HENRY COUNTY LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Henry County Library Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 4:30 pm in the boardroom of the Library.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** One (1) member of the public was given three (3) minutes to share their views regarding the Henry County Library’s use of the Beanstack reading app for the Summer Reading Program.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**AGENDA:** On a motion by Kathy Cooper, seconded by Patty Dump, it was voted to accept the Agenda presented by Director, Debbie Jones with an amendment to include the addition of item D. Hours of Operation under Old Business. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, 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 May 27, 2025, meeting as read. Voting yes were, Kathy Cooper, Patty Dump, and Luke Edwards.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. **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, and Patty Dump.
2. **Bank Account Information – Tim:** President Tim Komer reported the following banking changes:
3. The Hawthorn Bank Abart Money Market Account ending in 6686 is being closed along with the safety deposit box. On a motion by Patty Dump, seconded by Luke Edwards, it was voted to close the Abart Money Market Account (6686) and safety deposit box at Hawthorn Bank. Voting yes were, Patty Dump, Luke Edwards, and Kathy Cooper.
4. The Hawthorn Bank funds are being transferred to a Legacy Bank Private Money Market Account, and the Super Now Checking Account ending in 1697 is being changed to a Business Interest Checking Account. Authorized account signers will include Tim Komer, Luke Edwards, Patty Dump, and Debbie Jones. On a motion by Patty Dump, seconded by Kathy Cooper, it was voted to transfer the Hawthorn Bank money market funds to a Legacy Bank Private Money Market Account and change the Super Now Checking Account (1697) to a Business Interest Checking Account. Voting yes were, Patty Dump, Kathy Cooper, and Luke Edwards.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Statistical Reports:** The May library statistical report was presented for the board’s review.

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

**June Tax Funds Received:** $5,921.73 in tax funds were received in June.

**Tree Removal:** Priced Rite Tree Servicehas completed the dead tree removal and stump grinding beyond the north side of the parking lot. New trees will be planted in the fall.

**Summer Reading Program Kick-Off:** The Summer Reading Program Kick-Off was held on Saturday, June 7th. The performance was relocated indoors due to rain. Ventriloquist Diana Rockwell gave a fun, interactive show that ended up being well-attended in spite of the move inside. Overall 100 summer reading program participants (Grades 0-5 = 72, Grades 6-12 = 28) registered either in person or online via Beanstack that day.

**Applicant Search/Interviews:** The library is continuing to accept applications for the full/part-time circulation clerk positions in Clinton in search of more qualified applicants.

**Beanstack:** A Facebook post was placed on several local pages including *Village of Tightwad*, *What’s Happening in Montrose, Missouri*, and *Henry County, Missouri Bulletin Board* expressing concern in regards to the library’s use of the Beanstack reading app for the summer reading program. The post implied that the library was holding the Beanstack “Pride 365 Reading Challenge” and the “Read Woke From Home” challenge. These challenges are accessible through the app if a library chooses to host them, but the Henry County Library has not. A statement was placed on the library’s Facebook page to clarify that the only reading challenges available through the Henry County Library Beanstack login are “1,000 Books Reading Challenge” and the “Henry County Library Summer Reading Program 2025” for Grades 0-5 and Grades 6-12.

**Temporary Employee:** A former library employee has returned temporarily to assist with projects over the summer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Outdoor LED Lights:** Helm Plumbing & Electric Contractor, Inc. has been notified that the two-phase project was approved, and the project will commence as their schedule allows.
2. **Lenora Blackmore Branch Roof:** Dickinson Roofing has examined and will be completing the roof repairs as their schedule allows.
3. **Clinton Roof:**Dickinson Roofing has examined and will be completing the repairs and/or replacement of the existing snow guards as their schedule allows.
4. **Hours of Operation:** The board was presented with an updated operating hours proposal, statistical library traffic reports, and the results of an online survey to determine whether a change in operating hours at the Clinton location was appropriate. After review, it was determined that the library would benefit from a consistent, year-round weekday closing schedule and the ability to decrease staffing on Saturdays by reducing afternoon hours. On a motion by Patty Dump, seconded by Kathy Cooper, it was voted to set the Clinton operating hours to the following year-round schedule to commence on June 23, 2025: Monday – Friday = 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday = 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Voting yes were, Patty Dump, Kathy Cooper, and Luke Edwards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Insurance Renewal:** The board was informed by Mike Keith Insurance, Inc. that the overall renewal premium of $23,311 is up 11% over the expiring premium with the increase being generated by overall rate increases carriers are taking on all policies.

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

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