

**HOPE WELTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 3:42 PM**

Call to Order >

President Mary Hissong called the meeting of the Hope Welty Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 3:42 pm. Those answering roll call were : Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Brenda Hart, Lyn Coleman and Library Director Shari Rawlings. Hannah Sawyer arrived at 3:45 pm.

Public Forum >

None

Minutes of the Budget Meeting were read . Linda Martin moved to accept the minutes for the budget. Brenda Hart seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 8th meeting were read. Linda Martin moved to accept the minutes. Brenda Hart seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report >

Linda Martin read the treasurer's report. A beginning balance of \$257,216.20. We have bills in the amount of \$9,518 to be paid. We had an ending balance of \$283,597.52. We had tax money come in from Piatt County. Brenda Hart moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills in the amount of \$9,518. Linda Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Lyn Coleman, Brenda Hart voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Old Business >

Hannah Sawyer was sworn in as new library board member by President Mary Hissong.

New Business >

Tax Levy / was read by President Mary Hissong, Tax Levy \$142,930.67. No increase in tax for Tax Year 2025 payable in 2026. Roll call was taken, Mary Hissong, Linda Martin, Hannah Sawyer, Brenda Hart and Lyn Coleman. All voted to not increase the Tax Amount. Motion accepted.

Director's Report >

Pumpkin Dessert Day / 41 people

Library Crawl / 25 People

New Items for check out / Stay Sharp Bags for Seniors. Car History and Keep it Moving.

Mental Health Bags coming in next week from Piatt Co. 1 for Adults and 1 for Children.

Toni Story Box and characters.

Pay Music Group from 95 Library Birthday. / \$100 visa gift cards each person / 3

Director's Report continued.

Oct. 2 A lady come in library at 4:30. Asked if school was open. She said she had a job starting the next day. Had a phone on the whole time. She said she needed a tire. Had a donut on it. Foster Parents needed a break from her. Only here about 5 minutes. She was on the phone as soon as she left.

Maybe add a panic button \$60 on Amazon. Adding hours for 2 staff members at all times, Tabled until next month.

Vacation Days & PLAW DAYS >

Shari & Tina get days. Michelle get PLAW hours. 1 hour for every 40 hours worked.

Next Meeting Date :

November 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm. Linda Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00. Hannah Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda Hart / acting secretary.