

**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees
Argenta-Oreana Public Library
July 27, 2026, at Argenta Library**

Public Hearing Meeting for Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 PM by Vice President Jackie Goeppinger. Library Board member present was Linda Albert. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

This is the annual public hearing for comments on the FY2027 Budget and Appropriations. (Ordinance 27-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027).

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 Vice President Jackie Goeppinger. Library Board member present was Linda Albert. Also, in attendance was Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

The minutes of the June 29, 2026 meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments -There were no items of correspondence, communication, or public comments.

The May 2026 Financial Report and Treasurer's Report, June 2026 Bills, Financial Reports, and Treasurer's Report were all tabled due to a lack of quorum.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for June. The 1st levy check from Macon County has been received. A change was made to the Illinois Public Library District Act that requires libraries to advertise the new 988 system. Donna stated that the proper documentation will be posted soon. The closing party of the Summer Reading program was held with good attendance. Donna will be recapping Summer Reading and FY2026 at next month's board meeting. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

There were two items of old business.

1. Solar Elective Pay Update – Donna reported that progress has been made with our application to Illinois Shines and Elective Pay through the federal government for our solar array in Oreana. We are on the last step of the process with Illinois Shines and all of the documentation has been submitted for the federal Elective Pay; we are on target for the November deadline.
2. Update on Macon County's Tax Exemption Status – Donna also said that the paperwork has been submitted and approved by Macon County to continue to have our property taxes waived. We are now waiting on the State for final approval.

New Business-

There were seven items of new business.

1. Community News – There is an opportunity for the library district to participate in a future newsletter or website with other community partners.
2. The staff has requested that they be allowed to participate in the upcoming 250th parade.
3. The AOPLD website needs to be updated. Donna will be checking in on company pricing rather than doing this in-house.
4. Ordinance 27-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2027 – Tabled.
5. Ordinance 27-02 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027 – Tabled.

6. Appointment of two trustees to review fiscal year minutes for the Secretary's Audit – Linda and Trudy.
7. Review of closed minutes – Tabled.

Miscellaneous – None

Jackie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jackie adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday August 31, 2026, at 4:30 PM in Argenta.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Schaal