



## Minutes

### Oconee County Public Library Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, County Administration Bldg., 415 S. Pine St., Walhalla, SC

Members present: Addison, Alles White, Henderson, Holcombe, Kuemmerer, Miranda, McKinney

Members absent: Powell, Weekes

Staff: Blair Hinson, Library Director/staff liaison

Press: none.

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 5:30 PM
- II. Approval of minutes: September 24, 2024 regular meeting. Motion to approve – Miranda;; second – Henderson. Approved unanimously.
- III. Public Comment: Limited to 4 minutes per person, 30 minutes in total. If you would like to have a comment entered into the record and cannot attend, please email [bhinson@oconeesc.com](mailto:bhinson@oconeesc.com) or call 864-364-5705. One comment through email by Diane Day. Wanted library to switch to Libby, and to join SCLends. Director provided comments to Board.
- IV. Friends' Report: Director reported sales figures from September and October, 2024. Also mentioned the Friends' support for the conference room being built at the main branch in Walhalla.
- V. Committee Reports (if submitted)
  - A. Finance: none.
  - B. Policy/Personnel: S. Henderson proposed that future committee meetings be held 30 minutes prior to the regular Board meetings, since the committee meetings are also public meetings. Discussion ensued.
  - C. Building and Grounds: none.
  - D. Community Relations: none.
- VI. Chair's Report: none.
- VII. Director's Report: none. S. Henderson commended Quientell Walker, Local History Associate, on his assistance to a user from Georgia needing help with genealogy concerning a Westminster family and the Century Farm Project.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Update on wage and time use study by the County: Director provided some highlights and commentary. Director also discussed staff shortages in the library.
- B. Discuss progress on ADA ramp in Seneca: county has received a preliminary bid from Satchel Construction in Greenville, SC, for \$132,885. County Council will need to pass an ordinance to supplement the original amount passed by them earlier in the year of \$57,000. Three readings of the ordinance and a public hearing would be required.

IX. New Business

- A. Update on current projects: Director mentioned wrapping Library vehicles (pics sent to Board), new Macaulay Conference room in main library at Walhalla, Story Walks at Seneca and Westminster,
  - B. Request to close for half day all staff meeting in Walhalla: staff recommends that the libraries be allowed to close for a half-day staff meeting/training on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Holcombe. Motion passed unanimously.
  - C. Vote on the calendar of meetings for 2025: Motion to accept by Henderson, seconded by Miranda; passed unanimously.
- X. Adjourn: motion to adjourn by Henderson, seconded by Addison.  
Adjourned at 6:35 PM.