

Minutes of the Mississippi Valley Library District

Public Hearing for Ordinance 26-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2026

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library, Fairmont City, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeanne Lomax, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

Trustees Present:

Jeanne Lomax, President
Kelly Balaco Reeder, Vice President
Ginny York, Secretary
Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
Kathy Murphy, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

None

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

Lomax invited comments concerning Ordinance 26-01. There were none.

4. Adjournment

Balaco-Reeder moved and Murphy seconded to adjourn the Budget and Appropriations Public Hearing.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor of adjourning.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:37PM.

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 6:37 PM

Place: Fairmont City Library, Fairmont City, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lomax called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:37PM.

Trustees Present:

Jeanne Lomax, President
Kelly Balaco Reeder, Vice President
Ginny York, Secretary
Ian Ashcraft, Treasurer
Cathy Kulupka, Trustee
Kathy Murphy, Trustee
Ana Romero-Lizana

Trustees Absent:

None

Also Present:

Kyla Waltermire, Executive Director
Matt Harris, Assistant Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Input

- Michael Treece – submitted written comments
- Cynthia Klein-Webb – submitted written comments
- Katerina Engle
- Cynthia Baker
- Katie Camero, on behalf of Sam Camero
- Rachel Dye
- Robin DeGuzman
- Sharon Herrin
- Chad Lomax

4. Friends of the Library Updates

The next book sale will be held November 7-8 at the Collinsville Memorial Library. They will

also be assisting with a Trivia Night fundraiser for the library in March 2026.

5. Trustee Comments

- Cathy Kulupka – spoke about programming for LGBT+ community members and prior month's Equal Employment Opportunity policy conversation.
- Kathy Murphy – stated that her comments from the prior month were taken out of context.
- Balaco-Reeder – informed members of the public that she'd reached out to elected officials in regards to federal funding for libraries
- Ian Ashcraft – mentioned the Freegal streaming music service; recognized September as suicide prevention month; mentioned Banned Books Week in October.
- Jeanne Lomax – stated it's a dark time in our country and will continue to pray for healing; mentioned Constitution Day on September 17 and a Constitution Week display at the Collinsville Memorial Library.

6. Consent Items

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 30, 2025 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
 - ii. August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
 - iii. September 4, 2025 Fundraising Committee Meeting
- b. Communications - One email received regarding needed repairs on the Blum House.
- c. Administrative Reports – Kyla Waltermire and Matthew Harris answered questions about their reports.
- d. Finances – There was some discussion.
- e. Committee Reports – Building and Grounds Committee and Fundraising Committee met; see minutes.

A motion to accept the Consent Items excluding the fundraising committee minutes was made by York and seconded by Balaco-Reeder.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka - yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana - yes
York – yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Ordinance 26-01: Budget and Appropriations for FY2026

A motion was made by Balaco-Reeder and seconded by Kulupka to adopt of Ordinance 26-01.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder – yes
Kulupka - yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana – yes
York – yes

Yes – 7, No -0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 0

Motion carried.

- b. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Resolution 26-02: ACT Community Action Grant Application for Solar-Powered E-Bike Charging Station

A motion was made by Kulupka and seconded by Romero-Lizana to adopt Resolution 26-02.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – yes
Balaco-Reeder - yes
Kulupka – yes
Lomax – yes
Murphy – yes
Romero-Lizana - yes
York -yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent -0

Motion carried.

- c. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Revised Meeting Spaces Policy – Reading Room

A motion was made by York and seconded by Balaco-Reeder to approve the revised Meeting Spaces Policy.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ashcraft – Yes
Balaco-Reeder – Yes
Kulupka - Yes
Lomax – Yes
Murphy – Yes
Romero-Lizana – Yes
York – Yes

Yes – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent -0

Motion carried.

- d. Review of Serving Our Public 4.0, Chapter 11
No discussion.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kulupka and seconded by Romero-Lizana to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.