



**Forrest City Public Library  
Minutes – October 13, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 3:00**

**II. ROLL CALL**

LINDSAY HODGES, JEANETTE JENKINS, SANDRA WRIGHT – *in attendance*  
KAREN HODGES, EVELYN SMITH – *not in attendance*

**III. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES** – Meeting called to order, and it was motioned by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Sandra Wright to approve minutes from the September 17, 2025, motion carried.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- a. **FINANCIALS** – Financials included funds from the Lois Nimocks Beeson Library Endowment for \$879.10. It was motioned by Sandra Wright and seconded by Jeanette Jenkins to accept the financials as presented; motion carried.
- b. **MILLAGE CAMPAIGN 2026** - Harris shared figures from County Assessor, Ginadell Adams. Increasing the mills from 1.9 to 3.0 could yield an approximate increase of \$146,786.76 annually. Harris discussed messaging and working with the EveryLibrary to establish a campaign committee.

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**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **AMPHITHEATER PROJECT UPDATE** – The project is mostly complete, except for the pavilion. Graydon Ricker, C&M Builders, (via phone), asked the board to share their ideas on the design and he would get some drawings together and present at a later date.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **ADA STEPS AND HANDRAILS (FRONT ENTRANCE) QUOTE** – It was motioned by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Sandra Wright to accept the quote from C&M Builders for \$22,840 to build new steps and install three handrails; motion carried.
- b. **VISA CARD ADDITIONS** – Harris reported that Walmart will discontinue its store credit card effective November 1. Because staff use the card to purchase supplies for the library and programming, Harris requested that Rene Ward and Sheila Gracey be added to the VISA account with Armor Bank. It was motioned by Sandra Wright and seconded by Jeanette Jenkins to add the staff members to the VISA account; motion carried.
- c. **BOARD MEMBER TERM ENDING (DEC 2025)** – Karen Hodges, Ward 4, term ends on December 31, 2025, and she is not interested in being reappointed. Harris requested that the board consider names

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **DIRECTORS REPORT** – Harris reported visiting with representatives of the Cara McCollum Birthday Book Foundation about creating a StoryWalk at the library. The board liked the idea and agreed that the best location for it would be the newly purchased property southeast of the library.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** next meeting November 17, 2025

By \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved on:

Lindsay Hodges, Chairperson

*Minutes prepared by Artisa Harris on November 14, 2025*