

**HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
July 23, 2026  
Eminence, KY**

**Board Members in attendance:** Ellen Yonts Suetholz, LeAnne Yancey, Wayne Sparrow, Steve Metcalfe and following Board approval, Jennifer Montgomery

**Library Staff in attendance:** Tony Jones

**Guests:** Carol Bryner and Marcia Rieder from Friends of the Library

Meeting was called to order by LeAnne Yancey at 5:01 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes Reviewed:** A motion was made to approve the June 25, 2026 Minutes by Wayne Sparrow and seconded by Steve Metcalfe. All voted 4 to 0 to approve the June 25, 2026 Minutes.

**Circulation Report:** The June 2026 Circulation Report was accepted as presented.

**Financial Report; including disbursements:** 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 Update** – The Book Locker now works. There will be a ribbon cutting/ceremony to celebrate the new Book Locker on Monday, August 17 at 6:30pm.
- **Library Expansion Update** – Tony reported the library expansion is still in the design process and logistics regarding the status of the library during the expansion and other necessary questions are still being worked out. These details will need to be worked out prior to soliciting bids.

**New Business:**

- **New Board Positions** – Earlier this week, Jennifer Montgomery was approved by the fiscal court as the replacement for Karen Morehead Fisher. Ellen was also approved for a second term by the fiscal court. Following a review of the board officer positions and discussion of Jennifer as the replacement for Karen, a motion was made to have LeAnne continue serving as Vice-President, Wayne to continue to serve as Treasurer, Ellen to continue to serve as Secretary and Steve to become the new President of the Board and further to accept Jennifer Montgomery as the new Board member with all of the responsibilities of a Board member including the signature authority at both banks by Wayne Sparrow and seconded by Steve Metcalfe. All voted 4 to 0 to approve the officers and the new board member.

- **New Tax Rates** – Tony discussed the options for the new tax rate. Kelly recommended taking the compensating rate considering the upcoming expansion as well as ongoing parking lot issues. Following a discussion of the options, a motion was made to accept the compensating rate by Ellen Yonts Suetholz and seconded by Wayne Sparrow. All voted 5 to 0 to approve.

**Director's Report:**

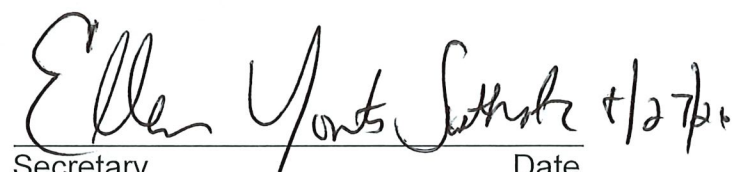
- Tony reached out regarding issues related to fixing the parking lot, but has not heard back from his contact as of the meeting today.
- Steve, Wayne and Tony went to People's Bank to renew the CD at 3.5% for 13 months.
- This Saturday is Harvest Showcase and the library will have a booth at the event.
- The Back-to-School celebration will be at the library on Saturday, August 8 from 11am-2:30pm.
- Tony is almost finished with his annual report and is continuing to gather documents for the audit.
- Tony was contacted by WAVE3 news regarding a shooting near the library for a request of footage. He was able to provide footage of the police response to the incident.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Wayne Sparrow to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Steve Metcalfe. The Board voted 5 to 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

  
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President Date

  
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Secretary Date