

HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2025
Eminence, KY

Board Members in attendance: Karen Morehead Fisher, Steve Metcalfe, Ellen Yonts Suetholz, LeAnne Yancey

Library Staff in attendance: Tony Jones

Guests: Carol Bryner

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morehead Fisher at 5:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes Reviewed: A motion was made to approve the July 31, 2025 Minutes by Steve Metcalfe and seconded by LeAnne Yancey. All voted 4 to 0 to approve the July 31, 2025 Minutes.

Circulation Report: The July 2025 Circulation Report was accepted as presented.

Financial Report; including disbursements: Tony and/or Wayne will follow-up with People's Bank regarding ongoing issues related to signers on the library account. Following a review of the Financial Reports, a motion was made to accept the Reports and approve the disbursements by Ellen Yonts Suetholz and seconded by Steve Metcalfe. All voted 4 to 0 to approve the Reports.

Old Business:

- **Book Locker Report/Discussion** – The Board previously discussed placing a remote locker at the Campbellsburg Community Center. Tony has now signed the contract. Steve and the Campbellsburg Mayor agreed to place a shelter, similar to a bus stop, over the area where the book locker and drop-off will be located. The cost of the shelter will be around \$12,000 and the book drop will be around \$6,000. This is in addition to the cost of the book locker.
- **Parking lot discussion** – Tony talked to the civil engineer regarding the holes in the parking lot to find out the best way to fix the two newest ones. The best way to fix it would be incredibly pricey. The next best thing would be to dig about 3-4 feet to fill the whole parking lot with gravel and mesh and then repave the lot and draw the spots again. Tony agreed to go through the bid process to determine what the cost would be as well as see if there any other options out there.
- **Tax Rate discussion and approval** – The Board previously deferred a final vote on the tax rate to allow Tony time to discuss our options. Tony went to a director's meeting last week where he spoke to other directors. All of the similarly situated directors he spoke to indicated they were not taking below the compensating rate. Tony believes our funds can be justified. There are several other bigger projects that the funds may need to be utilized for in the future. As such, a motion was made by LeAnne Yancey to accept the compensating rate and Steve Metcalfe seconded the motion. All voted 4 to 0 to approve.

