

**Pope County Library System**  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
Russellville Admin and Outreach Building  
Minutes  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

I. **Call to Order**

Gary Rowlands called to order the regular meeting of the Pope County Library Board at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

II. **Roll Call**

In attendance were BOT members: Gary Rowlands, Chair; Luke Heffley, Vice Chair; Polly Hardin, Verna Boxnick and Naomi Berry.

Also present were Riley Taurone, System Director; Amanda Baillie, Assistant Director; Denise Head, Russellville Assistant Branch Manager; and Bill Sparks, Quorum Court Liaison

Absent: Ben Cross, Pope County Judge; Sarah Moore, Russellville Branch Manager; Deborah Jaques, Director of Finance; and Judy Mays

III. **Approval of Minutes**

The Board moved to approve the November 19, 2025, Regular BOT meeting minutes.

Motion: Heffley      Second: Hardin      Unanimous: X

IV. **Old Business**

**The Board moves to approve changing the hours at Atkins to being closed on the second Saturday of the month.**

Motion: Boxnick      Second: Hardin      Unanimous: X



V. New Business

**The Board moves to adopt the 2026 budget approved by the Pope County Quorum Court.**

Motion: Heffley Second: Berry Unanimous: X

**The Board moves to approve the BOT bylaws as presented.**

Motion: Heffley Second: Berry Unanimous: X

**The Board moves to approve the selected Chair (Gary Rowlands) and Co-chair (Luke Heffley) positions.**

Motion: Berry Second: Boxnick Unanimous: X

**The Board moves to approve the delayed openings and closures on August 6, August 27, and December 3, 2026, as presented.**

Motion: Hardin Second: Heffley Unanimous: X

VI. Adjournment

**The Board moved to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.**

Motion: Hardin Second: Heffley Unanimous: X

