

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees
July 29, 2024, at Argenta Library**

Public Hearing Meeting for Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goepfinger, Matt Honnold, Linda Albert, and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

This is the annual public hearing for comments on the FY2025 Budget and Appropriations. (Ordinance 25-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2025).

No members of the public were present. There were no public comments.

Meeting of the Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goepfinger, Matt Honnold, Linda Albert, Aaron Klepzig, and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – There have been several positive verbal comments about the new “No Fines” policy.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 24th meeting. Jackie moved to approve the minutes as presented. Aaron seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

The board reviewed the June bills. Aaron asked about check number 11896 to Featherstun, Gaumer. Donna replied that it is the attorney that represents the library. Aaron asked about check number 11904 to Huffman Lawn Care. Donna explained that it is for mowing and weeding at Oreana. Aaron asked about check number 11912 to GreatAmerica Financial Services. Donna said that this is how the library is billed for the copier. Jackie asked about check number 11914 to Detection Security Company. Donna said that this is the normal quarterly fee for the security system. The board reviewed the May Bookkeeper’s and Treasurer’s reports. The board reviewed the June Bookkeeper’s and Treasurer’s reports. Linda moved to approve the June bills, the May and June Bookkeeper’s and Treasurer’s reports as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes.

Donna presented the Director’s Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for June. The circulation numbers continue to trend up from last year. The library received the first Macon County tax levy installment on July 22. There were several maintenance items at the buildings. The craft days and programs continue to be well attended. Donna gave a presentation to the board describing the requirements and dates for the library to be compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Accessibility Rules) which is part of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The library has until 2027 to become compliant. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

1. Parking Lot at Argenta – the board examined the proposed plans for the new parking lot at Argenta. The board moved outside the building so that Aaron and Donna could explain the proposal. After discussion, Linda moved to go forward with the project and pursue the bid process. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. The board will hold a special meeting in August to review and approve the bid documents.

Matt left the meeting at 5:05 PM

2. Update on the solar energy project – there is a change coming in the way Ameren will be able to account and bill for power received from solar installations. To avoid this change, any system will need to be installed and online before January 1, 2025.

New Business -

There were four items of new business

1. Ordinance 25-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2025. Aaron moved to approve Ordinance 25-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2025 as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.
2. Ordinance 25-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2025. Aaron moved to approve Ordinance 25-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2025 as presented. Linda seconded the motion. After a roll call vote the motion passed with all ayes.
3. Appointment of two trustees to review fiscal year minutes and other documents (Secretary's Audit – 75 ILCS 16/30-65). Jackie and Linda accepted the appointment to this committee.
4. Closed Minutes – Barbara stated that she had reviewed the closed minutes for the past year and all closed minutes should remain closed under Open Meetings Act Exception Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). All closed minutes were about personnel matters.

Miscellaneous Business- Aaron asked about the possibility of the library being open on Fridays.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. John adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday August 26, 2024, at Argenta at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light