

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday September 3, 2025

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms at the Lawton Public Library.

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair (Absent); Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member; Kristin Herr, Library Director, Tina King, Deputy Library Director; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. William, City Council Liaison

A motion was made to approve the Library Board minutes for the August 6, 2025 meeting as presented. (Couch/Wilson)

Reports:

- A customer comment was presented to the Board.
 - Kristin reported that a complimentary comment about the Library was posted to the Lawton Grapevine Facebook page.
- The Financial Report was given.
 - Kristin informed the Board that since it was still early in the year, no exciting or large purchases had been made yet.
 - Kristin stated that she did not know how money Comanche County would be allocating to the Library this year.
- The Director's Report was given.
 - Kristin presented a report with many pictures showing the various events from the summer.
 - Kristin called attention to the Library's newsletter and the various upcoming events in July.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given.
 - Fermin informed the Board that the recent Friends meeting was a success and the next one is to take place on October 27th with Candace Hammond from the Center for Creative Living as the speaker.
 - There was a brief discussion about the funding for next year's Chautauqua.
- The Family and Local History Report was given.
 - Kristin stated that Cliff Takawana, Family and Local History Librarian, has started working on applying for another Oklahoma Historical Society grant and started to update the strategic plan for his area,
- The City Council Report was given.
 - Sherene informed the Board of various upcoming events, including: the swearing in of Taron Epps as City Councilman for Ward 2 on September 9th at 4:15 PM, a

regular City Council meeting on September 9th at 6:00 PM, a regular City Council meeting on September 23rd, and the upcoming election on September 9th with early voting set to start on September 4th.

- Sherene also informed the Board that Council will soon begin to interview for the other open Council seat.
- The Grant Report was given.
 - Kristin reported that the ODL Technology grant is nearly spent out, that there were no updates for the Lawton Adult Literacy Center grants, and that both the Health Literacy and Preservation grants are being worked on.
- Kristin informed the Board about the status of the FIRST Lego League.
 - Kristin stated that the first practice for the group went well and that they will continue to have two practice sessions per week into November.
- Kristin gave an overview of upcoming Library building repairs.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the Meeting Room windows were going to be replaced with double pane windows. Kristin stated that she has been in contact with PSO about the possibility of rebates.
 - Kristin informed the Board that the brick flooring in the lobby is to be replaced with a poured floor.
- Kristin spoke to the Board about the new City website.
 - Kristin gave the Board some updates about the new website and stated that it is being continually worked on.

Business:

- Kristin gave an update on the status of the Ceiling Project.
 - Kristin stated that Councilman Gill is interested in giving his input on the project and that everything is still on hold until funding is secured.

There were no comments from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM. /Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III