

# Chariton Free Public Library

## January 8, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on January 8, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Fenton, Fredericks, Hunkele, Meyer, Pillsbury-Allen, and Sharp were present. City Councilman Cameron Storm was present online. Director Murphy was also present.

**The Agenda** was unanimously adopted on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Fenton.

**Trustee Oath:** Sarah Hunkele was sworn in as trustee.

**Public Forum:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Sharp moved and Fredericks seconded for unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda.

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**Correspondence** – none

**Grants** – none

The **November 2025 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Fenton moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Pillsbury-Allen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **January 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Fredericks.

**Unfinished Business** - none

**New Business**

The Lucas County Genealogical Society Agreement was submitted for review. President Muehlenthaler will create a taskforce of herself and at least one other trustee to meet with the Society to begin review and negotiations of the agreement. Sharp requested that Murphy create an inventory of the contents of the Genealogy room which are the property of the Library.

The FY2027 Budget request will be reviewed at the February Finance and Policy Committee meeting.

**Reports**

**Building & Grounds:** - none

**Community Relations:** Sharp and Pillsbury-Allen have spoken with Murphy and it was agreed that some of the tasks assigned to this committee are already being performed by Library staff, specifically the Community-Led Programming and social media posts. Murphy will update the Strategic Plan to reflect these changes. Fredericks reported to Murphy that KIWANIS has contacted her to express interest in offering a community-led program.

**Finance & Policy:** Hunkele has agreed to take a place on this committee.

**Director's Report:** (attached)

**Agenda Items for February:**

Board Meeting Policy, Programming Policy (Community Led Programs) and Circulation Policy (student cards)

Director Evaluation

FY27 Budget Request

Genealogy Contract

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Hunkele.

Kris Murphy, Library Director