

## MATTOON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**MINUTES: March 9, 2026 @ 5:15 PM,** Kinzel Room, Mattoon Public Library

**Board Members Present:** Teresa Righter, Laura Huddleston, Jamie Golladay, Karin Edwards, Harold Pettigrew, Phyllis Karpus, Christina Krost, Greg Ray

**Board Member Absent:** Jacob Kimery

**Staff Present:** Carl Walworth, Abby de Buhr

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Righter, second by Golladay, to approve consent agenda, which consists of February meeting minutes, vendor report, treasurer's report and circulation report. Motion carried.

**Action item:**

1. Motion by Ray, second by Krost to approve 2026-2027 budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Program Report**

Board president Huddleston and Community Engagement Director de Buhr updated the board on a meeting with the website developer. A prototype should be available soon. De Buhr distributed information about the Summer Read schedule. Director Walworth and Trustee Pettigrew provided thoughts along with other trustees on the recent Black History Month program. De buhr updated the board on personnel matters. De Buhr reported on the new Blessing Box on the first floor. She said the next newsletter will be out by the end of March. Trustee Krost asked about plans for the country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Director's Report:**

Huddleston updated the board on the status of the community survey. Trustee Edwards and Walworth updated the board on a meeting with the Farnsworth Group regarding the building assessment. Walworth also provided updates on Big Dig book sales, on the spring book sale, notified the board that history center curator Chris Suerdieck is the recipient of a certificate of excellence from the Illinois State Historical Society and invited board members to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner at the library's table.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Righter, second by Edwards to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion carried.