

Cherokee Public Library

Library Board Meeting

February 4, 2026

Board meeting was called to order with the following members present: Jomi Anderson, Deb Hankens, Loretta Barrett, Linda Burkhart, Lisa Perrin, Darla Struck, Doc Roethler, and Tyler Puettmann. Visitors were Tony Puffett, Mayor of Cherokee.

Board consensus approved the minutes from the January meeting Deb/Linda . A motion was made by Darla/Doc and passed to approve the bills. The budget report was passed around for review.

Correspondence this month included emails and letters thanking for services and regarding funding opportunities for the library.

In education Tyler H educated board members on bills and legislation regarding Right to Compute laws and how those could interact with our policies. Information Tyler H presented is information only and not legal representation or advice.

In new business the board reviewed the internet policy with the AI addendum Tyler P/ Lisa. The new materials selection policy was adopted Linda/Tyler P. Discussions were had about having the library's website be under the umbrella of the city with Linda/Darla moving to approve that with the understanding that would be something Tyler H would take care of and maintain. Board members discussed the library budget for next fiscal year and moved to adjust Tyler H's wages to a flat \$35 an hour effective immediately, which will go through next fiscal year. This also constitutes payment for any and all previous mileage, cell phone reimbursements, and other claims Tyler H has for his work with the city of Cherokee Doc/Deb. Other staff wages were discussed and approved for the next fiscal year Doc/Loretta. Tyler H also presented updates to the main level of the library through Beck Engineering with the board approving \$50,000 out of the memorial account towards that project Lisa/Deb.

For librarian reports, Tyler H reported statistics for January and grant updates.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 4th.