

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees  
July 28, 2025, at Argenta Library**

**Public Hearing Meeting for Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by Vice President Jackie Goeppinger. Library Board members present were Matt Honnold, Linda Albert, and Trudy Smith. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

This is the annual public hearing for comments on the FY2026 Budget and Appropriations. (Ordinance 26-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2026).

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

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

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Old Business-

Old Business was moved to the beginning of the meeting. Two guests were present from Gerber State Bank in Argenta, Illinois – Austin Pletsch and Jennifer Albright.

Austin and Jennifer gave an overview to the board regarding the three trust funds that the library currently relies on to supplement the fiscal budget each year. Gerber has been researching various options to retain as much of the wishes of those that left us a portion of their trust funds versus the realities of IRS regulations. The Betz-Holmes trust will be the first trust to undergo changes. AOPLD has written a letter of support to Gerber to help facilitate that change. Several board members had questions regarding the process and goals of proceeding.

After this discussion, the Board thanked Austin and Jennifer for their time and information. Austin and Jennifer left the meeting room.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – There were no correspondence, communications or public comments.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 30th meeting. Matt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

The board reviewed the June bills. Matt asked about an online charge for Blink. Donna explained it was an annual fee for the 3 outdoor cameras in Argenta. Matt asked about check no. 12202 to OttToPrintGreen. Donna stated that AOPLD still has 2 older printers that we use in the back rooms. OttToPrintGreen provides recycled toner cartridges which are at a reduced amount than buying new cartridges. Linda asked about check no. 12204 to Top Quality. Donna explained that it was for the Argenta roof. Jackie asked about check no. 12215 to the Macon County Conservation District. This was for a Summer Reading program. Trudy moved to approve the July bills as presented. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with all ayes. The board tabled the June Bookkeeper's and Treasurer's reports.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for June and for the end of the fiscal year. More details will be provided next month. The library received the first Macon and DeWitt County tax levy installments. AOPLD received the Parr distribution. Donna noted that Denise Klover's last day would be July 31<sup>st</sup>. The board was very appreciative of Denise's efforts while she was here. Donna has posted the position. There were several maintenance items at the buildings. The Summer Reading program in July was well attended. Donna will have final numbers next month. Donna attended several meetings.

New Business -

There were five items of new business

1. Ordinance 26-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2026. Matt moved to approve Ordinance 26-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2026 as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.
2. Ordinance 26-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2026. Trudy moved to approve Ordinance 26-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2026 as presented. Matt 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). Trudy and Matt accepted the appointment to this committee.
4. Closed Minutes – Since Barb was absent, the board tabled the review of the closed minutes.
5. Argenta roof – The Argenta roof has continued to be an issue. Top Quality insisted that it was an HVAC issue. Donna requested feedback from the board on next steps.

Miscellaneous Business – There was no miscellaneous business.

Jackie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes. Jackie adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday August 25, 2025, at Argenta at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Schaal