

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 14, 2026**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance:
Greg Hockemeyer, Chris Bechtold, Joel Frank, Angela Bauer and Director Michael Ashby.

Absent: Carmen Bross, Spencer Mize, Mark Parker

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joel Frank and suspended to conduct the Board of Finance meeting.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular December Board meeting were approved.

**A motion to approve was made by Chris Bechtold.
Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

**A motion to approve the transfer of funds between
major categories within the Operating Fund was
made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Chris
Bechtold. Motion carried.**

**A motion to approve the transfer of funds from
the Operating fund to the Rainy Day fund was
made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Chris
Bechtold. Motion carried.**

**A motion to approve the 2025 encumbered funds
was made by Angela Bauer. Seconded by Greg
Hockemeyer. Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION

Building & Maintenance Repairs

There was discussion regarding the project amount which the Board requires for their approval. The current amount of \$5000 seems low and Mike would like to see this amount increased. A proposed amount of \$10,000 was discussed and there was agreement that any projects in the strategic plan under this amount the Director will not need additional board approval.

A motion to approve the \$10,000 amount was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Angela Bauer. Motion carried.

The 3 quotes for painting were discussed and it was decided to accept the \$13,000 quote.

A motion to accept the \$13,000 paint quote was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Angela Bauer. Motion carried.

Board members Joel Frank and Angela Bauer will be included in décor choices on the upcoming projects.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The library is currently working with Blue River Digital to rework our logo. Mike will bring the narrowed down options to the Board.

The library has been awarded a \$2000 grant from the Community Foundation of Whitley County to support our upcoming One Community, One Read program.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Session has been postponed until the February meeting.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the December 2025 claims and January 2026 was made by Angela Bauer. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Bauer. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Hockemeyer, Secretary Pro-Tem