

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 29, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Harrison County Public Library was held on January 29, 2026. The meeting took place at the Corydon branch of the Harrison County Public Library, 105 N. Capitol Avenue, Corydon, IN 47112. Members of the Board present: Sharon Mathes, Vice-President; Barbara Smith, Secretary; Sharon Rothrock, Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor, Doug Zeidler, Alisa Burch, Director, Jessica Stroud, Assistant Director/Treasurer, Brandy Wilkerson, Business Manage & Recording Secretary, Karen York, a member of the public. Derrick Grigsby and Pam Bennett Martin were absent.

Sharon Mathes called the regular meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the January 29, 2026, meeting. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the Agenda

Sharon Rothrock made a motion to approve the agenda for the January 29, 2026, meeting. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Treasurers' Report

Barbara Smith made a motion to approve the claims, financial reports, and transfer of funds for December 2025. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS Presented by Alisa Burch, Director

Delays and closures:

- The Library was closed Monday, January 26, and Tuesday, January 27, due to inclement weather. HCPL followed the county government offices shutdown.

As of 8:26 am today, 13,072 books have been logged for the 2026 Read to Feed Harrison County Winter Reading Challenge. Since the 10,000-book community reading goal was reached, these businesses will donate to Harrison County Community Services - Duke Energy (\$1,000), Lucas Oil (\$1,000), Caesars Southern Indiana (\$500), Eckart Supply (\$250), and Harrison REMC (\$200).

Alisa stated that SB8 had passed the Senate and will be going to the House on February 2, 2026.

Alisa will deliver postcards to state legislators at State House Day, February 3, 2026.

The fire department was called to Main on Monday, January 26, when a faulty smoke alarm went off.

The new roof on the Emporium leaked and caused damage to the CVB office, which was found on Tuesday, January 27. Steven Schifcar immediately notified Shireman Construction, and they will handle it.

Library to switch meeting room scheduling software to a free software resulting in \$1,100 savings.

Corrected 2026 Board Meeting Dates were distributed.

Board Members were asked to review their contact sheet information.

Evergreen compatible barcode test is underway.

Alisa asked which board members have taken the Nonprofit Board Governance Training from the Harrison County Community Foundation? Sharon Mathes stated that she thought she had completed this training, but would have to check.

In February, the library will be closed:

- Monday, February 16 – Presidents Day

Alisa discussed HCPL by the numbers created by Jessica Stroud.

The 2025 Year in Review was emailed out to all board members.

The Treasurer Bond for Jessica Stroud, Assistant Director/Treasurer was signed off by the board members.

New board member Doug Zeidler took his oath of office.

BUSINESS

Barbara Smith made a motion to elect Sharon Mathes as the new President and Sharon Rothrock as the new Vice President. Jo Ann Spieth-Saylor seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Barbara Smith made a motion for the approval of the new 2026 Mileage Rate of .725 cents per mile. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

Sharon Rothrock made a motion for the approval of the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan. Barbara Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan passed with a vote of 4-1. Doug Zeidler voted nay.

Alisa presented the board with By-law changes. Those changes will be voted on at the next board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Barbara Smith welcomed Doug Zeidler to the board.

Doug Zeidler said he was excited to serve on the board.

Sharon Mathes said the new historical marker at the front of the library looks great.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:59 p.m. Sharon Rothrock seconded the motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

The Board will meet again for the next regular Board meeting at 3 pm on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Corydon branch.

Barbara Smith
Secretary, HCPL Board of Trustees

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Date