

DUBOIS COUNTY CONTRACTUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Jasper Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Steve Scott, Gaylene Laubscher (arrived later), Pamela Catt, Anna Grant, Ann Shappard Nona Baker (virtual), Ann Shappard, Lisa Kincer, Kathy Eckerle, Director Christine Golden, Jasper Branch Manager Beth Herzog Schmidt, Attorney Greg Schnarr **Absent:** Marc Steczyk, Abby Kennedy

1. **Call to Order:** President Scott called the regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Jasper Public Library Meeting Room.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Minutes:** Minutes from the regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting held on August 14, 2025, given to the board for review.
 - b. **Financial Reports:** The Treasurer's Report covering August 1, 2025, through August 30, 2025, was provided to the Board for review.
 - c. **Claims:** Copies of the claims were provided to the Board for review and approval.
 - d. **Managers' Reports:** The Ferdinand, Birdseye, and Dubois Branch Managers' reports were included in the board packets for review.

On motion by Grant, second by Ehrhard, the Consent Agenda was approved. (7-0, Baker abstains)

3. **Public Forum:** none
4. **2026 Budget Hearing:** President Scott opened the 2026 Budget Hearing. No comments were made.

On motion by Shappard, second by Eckerle, the Budget Hearing was closed. (7-0, Baker abstains)

5. **Jasper Branch Update:** Beth Herzog Schmidt, Manager: Beth shared updates happening at Jasper and focused more on stories, rather than statistics. Shared stories that patrons shared about their experiences at the library. Examples included how the library has become a second home for them and a place to meet new friends and feel safe.
6. **Library Updates, Director Golden:**
 - a. **Birdseye:** Golden still accepting applications for employment at Birdseye. Thanked the Jasper staff for helping out in the interim.
 - b. **Current projects:** Shared about continuing projects. Only a few pieces of the infrastructure project remain and should be wrapped up by early October.
 - c. **ILS:** Golden is completing sessions with a few other staff investigating a new ILS (Integrated Library System) as the current vendor continues to increase prices without any new updates in quite some time. She will present an option at the October meeting.
7. **Upcoming conferences/workshops/meetings:** Golden and Schitter attended the Annual Bookkeeping Workshop in Anderson last week. Trina James and Amy Bastien will be attending the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Management Workshop in Indianapolis next week.
8. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular Dubois County Contractual Public Library meeting is scheduled to be held at the Jasper Public Library on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

9. **Adjournment:** On a Motion by Ehrhard, second by Laubscher, the meeting adjourned. (8-0, Baker abstains)

Signed this 9th day of October, 2025

John Kennedy
Mike J.
Danella Cuth
Anna Grant
Kathy Eckert
Stephen Laubscher

Ann Shappard
Neil Ehrhard
Steve Scott

ATTEST

Stephen Laubscher
Secretary