HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 29, 2025

The regular meeting of the Henry County Library Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 4:30 pm in the boardroom of the Library.

Members present were, Tim Komer, Patty Dump, Luke Edwards, Shelly Acosta, and Kathy Cooper. Also present were, Director, Debbie Jones and Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Nichols.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Tim Komer called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

**AGENDA:** On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Shelly Acosta, it was voted to place Executive Session after New Business on the Agenda. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Shelly Acosta, Patty Dump, and Luke Edwards. On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Shelly Acosta, it was voted to accept the Agenda with amendment as presented by Director, Debbie Jones. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Shelly Acosta, Patty Dump, and Luke Edwards.

**MINUTES:** On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Patty Dump, it was voted to accept the Minutes of the March 25, 2025, meeting as read. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Patty Dump, Luke Edwards, and Shelly Acosta.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Luke Edwards, it was voted to approve the disbursements as presented by Director, Debbie Jones. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Luke Edwards, Patty Dump, and Shelly Acosta.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Statistical Reports:** The March 2025 library statistical report was presented for the board’s review as well as a statistical report compiled by the Missouri Evergreen Consortium.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Library Director, Debbie Jones reported the following.

**April Tax Funds Received:** $9,212.24 in tax funds were received in April.

**Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale:** The Friends of the Library Group held the spring book sale from April 7th – April 12th and raised a total of $1,767.00. Due to the number of items remaining, the library has continued the Fill-A-Bag for $1.00 promotion which will run through April 30th. An additional $138.00 has been collected bringing the total to $1,905.00. A final deposit will be made after the 30th with the potential to reach the $2,000.00 mark.

**Dial-A-Story/Tonieboxes Article:** Kathleen Schmidt, Administrative Aide II for the Missouri State Library reached out in regards to writing an article featuring the library’s Dial-A-Story and Tonieboxes for the *Show Me Express* State Library Newsletter. The *Show Me Express* newsletter which includes the piece will go live in approximately two weeks at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/showme_express/default>, and a copy of the article is included in the board packet.

**Staff Update:** After reviewing ongoing performance issues with a Circulation Clerk in the Clinton library, she submitted her two-week notice on March 27th with an anticipated end date of April 10th. She sent notification via text that she would not be returning to work prior to her scheduled shift on March 31st. The library will begin accepting applications to fill the full-time position after the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program.

**Who Is My Mother? Program:** In celebration of Mother’s Day, patrons are invited to play “Who Is My Mother?” from April 28th – May 8th. Images of twelve famous people will be posted on a display board, and the patron will receive a set of cards with images of each of their mothers to identify which child and mother belong together. Each participant will receive a prize drawing entry, and anyone who matches up all of the pairs correctly will receive an additional entry as well. Each building will be giving away a prize for the winner to keep or pass on to their mother.

**IMLS Update:** IMLS federal funding was released to several states in April, including Missouri. $7,811.97 was received in State Aid, and $8,853.92 was received in A&E.

**Olde Glory Days Parade Float Planning:** The 2025 Olde Glory Days parade float plans are in the works. Once again, the library staff has come up with a unique twist on the current Olde Glory Days theme in hopes of bringing home another trophy…or two! The Olde Glory Days parade will be held on July 5th.

**Local Author Visit/Reading:** Local author, Georgette Swarn will be visiting the library on June 21st from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. for a book reading and signing to promote her biographical work *No 1 Said A Word*. She will be speaking in the Friends of the Library Community Room. A copy of the book cover with an author profile is included in the board packet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Director Evaluation and Salary Increase:** The board moved intoExecutive Session to discuss the director evaluation and salary increase. On a motion by Luke Edwards, seconded by Shelly Acosta, it was voted that the director’s salary would be increased to $60,000.00 per year. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Patty Dump, Luke Edwards, and Shelly Acosta.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Revised Missouri State Statute 610.021 an Executive Session will be held to discuss personnel matters. On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Patty Dump, it was voted to go into Executive Session. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Patty Dump, Luke Edwards, and Shelly Acosta.

**ADJOURNMENT:**On a motion by Luke Edwards, seconded by Kathy Cooper, it was voted to adjourn. Voting yes were, Luke Edwards, Kathy Cooper, Patty Dump, and Shelly Acosta.

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