Hamblen County Library Board of Trustees

Minutes for Special Called Meeting, September 8, 2026

This special called meeting of the Hamblen County Library Board of Trustees was called to order in the George S. Hale Community Room by Library Board chair, Christy Cowan, at 5:35 pm.

Attendance: Christy Cowan (Chair), Amanda Baysinger (Amanda B), Chris Capps, Cindy Davis, Betsy Dobbins, Amanda Hale (Amanda H), Cindi Husk, Mike Richardson.

Old Business:

- Amanda B reported that the Trust and Will representatives are no longer meeting with clients at the library, meeting instead at the Rose Center and Walters State CC. Chris stated that he is following up on their possibly unlawful practice of law.

New Business:

- Replacing HVAC Units
    - Amanda B reported a 2-3-month leak in the ceiling which has been traced to 2 air conditioning units. The leak necessitated relocating books and blocking off areas of the library.
        - The units have been evaluated by the usual service man (Tim) who told staff to shut the units down.
        - The units are 2 of 18 and were installed in 2018.
        - Mike is suspicious that a drain plug is plugged or a drain pan has rusted through. He will follow up.
        - One quote from J & F Mechanical, Inc., to remove and replace 2 10-ton condensers and 4 gas furnaces with 4 indoor coils has been received.
        - As the situation is not an emergency, Amanda H recommended putting the contract out for additional bids.
        - A motion was made by Chris to pursue additional bids to remove and replace the 2 units; second was made by Cindy. Mike agreed to assist in vetting the bids.
- Children's Librarian
    - Amanda reported that she received 2 applications for Children's Librarian. The board will review them at the next meeting.

Adjournment: With all business completed**,** chair Christy Cowan motioned that this meeting of the Hamblen County Library Board be adjourned. The meeting ended at 6:07 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Dobbins
Secretary