Board of Trustees Meeting
August 18, 2026 1:30 PM

Rockbridge Regional Library
138 S Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450

Present: Harper Donahoe, Bob Kramer, Sherri Wheeler, McKinley Williams, Alexandra Brown, Terry Ammons, Ann Adams, Janice Burguieres, Steve Webb, Mary Jo Brinkley, Julie Goyette, and Katie Ramsey.

Absent: Pete Pitard, Drusie Milford

Call to Order
Harper Donahoe, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Item
- FY 2027 Operating Budget

Julie went over changes in the budget from FY 2026 to FY 2027 so that the Board could see that some areas increased and some areas decreased. The last FY 2027 draft budget received by the board of trustees on August 12 is the culmination of previous draft budgets and feedback from local governments.

Julie provided a detailed budget with six years of actuals highlighting changes for grants, unrestricted donations, and passport renewals. Harper asked about training for passport renewals. Julie explained that training is offered online via the U.S. Department of State.

Julie mentioned that professional fees have increased due to legal fees related to the Qui Tam lawsuit. Mary Jo asked about the attorney fees from ongoing lawsuit. Julie said if the suit is dropped, the attorneys will ask that their fees be at least partially covered by the claimant.

Ann asked about annual increases for staff being built in to the budget. Julie explained that staff increases are listed in the budget and it is slated for a 2% increase in FY 2027. She let Board members know that raises are not guaranteed year to year, nor are they based on merit.

Bob talked about the changes in county and city administrators in localities, and what could be expected from local governments going forward.

Mary Jo asked about the Director's salary being part of the staff increases. Julie explained that the Board decided at the meeting on January 22, 2026 that the Director's salary increases would be included with staff increases.

Mary Jo made a motion to accept FY 2027 budget. Alex seconded the motion.

Ann made a substitute motion to table the vote on the FY 2027 budget approval. Terry seconded. There was no further discussion. Harper called for a vote on the substitute motion. Two were in favor, eight were opposed.

The motion was passed to approve the FY 2027 budget with eight in favor and two abstaining.

Closed session
As permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A) (4), discussion or consideration of a matter involving the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

Motion to enter closed session:
Mary Jo made a motion to enter a closed session. Ann seconded the motion.

Steve motioned to exit closed session. McKinley seconded.

No other topics were discussed in the closed session.

Adjournment: 2:30 PM

Next meeting: September 24, 2026 at Bath Library in Warm Springs, VA