



Springfield Greene County Library Board of Trustees
May 21, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield-Greene County Library District met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Willard Branch Library.

Members of the Board Trustees were present or absent as follows.

Roll Call

Present/Absent

Rachael Morrow, President and Member:	Present
Stacey Penney, Vice President and Member:	Present
Aaron Jones, Treasurer and Member:	Present
Chris Bozarth, Secretary and Member:	Absent
Clinton Beecham, Member:	Absent
James Nevins, Member:	Present
Robert Stephens, Member:	Present
Melanie Weiler, Member:	Present
David Yancey, Member:	Present

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Penney moved to approve the minutes pending changes, Yancey seconded and the motion carried.

Building & Grounds Committee

There was no meeting in May due to Executive Director interviews. Interim Director Schmidt reported the following:

- The Polymath Café at the Library Center closed on April 13. The café had been operating under a letter of agreement and paying weekly rent. The space is now vacant but open for patron use. The staff will evaluate the space and possible usage after construction ends in 2025.
- Construction updates
 - Midtown Carnegie Branch Manager Pelkey gave an update. The bid package opens on May 28. All of the staff are out of the building, and the building is ready to turn over to Crossland Construction on June 3.

- The Library Center Branch Manager East stated that the project's base bid is currently at \$6.4M and Sapp Design is working to bring it down to \$6M. Of note, the Library has recently been informed that 30 trees will now be required on the property. The trees will need to be of a certain size. The architects will evaluate what is currently on the property. A Missouri Department of Conservation grant will be evaluated against the tree requirements.
- Republic Branch Manager Shay reported that the Nabholz contract is currently in their hands for review. Last Thursday, Paragon wrapped up design development. Paragon will be on hand at next month's meeting in Republic to show the plans. The next stage is the bid process. Everything is following the tight schedule as needed.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Jones reported that the finance report is in the packet.

- Schmidt highlighted a few details including that the railroad, utility and pilot tax were received after the report was prepared. Those items will be reflected in next month's financial statements.
- Schmidt added that the Library has received \$1M over the projected revenues.
- Jones reported that an Executive Director announcement will be made in the next few weeks.

The board then discussed the budget at length.

The Board of Trustees will meet in a closed personnel session electronically at 3 p.m. on Friday.

Jones moved the meeting to adjourn, Nevins seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting closed at 5:25 p.m.