

MINUTES OF THE DAVIESS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING

August 19, 2026

Members present: Kevin Dorth, President
Rodney Ellis, Treasurer
Kathi Mattas, Secretary
Al Mattingly
Tim Kline

Others present: Erin Waller, Director
Debbie Young, Business Manager
Ryan Henry, Collection Development Manager
Amber Potts, KDLA Regional Consultant

Absent: Comm'r Janie Marksberry, Fiscal Court Liaison

At 4:59 pm, President Kevin Dorth called the meeting to order in the second floor meeting room of the Daviess County Public Library.

Mr. Dorth called for approval of the July minutes. Mr. Mattingly motioned to approve, Mr. Kline seconded, and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with the Financial Report and Approval of Expenditures was given by Rodney Ellis. Mrs. Mattas motioned to approve, Tim Kline seconded, and the motion carried. Next Rodney Ellis went over the Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027. He led a discussion and answered questions. Mr. Ellis noted that all the compensating tax rates were lower than the Library's last year rates, but felt the compensating rates were adequate to meet the approved budget. Mr. Ellis indicated that the compensating rate for Real Property was 5.30 cents per \$100, Tangible Personal Property, Aircraft, Watercraft and Inventory was 5.70 cents per \$100 and Motor Vehicle tax was 4.00 cents per \$100 (no change). After discussion, Al Mattingly made a motion to accept compensating rates for all taxes, Real Property in the amount of 5.30 cents per \$100, Tangible Personal Property, Aircraft, Watercraft and Inventory in the amount of 5.70 cents per \$100 and 4.00 cents per \$100 for Auto Tax. Tim Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved tax rates will be sent to the Daviess County Fiscal Court to be presented at the next Fiscal Court meeting.

The Director's Report was given by Erin Waller, including:

1. The DCPL summer reading program finished at the end of July with over 1,500 participants having logged their reading minutes and over 6,500 in summer programs attendance.
2. The Kentucky Room will be making use of a portion of the Helen Friedman donation to create an art gallery wall outside of the Kentucky Room to display local art.
3. The new construction second floor meeting room is now in use.

4. Mr. Rodney Ellis has been a DCPL Board of Trustees member for ten years and was recognized and thanked for his service.

5. The audit progress update: Since January, 250 of 251 titles on the audit list have been reviewed, with 243 moved. The one remaining title is still currently checked out, and upon its return and review the audit will be complete.

Old Business – There was no Old Business.

New Business –

1. Board Member Nominations:

Mr. Dorth noted that there were three applicants for the Board. In consideration of Treasurer Rodney Ellis's term ending, Mr. Dorth motioned to approve applicant Mr. Matthew Casebolt, due in part to his banking and financial experience. Mrs. Mattas seconded, and, after brief discussion, the Board voted. The motion to approve Mr. Casebolt carried with three "aye" votes and two abstentions by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Mattingly. The nomination of Matthew Casebolt will be forwarded to the Fiscal Court Judge Executive.

2. Discussion of Request for Reconsideration Policy:

Ryan Henry and Erin Waller gave consideration and asked questions regarding the current RFR process, including: with the audit nearly finished, when should the RFR process resume – the Oct. 15 deadline or sooner; there has not been an answer from the county attorney regarding a minor's name on an RFR in the event of an FOIA; possibly adding the question "How does this book violate our policy?"; perhaps requiring a patron's library card number on the RFR form to verify patron status; noting the cost and time involved in book reviews and appeals; a question of having appeals go through a review committee or rather directly to the board; how to apply new policy to the subjective nature of some content; and, whether the new process should just be allowed to play out for a few months to see how it works. After additional discussion, Tim Kline stated that he would work up some suggestions to consider on the RFR policy and ask fellow board members for their input.

There being no further business, President Kevin Dorth adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Daviess County Public Library Board of Trustees will be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the second floor meeting room of the Daviess County Public Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Dorth", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and a cursive "Dorth".