

Weldon Library Board Minutes
July 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Jered Shofner at 7:00pm, in the board meeting room of the Weldon Public Library.

The roll call was conducted by Chris Senkpiel. In attendance were Jered Shofner, Cherie Brittin, Chris Senkpiel, Christi Baker, Carla Burton, Dave Meyer, and Amanda Walters. Library Director, Lori Rich was also present. Sandi Sanders (Public Notary) joined the meeting late to notarize documents.

There were invited guests via a phone conference: Phil Lenzini (attorney) and his assistant (Jessica Pullen). There was an open discussion regarding procedural options for requesting tax revenue increases to improve financial health.

There was no public forum.

The Treasurer's Annual Report was presented for review. There was a motion by Cherie Brittin to approve as presented, seconded by Dave Meyer. Approved unanimously, 7-0. The documents for publication were notarized by Sandi Sanders.

The meeting minutes were presented from the June 16, 2026 board meeting. All minutes were adopted per discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for June was reviewed by trustees.

The beginning balance at First National for June 1 was \$4,011.83. Receipts for June were \$17,449.07. The distributions for June were \$8,951.18 and fund disbursements were \$11,193.63 resulting in an ending balance on June 30, 2026, of \$1,316.09.

There was a motion by Amanda Walters to accept the June treasurer's report, seconded by Carla Burton. The vote to approve was unanimous, 7-0.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT was given by Lori Rich.

June Cloud Library Stats

Total Number of Items Circulated June 1 – June 30:

- Owned Content: 24,176 (12,008 - e-books; 12,168 - audiobooks)
- Pay-per-use Audio: 2,223
- Our patrons: eBook, 27 eAudio - 59

June Libby – Digital Library of Illinois (Reported Weldon Library Activity)

Total Number of Items Circulated June 1 - 30:

- e-books – 15
- Magazine – 27
- Audio - 43

June funds deposited

Fine, copy, fax: \$4.90 - Candy, soda, coffee: \$51.33 –

Donation: Al Bucher \$150.00 Donation

Christi Baker: Reimbursement: \$57.62, Christi Baker - Sell Your Books: \$7.57

Book Replacement: Effingham PL \$30.00, Shelbyville School \$20.00

DVD Replacement: \$25.00

Total \$346.42

Paid Out June - \$40.94

Kids Summer Extension Programs at the Library

July 24th at 2:00PM – Microgreens (planting)

July 31st at 2:00PM – Terrariums (making small terrariums)

Both programs feature mindfulness activities

Summer Reading theme 2026 – “Plant a Seed, Read!” Schedule is planned! Currently, we have collected \$1,466.45 designated for Summer Reading and a \$25 gift card from County Market

- 6-10-26 That Kid Place & Foam Cannon ~ A-19, C-37
- 6-17-26 Clay Lady ~ A-7, C-23
- 6-24-26 Miller Park Zoo ~ A-15, C-33
- 7-1-26 We LOVE America ~ A-18, C-24
- 7-8-26 U of I Vet Med ~ A-14, C-25
- 7-15-26 Awards Party ~ A-36, C-34. Fifty-four readers had signed up, 48 participated. A total of 44,410 pages were read!

Next Year Summer Theme: *Reading Expands Our Universe*

Other News from the Director:

- LTC Grant Panels were set July 6th – thank you to Amanda Walters, Dave Meyer, and Carla Burton
- Dewitt County Community Needs Assessment Ice Cream Social June 30th ~ A-23, C-5
- For future discussion: AI generated books needs to be added to Materials Standards Policy
- The staff is working through another Polaris software update

OLD BUSINESS

- Long Range Plan update – tabled until next month

- Camera – repair? (two cameras out now). We will review as a topic for New Business next month
- Accounting Software – Christi is testing APLOS now. Dave has also looked and likes the basis of the program. Report back next month.
- Audit of Secretary's Minutes for Annual Report was performed by Christi Baker and Carla Burton.

NEW BUSINESS

- Review & Adopt Public Notice Ordinance 26-03 - Notice must be published one time in the paper WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER the adoption. Dave Meyer made a motion to approve adoption of ordinance, seconded by Cheri Brittin. Motion approved, 7-0.
- Review & Adopt Building Maintenance Ordinance 26-03 – Post on bulletin board w/Sec. Certificate. Motion by Carla Burton to accept ordinance, seconded by Amanda Walters. Approved 7-0.
- Review & Adopt Budget & Appropriation Ordinance 26-04. Motion by Cheri Brittin to approve ordinance, seconded by Dave Meyer. Approved 7-0
- Treasurers Annual Report – File W/County Clerk & Co. Treasurer (requires notarization), Publish Notice in paper. Performed earlier in the meeting.
- Committee Review Closed Session Minutes (Jan-June) (Carla & Amanda) Motion by Amanda Walters to not make minutes public, seconded by Carla Burton. Approved 7-0
- Bi Monthly Report
- Memorandum of Understanding with DeWitt County ESDA for official Cooling/Warming Station was discussed. There was a motion by Dave Meyer to approve, seconded by Amanda Walters. Approved 7-0.
- Bid for Heating/Air replacement – a proposal was previously submitted by Travis Boley to replace the existing HVAC system. Amanda Walters made a motion to accept the bid of \$10,128 to be paid for out of the Money Market account. Motion was seconded by Cheri Brittin and approved 7-0.
- Amanda Walters suggested Library Board support on Friday, August 14th at the Weldon Homecoming festival from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Library will close at 4:00PM to support the event.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR NEW BUSINESS:

- Investigate mental health training opportunities (result of the community forum presentation program)
- Resume discussions on security camera options

- Long Range Plan for Library

With no further business, there was a motion by Amanda Walters to adjourn meeting, seconded by Cherie Brittin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Meeting Minutes, Financial Budget Committee

August 6, 2026

A meeting was held on August 6th at 1:15PM at the Library. The meeting was called to review progress with a trial of the APLOS accounting software.

In attendance were committee members: Christi Baker, Dave Meyer, and Chris Senkpiel. Jered Shofner and Lori Rich were also in attendance.

Dave Meyer walked the group through a tour of the software, the data entry process, and the reporting options. He and Christi have uploaded a months' worth of transactions to demonstrate the flexibility and structure of the program. Accounts have been created based on existing accounting ledgers and budget planning documents.

The information was well received and will be shared with the full board for a decision on investing in the software for accounting and reporting support.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.