

March 9, 2026
Jay County Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Jay County Public Library Community Room
315 North Ship Street, Portland, IN

Board Members Present: Tracy Carpenter, Amy Hawbaker, Carolyn Journay, Liz Lawson, Parker May, Dolphus Stephens.

Board Members Absent: Jessica Cook.

Staff Present: Eric Hinderliter, Director.

Members of the Public: None.

Board Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Lawson, and passed, the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Upon motion of Ms. Hawbaker, seconded by Ms. Lawson, and passed, the final January Financial Report and Claim Register, including claims from February 10 through March 9, were approved.

Report of the Director

1. Usage

Eric presented the usage report for February.

2. Building and Grounds and Technology

The lighting project is nearly complete - the Community Room and the outside lights still remain. Mustard Seed is done with their job - they will provide a quote for painting of certain parts of the building in addition to some outside work. Delaware Glass is still waiting on a last part.

3. Programming/Services

February was a good month with strong attendance for story times as well as a Tasty Trends event for children with 82 in attendance at that. In March, Chris Kennedy Nixon (Murder and Mayhem in Early Jay County) will be here on March 16. That event is just about "sold" out. Other highlights include an escape room night for kids as well as a few Spring Break activities.

Kindergarten Prep School - We have secured funding from both The Portland Foundation and the Jay Schools for a total of \$6,000. Summer planning is underway.

4. Personnel

Hannah Bradshaw is now back at work.

5. Legislative Update

House Bill 1406 passed with the anticipated provisions that will impact our budget and levy growth.

Committee Reports

Communications

Unfinished (old) Business

New Business

Public Input

Adjournment - On motion of Mr. Stephens, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting: April 13, 2026

Respectfully recorded,

Eric Hinderliter, JCPL Director

Amy Hawbaker

Liz Lawson

Dolphus Stephens

Tracy Carpenter

Carolyn Journay

Parker May