

MILLARD OAKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 1/6/2026

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: Thelma Danner, Brenda Wimingham, Deb Newkirk, Helen Carter, Jerry Schetterer.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Phillip Talley, Cindy Robbins, Gail McGowan, Gregg Nivens, Jeff Long, Donna Savage

LIBRARY STAFF: Judith Cutright, Director

AGENDA:

Jerry stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review why certain books in the juvenile section were flagged and how to complete the form that was sent out to libraries by Tre Hargett, the Secretary of State and the State Archivist. He asked Judith to state what the mandate was wanting the libraries review and what was to be done. She stated that she and staff member, Angie Boone, went thru the catalog and pulled 6 books that met the State's topic criteria. The topic was LBGTQ.

Jerry asked if the materials were pornographic and the answer was "No". He then asked if a patron had complained about the materials and again the answer was "No". Jerry went on to state that the Library policy complies with state directives went on to refer to the By-laws Article 1 and the Library Bill of Rights, which complies with the ALA and states that the Board cannot pull books from the collection based solely on topic.

Thelma stated that she disagrees with the makeup of the current Board because there is a Board member that Judith named and was placed on the Board without any input from the Board members. Jerry reminded her that all members were selected by the County Commission. She continued to say that he was wrong and he finally reminded her that we were there to discuss the State mandated review and nothing else.

The discussion then centered on how to fill out the State form. The options on the state form are- 1. No Change-title will remain in children's section, 2. This title is being removed completely from the collection, 3. This title will be kept but moved to another section, 4. Other. Option 2 is in violation of our policy of

no removal based solely on topic. Judith recommended that the titles stay where they are. Deb made a motion to follow her recommendation with a second from Brenda. Thelma objected. Jerry stated that Judith is responsible for the collection and we should allow her to do her job. Thelma again objected. Cindy Robbins brought up that it was her understanding that all of this was a result of a complaint. I stated that the complaint was made at another library and we do not even have a copy of the book that the complaint was about.

Hele made a motion that the books be moved to the adult section and Thelma made a second. Deb and Brenda withdrew their motion and agreed with Helen's motion. Jerry was the single vote against.

Jerry stated that at our next meeting, January 20, 2026, we will give the completed forms to Matt Kirby to turn over to the State.

Deb then made a motion to adjourn with a second from Helen.

The next Board meeting will be held on January 20,2026 at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Newkirk

Secretary/Recorder

