

Monroe Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2026

Location: Monroe Library

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Beccy Ver Heul, Stacie McCoy, Rachel Purvis, Kristina Cimaglia

Absent: Nicki Tapps

Staff: Mallory Hackett

Guest: June Hjortshoj

Approval of Minutes

Stacie McCoy moved to approve the minutes from February 4, 2026. Seconded by Kristina Cimaglia. Motion carried.

Bills and Financial Statements

Bills and financial statements were presented.

Beccy Ver Heul moved to approve payment of bills through February 28, 2026. Seconded by Stacie McCoy. Motion carried.

Director's Report

February Stats:

468 patrons entered the library

3 new patrons

473 items checked in

482 items checked out

268 renewals

65 items added to collection

26 program attendees

The Story walk was updated with Dinos Love Donuts. The author commented on our Facebook post! President's Day handed out pencils and Bingo winners enjoyed Jersey Freeze bucks. The Director read to PCM 2nd grade Pete the Cat at The Gathering Place.

Unfinished Business

Review Library hours

- 5 adults and 3 kids today at the new hours
- Test the new schedule in March and assess in April

Jasper County Budget Hearing FY 27

- \$1250 increase for books for us that mean \$15614
- Adding a line item for the books

Monroe Library FY 27

- Increase of about \$3000 to budget

United for Libraries/Penguin Random House Friends



City Hall Proposal

- We have walked the space proposed
- McCoy motioned that The Library Board does not support relocating the Monroe Public Library to the Monroe Elementary space Purvis seconded. Motion carried.

Library Expansion

- Started having companies come to give quotes and ideas on space.
- 29 x 35 about 1500 square feet
- Sunroom Escapes and Midwest Construction
- Two new grants to explore
- On agenda for City Hall meeting Monday

New Business

Bridges Letter of Agreement FY27

- Signed agreement amount to be paid \$800 for year

Jasper Library Directors Meeting 2/17/26

- Discussed budget
- Would like Jasper Libraries to attend the Jasper County Supervisor Meeting so they know who we are. They meet on every Tuesday at 9:30am
- Becky our Regional State person retires in May as of now no replacement mentioned.

National Library Week

- Theme Show Your Joy
- April 19-25, 2026
- Library will do some things

Trustee Training (10 minutes)

Chapter 5: Approving and Monitoring the Budget

- Covered budget, what the library board approves and how money left goes back to the general fund.

Public Input

n/a

Next Meeting

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 4:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by general consent at 5:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Beccy VerHeul, Board Vice President