

**James L. Hamner Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 10, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 by acting president Joi Worsham. Members present were Karen Freas, Ruth Ashton, Tom Hayghe, Jody Hall, Joi Worsham, Benjy Morris, and Gail Geraghty. Also present were staff members Krisstel, Makayla, Laura, and Tanya.

Joi asked for approval of the agenda. Ruth moved, Jody seconded, and motion carried.

**Public Comments - None**

**Staff Comments** - Staff asked about the computer situation. Benjy said that the director's main tower was removed for perusal, by the board and Tom said that he was looking into it, trying to get the function of the library in hand. Staff said that they were short on functioning computers, and that all the cataloguing info and some other needed files were on it. Laura said that she was having trouble managing bills because of computer issues and access. Discussion was also made about how to access the library letterhead, problems with Godaddy domains and emails, and the possibility of using Microsoft Suite. Staff said that cataloguing and vendors are the two most urgent issues now. Benjy said that they are being looked into by the county. Laura provided Joi with a list of all current vendors and bills. Makayla gave a keyboard to Tom for use with the tower he's working on.

Tanya asked about the credit card which is needed to make purchases for programming, particularly for the upcoming summer reading program. Joi said she would talk to Stephanie to figure it out. Laura said that weekly purchases had been taken care of by former employees, and she's been trying to do it herself, but the instructions that were left were inaccurate. Laura said that the security officer has not yet turned in an invoice for the current billing period, but she wasn't sure where that funding would come from. Also, there was a question about the \$2,500 due to the county; Tanya said it may be for the awning for the playground. Benjy said he would look into it.

Also, there's a concern about managing the account with Citizen's Bank. Benjy said he would talk to Stephanie about this also, and get back with them.

Benjy said that he will be speaking to an attorney to iron things out.

Crystal shared her concern over the status of her promotion to a full-time position, and Makayla's promotion also, as they have already been delayed. Makayla said that enacting the proposed transitions would really help get things done. Joi assured her that

we understand that this is a priority for them and that we are doing what we can to prioritize and expedite items to get this arranged. Benjy agreed. Staff said that they should be able to manage for the time being without a director. Tanya and Makayla said they could post meeting minutes to the website.

**Library Budget** - Laura and Benjy both said that they have the paperwork for the library budget. Benjy will forward that to board members this evening. Carol, Ruth, and Tom have met to work on the budget. The original budget form was due March 12, but the board may have to ask for an extension. A budget meeting has been scheduled with Eric Pollitt for March 19th. Joi said she could go at 4:00, and someone else will need to be there also.

At 7:30, Jody made a motion that the board move to closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) and Tom seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:30, Gail moved that we return to open session, pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1), Ruth seconded, and all members certified that only personnel matters were discussed.

Benjy said he would keep the library's cash box, as other board members declined to take it. He discussed the role an attorney could have with the board, and said he has arranged for one to meet with us during our meeting next Tuesday, the 17th. Also, the board will decide on electing officers at our next meeting. The board discussed the confusion over how the Friends' handles their book sale money at the library, and it was decided to speak with the Friends' liaison at Tuesday's meeting.

Tom suggested the board get the renewal of the domain name updated. Ruth moved that we give that authority to Joi, Jody seconded, motion carried. Karen moved that we give authority to sign off on staffing transitions to Joi as well. Tom Seconded. Motion carried.

Joi spoke about the priority of getting better firewall protection. Benjy said that for the time being the library should send any bills to Hunter Leslie at the county and she could help. Next week we will address the banking issue at Citizen's.

Joi closed the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the library.