Laclede County Route 66 Society: Bruce Owen said the society's main role is do to whatever they can do to help the library. He hopes to help staff improve the museum and complete the list of recommendations created in 2023 to do so. Bruce promoted the Centennial coming up in 2026 and offered to help the library out in any way. He announced the Bunyon Run scheduled for April 11—a presentation related to this is scheduled to take place at the library on March 24 at 6pm. He said to look forward to more events as the year progresses. Bruce announced that the Roadside Attraction Signs are being installed and the one in front of the library was installed Sept 9, 2025. Mark Spangler mentioned the society is in a position to scout out potential museum additions and did so for the first time this month with an original

Lebanon Route 66 road sign, dating back to the 1920's. Bruce Owen said the MOU between the library and the 66 Society has been completed and signed.

A brief discussion was held about the library's gift shop and the importance of keeping it open and staffed for customers.

### **Public Comments**

Emily Huckaby asked for an update on the book lockers—she said a community member inquired about them to her. Mark Campbell replied that he has taken the project upon himself and is in the process of researching past correspondence.

Christine Hutson made a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel discussion at 6:25pm. Bob Scoby seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Lisa Anthony left the meeting at 6:55pm

The Board exited Closed Session at 7:09pm.

### **Adjournment**

Mark Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Christine Hutson seconded. Motion passed 9-0.