

Chariton Free Public Library

July 16, 2026

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom on July 16, 2026 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Blake, Fenton, Hunkele, Meyer and Muehlenthaler were present. Director Murphy was also present.

The Agenda was unanimously adopted on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Fenton.

Public Forum: None

Fenton moved and Hunkele seconded for unanimous approval of the **Consent Agenda**.

June 11, 2026 Minutes

Correspondence - none

Grants – Vredenburg Grant Application submitted for building revitalization projects, \$25,000.

The **May 2026 Financial Statements** were reviewed. Blake moved the statements be accepted and placed on file, Meyer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The **July 2026 Claims** were unanimously approved on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Hunkele.

New Business

With all members of the Finance Committee present, they approved the expense (\$12,327) quoted by Revamp for purchase and installation of fencing at the west boundary of the Young Reading Garden and around the HVAC units on both the east and west sides of the building. Meyer moved to approve the Revamp quote. Blake seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blake will contact the company to schedule the work.

Reports

Building & Grounds: Strategic Plan update attached. Isaac Hirschy provided an estimate for the Young Reading Garden project, see attached. Revamp Fence and Deck submitted a quote for the Young Reading Garden fence, see attached. Wood Roofing has completed the work on the south roof and flat roof, but some issues still need to be resolved. Murphy will contact Matt Welker and request he visit to review the work. Local contractors to complete other small repairs to the building and to paint the trim and soffits were discussed.

Finance & Policy: Reviewed the Financial Report.

Director's Report: (attached)

Board Comments & Continuing Education:

Blake announced that he will be moving to Grimes in the near future.

Friends of the Library presented three copies of *The Trouble With Heroes* by Kate Messner, the juvenile *All Iowa Reads* book used for this summer's reading club. One copy will be added to the collection and the others given as summer reading prizes.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Reida Oath of Office

Continuing Education trustee options

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion from Meyer, seconded by Blake.

Kris Murphy, Library Director



iH Landscaping

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Chariton, Iowa 50049

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Estimate

Name/Address
Chariton Library

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with the following specifications. Payment is to be made as follows: 50% down 50% upon completion.

Authorized Signature

Date

Date	Estimate No.
06/29/26	1206

NOTE: THIS IS AN ESTIMATE ONLY, THE PRICES IN THIS PROPOSAL ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Item	Description	Total
EDGING MATERIAL	120 feet of bordo edging from front steps around the corner and past the a/c units to the building corner on both sides rock base under edging for stability. Bordo edging is a concrete product made to look like natural limestone, it is about 4 inches wide and 18-24 inches long. There are many other options of edging if you do not like this one.	5,000.00
PLANT MATERIALS	14 plants for up around building, and two trees. boxwood, spirea, potential, weigela are a few options. maybe some ornamental grasses. one river birch one red bud plants will need to be kept watered, and the stone from the building will tend to cook the plants you put there. pricing depends on the plant type and size.	4,800.00
BROWN MULCH COLORED	brown colored mulch for around building and labor to install the mulch 100 bags	1,350.00

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL: The prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted.
iH Landscaping is authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature

Date

Total

Prepared for:

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June 12, 2026

No. 83954

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www.revampfence.com

Black Aluminum Fencing



Black Aluminum Fencing

Quantity

1

Measurement

151 (Linear Ft)

Misc Notes:

Plat Survey

A majority of fence permits will require a plat survey as well as a site plan. If you do not have a plat survey we can obtain a new survey for your property at a cost of \$1500. Expect a permit and project delay if you do not have your plat survey at the time of sale.

Fence Color

Black Aluminum

Fence Height

5' FT

Gates

2

Gate #1 Size

Single 48"

Gate #2 Size

Single 48"

Gate #3 Size

None

Gate #4 Size

None

Estimated Start Date

30-60 days pending permit/survey

Estimated End Date

30-60 days pending permit/survey

Lot Type

Corner Lot

HOA Approval Required

No

Form of Payment

ACH/Check/Credit Card

001 - Fence Permit



Quantity

1

Fence Permit

003 - Aluminum Corner Post



Quantity

3

Aluminum Corner Post

006 - Aluminum Single Gate



Quantity

2

Aluminum Single Gate

Gate Size

Single 48"

002 - Aluminum Line Post



Quantity

19

Aluminum Line Post

004 - Aluminum End Post



Quantity

10

Aluminum End Post

Price: \$12,327.00

Deposit Amount:

\$4,930.80

Balance Due:

\$7,396.20

Grand Total:

\$12,327.00

STRATEGY	ACTION STEP	RESPONSIBLE	TASKS & STATUS
Strategy 3.1: Develop plan to improve overall physical flow of building.	A. Develop plan to reorganize lower level, including options for current undeveloped space on south end and relocation/restructuring of genealogy society space.	Building & Grounds Committee	Murphy met with Bryce Bintner (5/28/26) about the HS Building & Trades Class possibly working on the SE Basement rooms. Bryce will contact Mark Devilbiss to take a look at the crumbling masonry wall as well.
	B. Review main level for welcoming atmosphere and need for physical improvements, including replacement or removal of worn furniture.	Building & Grounds Committee	Staff are maintaining clear Circulation Desk. Displays will still be located in circulation area, but are not permanent.
	C. Review and develop interior signage to assist visitors to locate specific areas.	Building & Grounds Committee	Corrugated plastic acquired.
	D. Review requests for capital expenditures or unbudgeted expenses proposed to support strategy.	Finance Committee	
Strategy 3.2: Maintain clean and organized interior spaces, reducing clutter.	A. Investigate reasons for excessive accumulation of materials inconsistent with space constraints.	Building & Grounds Committee	Programming Materials relocated to SW basement room. Organization <u>still</u> in progress. Tile Stockpile delivered & stored in closet by meeting room.
	B. Identify appropriate places in building for storage of materials and places where materials should not be stored.	Building & Grounds Committee	Murphy relocated stockpile of shelving and ceiling tiles.
	C. Develop plan for removal of materials to reduce accumulation and to retain only most important materials in light of space constraints.	Building & Grounds Committee	Clean-up Day May 6, 2026 - another load gone
	D. Review requests for capital expenditures or unbudgeted expenses proposed to support strategy.	Finance Committee	
Strategy 3.3: Enhance the outdoor space for reading and community use, including landscaping.	A. Recruit volunteers with specific skills to assist with strategy, including outreach to relevant high school classes.	Building & Grounds Committee	Isaac Hirschy submitted an estimate for the Young Reading Garden work. Revamp submitted a quote for the Garden fence.
	B. Develop options for design of outdoor space, including seating, wi-fi access, landscaping, functional structures, and accessibility.	Building & Grounds Committee	Murphy has drawn up a new plan for the Garden now that the tree is gone. This plan has not been reviewed or approved by the board.
	C. Review improvement needs for sidewalks, parking lot, and book drop, focusing on accessibility.	Building & Grounds Committee	
	D. Review requests for capital expenditures or unbudgeted expenses proposed to support strategy.	Finance Committee	Tree removed and ground leveled.