**TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana
**July 1, 2025**

**MINUTES**

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on Thursday, June 26, 2025 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:
Grant Fischer, President
Connie Harper, Vice-President
Terry Ashlock, Secretary
Stephen Bultinck, Treasurer
Sallie Fahey, Member
Melissa McCandless, Member
Kay Walton, Member

ABSENT:

GUESTS
Brantly McCord, Staff member
Jos N. Holman, County Librarian

President Grant Fischer chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library. Board Secretary, Terry Ashlock, led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member, Melissa McCandless moved the **Board Minutes** of June 3rd, 2025 be approved as presented. Board Vice-President, Connie Harper, provided a second to the motion. The motion passed.

President Fischer presented the Human Resources Report prepared by HR Coordinator, Steve Berman. The County Librarian stated there were internal applicants for the two full-time vacancies listed on the report. No action was taken on the report.

Under the heading of **Personnel Actions,** Board member Kay Walton moved to approve the **Personnel Actions** of July 1st, 2025 as presented. Board member, Sallie Fahey provided a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Under the heading of **Other Reports,** the County Librarian presented information about the 2026 budget process. Mr. Holman reviewed an outline with key dates that are part of the process and spoke to a couple of options related to the public hearing and the adoption of the budget. Also, he mentioned the Board's Finance committee will meet to review a draft budget. No action was taken on this topic. Also, under **Other Reports,** Mr. Holman provided an update on library related topics that were considered by the state legislature during the 2025 spring session. He reviewed a couple of bills that passed and are related to local park boards appointments and certificates of deposit in local banks. Next, he mentioned a couple of bills that didn't pass, most notably, SB283 which has to do with fiscal authority for public libraries. Mr. Holman stated that though this bill was defeated, the topic will come up again when the state legislature convenes in 2026. No action was taken on this report.

There were no **Committee Reports** and no report for the Friends of TCPL.

There was no **Old Business** or **New Business** to consider.

Under the heading of **Other Business,** Board Treasurer Steve Bultinck presented information about the claims listing. Mr. Bultinck indicated the prewritten claims are numbered 406 to 439 with the regular claims numbered 440 to 476. The prewritten claims totaled $683,440.71 and the regular claims totaled $109,354.16 for a grand total of $792,794.87. Mrs. Walton moved to approve the claims as presented. Mrs. McCandless seconded the motion and it passed.

Also, under **Other Business,** Mr. Holman highlighted a couple of items from the County Librarian's Report. Regarding facilities, he updated the Board on the installation of two new air conditioner units at the Holman Branch. JL Anderson used a crane to lift the new units onto their exterior pads and also installed piping on furnaces inside the building. Everything was completed except a new coil that is yet to be delivered to JL Anderson. The meeting rooms will remain warm until the coil is installed. Mr. Holman also mentioned a new drop box was purchased to replace the older damaged drop box at the Beck Lane Kroger Payless store. The new item was purchased from American Security Cabinets and cost $5,917. TCPL will work with managers of the store to determine exactly where the new box will be located.

There were no **Comments from the Public.**

Under **Comments from the Board,** Mrs. Fahey shared information related to the possibility of a future branch in the northern part of Tippecanoe County. She mentioned a conversation with an individual who is connected to an organization that owns land in that section of the county. Mr. Holman stated he spoke with someone from the same organization and there may be the possibility of a partnership in a future development. Mr. Holman suggested he would coordinate a meeting between TCPL's Facilities committee and members of the organization. The committee was given "the green light" to pursue the exploration of ideas with the other organization. If the group meets, additional information will be shared. No action was taken on this topic. Also, under **Comments from the Board,** President Fischer shared his observations on the housing display in the lobby of the Holman Branch. He was impressed with the display and encouraged other Board members to look at it. Mr. Holman stated the display would be disassembled during the first week of July.

Mr. Bultinck moved to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mrs. Walton seconded the motion and it carried.

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Terry Ashlock, Secretary

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