



Robert R. Jones Public Library Board of Directors
900 W 1st Street Coal Valley-Board Room

Date	September 19, 2025
Type of Meeting	Regular Session
Call to Order	6:34pm by Nick Hanna
Board Members Present	Nick Hanna (President) Dianna Saelens (Secretary) Tish Jackson (Treasurer) Bonnie Lawhorn (Trustee) Janene Finley (Trustee) Angela Moody (Trustee) Pubali Kundu (Trustee)
Board Members Absent	None
Library Staff Members Present	Victoria Blackmer (Director)
Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Trustee	
Pubali Kundu sworn in.	
Public Comment	
N/A	
Executive Report (President)	
Thanked Victoria and the trustees for their hard work on the FY26 budget.	
Approval Of Prior Meeting Minutes (Secretary)	
Approval of the minutes from the July 24, 2025, meeting <i>Motion to accept the Prior Meeting Minutes -Bonnie, Second-Janene, Vote-All Ayes.</i>	
Financial Report (Treasurer)	
- The July/August financial report was reviewed. - West Bend received a double payment; a refund will be issued. - Equipment expenses need to be adjusted to reflect grant spending. <i>Action: Motion to accept financial report-Dianna, Second-Tish, Vote- All Ayes.</i> - Financials are being submitted to Kim Hoffman for the FY25 Audit.	
Director's Report	
- Circulation & programming numbers for July & August 2025 were reviewed. Numbers were higher due to summer programming. - Bicentennial's Back to School Night and Kaylee's visit to the 1st-grade classrooms increased patronage. - Website updates were reviewed.	

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee (Tish Jackson)**

- The projected Rock Island County Replacement Tax for FY26 is \$23,425, a slight increase over FY25.
- With the change of Vice Presidents, approved account signers need to be updated at Black Hawk State Bank.

Motion to remove Laina Cross Harris' access to library accounts at Black Hawk State Bank-Dianna, Second-Pubali, Vote-All Ayes

Motion to approve the Executive Committee (Nick Hanna, Janene Finley, Tish Jackson, & Dianna Saelens) to sign and have access to library accounts at Black Hawk State Bank-Dianna, Second-Pubali, Vote-All Ayes.

- Discussed opening a CD at Black Hawk State Bank for the Special Reserve Fund (\$70,278) to begin collecting interest on the funds. The last withdrawal from the account was May, 2019.

Motion to approve the purchase of a \$45,000, 6-month CD at Black Hawk State Bank with Tish Jackson & Janene Finley as signers-Angela, Second-Janene, Vote-All Ayes.

- Review of the Combined Budget & Appropriation Ordinance of the Robert R. Jones Public Library District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and closing June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote to approve (6 Ayes, 0 Nays):

- Angela-Aye
- Bonnie-Aye
- Janene-Aye
- Tish-Aye
- Pubali-Aye
- Dianna-Aye

- Review of the Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Robert R. Jones Public Library District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and closing June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote to approve (6 Ayes, 0 Nays):

- Angela-Aye
- Bonnie-Aye
- Janene-Aye
- Tish-Aye
- Pubali-Aye
- Dianna-Aye

- **Employee Committee (Janene Finley)**

- No Report

- **Programming Committee (Bonnie Lawhorn)**

- No Report

- **Building Committee (Dianna Saelens)**

- No Report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Review of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance of the Robert R. Jones Public Library District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and closing June 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote to approve (6 Ayes, 0 Nays):

▪ <i>Angela-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Bonnie-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Janene-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Tish-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Pubali-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Dianna-Aye</i>
• Review of the Resolution Concerning Sale of Non-Resident Fee Cards by the Board of Trustees of the Robert R. Jones Public Library District. ○ <i>The Board of Trustees of the Robert R. Jones Public Library District has determined that the library will not sell non-resident fee cards during the fiscal year 2025-2026.</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote to approve (6 Ayes, 0 Nays):</i> ▪ <i>Angela-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Bonnie-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Janene-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Tish-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Pubali-Aye</i> ▪ <i>Dianna-Aye</i>
• In the library bylaws, it states the need for a Policy Committee to review and update policies as needed. Members of this committee will be Angela, Bonnie, and Dianna. Nick and Victoria will serve as Ex Officio members. A Chair will be elected at the first meeting.
Adjournment
<i>Motion for Adjournment-Dianna, Second-Angela</i>
7:33
Next Meeting
Regular Meeting-October 23, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Action Items
• Policy Committee meeting to elect Chair.

Minutes Submitted By: Dianna Saelens