

HANNIBAL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025-2026 AD
VALOREM TAX RATE
of August 19, 2025

The Hannibal Free Public Library Board of Trustees held a public meeting **at 12:00 on Tuesday, August 19, 2025**, in the meeting rooms on the 3rd Floor at Hannibal Free Public Library, 200 South Fifth Street, Hannibal, MO 63401 for the 2025-2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

Present were Kevin Knickerbocker, Roy Hark, Joy McPike, Laura Judlowe, Linda Spaun, John Davis, Raymond Lee, Jessica Gilmore, and Harry Graves

Also present were Caitlin Greathouse, Andrea Reinwald

Members of the Public were asked to sign-in.

Kevin Knickerbocker chaired the meeting. He called it to order at 12:00 p.m.

Caitlin Greathouse provided the Pro Forma Tax Rate supplied by the Marion County Collector's office. She read the past year's tax rate as 0.2854 and the proposed rate of 0.2737. Harry Graves asked about missing information from the form. Greathouse explained the form comes directly from the Collector's and that it is just a reference for the Library as what the cap of the rate is for the upcoming year in regards to the Hancock Amendment. She explained that valuation of property did go up so the change's effect on the Revenue Budget should be minimal.

There was no public comment.

Roy Hark made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Joy McPike supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Greathouse, Acting Secretary

Accepted,

Kevin Knickerbocker, President

HANNIBAL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
of August 19, 2025

The Hannibal Free Public Library Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting **directly following the Public Hearing**, in the meeting rooms on the 3rd Floor at Hannibal Free Public Library, 200 South Fifth Street, Hannibal, MO 63401.

Present were Kevin Knickerbocker, Roy Hark, Joy McPike, Laura Judlowe, Linda Spaun, John Davis, Raymond Lee, Jessica Gilmore, and Harry Graves

Also present were Caitlin Greathouse, Andrea Reinwald

Kevin Knickerbocker chaired the meeting. He called it to order at 12:02 p.m.

Harry Graves made the motion to approve the Minutes from July 15, 2025. Roy Hark supported the motion. Motion carried.

Caitlin Greathouse explained the claims for the month with salaries totaling \$61,451.91 for three pay periods in July, with credit card claims in the amount of \$2,767.25, assessment fee of \$215.76, Capital Outlay claims for the roof project totaling \$80, and other claims totaling \$12,256.83. Laura Judlowe made a motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$76,771.75. John Davis supported. Motion carried.

Moved by Roy Hark and supported by Kevin Knickerbocker to accept the Investment Report for July 2025. Motion carried.

The City Financial Reports for July 2025 were included in the Financial Packet.

The Transfer Recommendation was distributed. Moved by Roy Hark and supported by Joy McPike to accept the transfer recommendation showing no transfer. Motion carried.

Caitlin Greathouse read correspondence from Jenie Barta from Aunt Polly's Treasures LLC stating she has located two replacement slip shades for the Guth Light outside of Andrea Reinwald's office. She stated they would be delivered soon by Rick and Deb Butler from Arkansas. Barta said the couple is excited to see them hanging in a historic building in a working Edwin Guth Light. Caitlin gave some history of this fixture and shared Sara and Frank North's mission to find and secure these shades.

No Public Comment.

There were no committee reports.

Caitlin Greathouse requested consideration of an Ad Hoc Committee to be involved in the planning and implementation of the 125th Anniversary Open House in October. Kevin Knickerbocker, Jessica Gilmore, and Laura Judlowe volunteered for assignment to this committee.

There were no questions about the written Director's Report. Caitlin Greathouse reported she had some additions to the report.

Greathouse reported due to the January 2024 implementation of revised regulations for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Library could no longer have the Native American artifact display on the 2nd Floor. She reported that based upon instruction from the Board, the Library would begin removing the display. Motion by Roy Hark to seek representatives from the mentioned Native American Tribes to send the artifacts to their appropriate entities. Supported by Linda Spaun. Motion carried.

Caitlin Greathouse updated the Board of the plan to remove the skylight on Monday, August 25th, and stated it was recommended to be closed to the public that day in case of shattering glass. Laura Judlowe made the motion to close the Library on August 25th, 2025 to the public and pay staff for their scheduled time. John Davis supported the motion. Motion carried.

Under the Roof and Skylight update, Caitlin reported the proposed schedule of work on the project.

Caitlin Greathouse distributed the Director's Annual Report in a new proposed format. She distributed the comparative data spreadsheet. Greathouse reported circulation, visits, and programming statistics all increased from the previous year. She reported registration is the focus for 2025-2026. Roy Hark motioned to approve the Annual Report. John Davis supported the motion. Motion carried.

Under New Business Joy McPike motioned to accept the Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 0.2737 per 100 valuation. Roy Hark supported the motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Roy Hark and supported by Kevin Knickerbocker to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Greathouse, Acting Secretary

Accepted,

Kevin Knickerbocker, President