

APPROVED
Grand County Public Library
Minutes for the Regular Board of Directors Meeting
September 4, 2025 5:30 pm
Board Room, Grand County Public Library

In attendance for the September 4, 2025 Grand County Public Library Board meeting held in the Board Room at the Grand County Public Library, were as follows: Anne Clare Erickson, Rowan List, Trish Hedin, and Brian Parkin. Also present were Carrie Valdes, Library Director; and Meghan Flynn, Assistant Director (minutes). Alyssa Sherman arrived at 5:42 pm. Michele Widera and Jackie Hoyer were absent.

Rowan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Approval of the minutes for the July 10, 2025 meeting was discussed. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Anne Clare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The library bills were passed around for review.

There were no Citizens to be Heard.

Alyssa joined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Carrie delivered a Director's Report to the Board. The year-to-date library statistics and budget are as expected. The HVAC replacement project has been further delayed due to supply chain issues. The contractor is anticipating the project may happen in October. This year's summer reading program was successful and library staff are preparing for a busy fall season of programs, partnerships, and outreach events. Library staff are also planning for the end of Microsoft support for Windows 10 in mid-October. Library computers that can be upgraded will be and older computers that cannot be updated will be transitioned to youth gaming computers. The adjustment will result in fewer adult computer stations. Library staff do not anticipate any problems as most adults prefer to use library WiFi on their own devices.

There was no Old Business.

The Board moved on to New Business. The first item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of a Renewed Interlocal Agreement with San Juan County to the Grand County Commission for Approval. The San Juan County Library Director, Nicole Perkins, as well as the Assistant Director and a San Juan Library Board member attended the meeting to support the discussion. Carrie provided background information for everyone. There has been an interlocal agreement (ILA) between Grand and San Juan Counties regarding library services since 2011. The current agreement ends on December 31, 2025. The agreement is a financial arrangement that accommodates people who reside in northern San Juan County where the zip code is 84532 so that they can obtain library cards from Grand County Library, which is geographically closer, without needing to pay non-resident library card fees to Grand County. In the last 3 years, 197 households in those areas have obtained library services from Grand County.

The San Juan County Library Board met recently and suggested several updates to the ILA. Carrie and Nicole also spoke recently to discuss adjusted updates to ensure that the proposed ILA renewal submitted to both the Grand and San Juan County Commissions will be received as a fair and equitable arrangement for all.

San Juan is offering \$7000 per year for Grand County to provide library services to their residents with 84532 zip codes. At current usage rates, that is approximately \$35 per year per household. According to the Grand County Treasurer, the average Grand County residence currently pays \$110 toward library services. A tiered system may be the solution to create a fair and equitable ILA. At the \$35 rate, Grand County can provide full in-person library services to San Juan residents covered by the ILA. Digital resources, however, are expensive and costs are likely to increase with the potential elimination of IMLS federal funding. Additionally, those costs are per circulation unlike physical library materials. San Juan residents covered by the ILA can be offered the option to pay Grand County a fee of \$75 for access to digital services or they can obtain digital services from San Juan County Library. Discussion followed. Rowan made a motion to update terms in the proposed ILA as discussed: \$7000/year from San Juan County, 5-year contract term, those covered by the ILA do not need to obtain vouchers from San Juan Library, and a tiered system requiring those covered by the ILA to pay a \$75/year fee if they want access to Grand County Library digital resources. Anne Clare seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The second item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion and Recommendation of a 2026 Grand County Public Library Budget to the Grand County Commission via the Grand County Budget Advisory Board. Carrie explained that the proposed 2026 budget is the same as the 2025 budget with the exception of Salary and Benefit line items. Those two line items are determined by Grand County Personnel Services. Carrie pointed out some discrepancies and mistakes in the budget worksheet that are due to coding errors that will be fixed. She also reminded the board that the Library Fund is outside of the county's General Fund. Discussion followed. Rowan made a motion to recommend the proposed 2026 library budget to the Budget Advisory Board and Commission as presented. Alyssa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The third item on the agenda under New Business was Discussion of Upcoming Board Vacancies. Anne Clare is currently filling a partial term that will conclude at the end of 2025. If interested, she can apply to be on the board for a full term beginning in 2026. The High School Representative seat is now vacant and a student may apply to fill the partial term. Discussion followed.

There was no Consent Agenda.

There were no Board Member Reports.

The Board moved on the Future Agenda Items. The regular November meeting date will need to be rescheduled.

A closed session was not needed. Rowan adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.