

Rockford Public Library
RPL Board of Trustees
Financial Planning & Properties Committee

Monday, March 23, 2026, 5:30 pm
Boardroom, RPL Main Branch
215 N. Wyman St

MINUTES

Members present: Paul Logli, Michael Laskonis, Jamie Getchius

Members Absent: Henrietta Dotson-Williams, Cesar Sanchez

Staff present: Anthony Cortez, Bridget Finn, Andrew Fischer, Dajana Glisic, Noel Devine,
Mary Pat Muzzarelli

Others Present:

Finance Chair Paul Logli called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Public Speakers: None.

1. Monthly Financial Statements: Finance Director Dajana Glisic presented the financial statements for the month ending February 2026. Discussion followed. Chairman Logli accepted the financial statements subject to audit.
2. Approve RPL Internet and WAN FY 2026 RFP [action]: Chairperson Logli presented the item to the committee. IT Director Andrew Fischer explained the Wide Area Network (WAN) and internet connections between all 4 RPL locations. The length of the contract is 5 years. Through the E-rate program, the library pays only 10% of the total cost. The internet and WAN were bid as a package, and the vendor Bluebird Fiber was suggested to the committee. A motion to approve awarding the contract in the amount of \$47,947.10 to Bluebird Fiber was made by Jamie Getchius and Seconded by Michael Laskonis. By unanimous Voice Vote, the motion passed.
3. Approve RPL SDWAN Equipment FY 2026 RFP [action]: Chairperson Logli presented the item to the committee. IT Director Andrew Fischer explained that SDWAN topology will provide continuity of services with better security/ firewalls and internet connectivity within the 4 branches. Investigation into a State Grant to cover a portion of the expenses is currently taking place. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the SDWAN RFP and award the contract to Sentinel Technologies in the amount of \$157,201.01 was made by Jamie Getchius and seconded by Michael Laskonis. By unanimous Voice Vote, the motion passed.
4. Approve RPL Wireless Access Points FY 2026 [action]: Chairperson Logli presented the item to the committee. IT Director Andrew Fischer explained the need to replace aging equipment at the RPL Nordlof Center, compatible with the existing environment, which will bring RPL up to current wireless standards and improve wireless security. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the Wireless Access project to Entrée Computers in the amount of \$2,515.79 was made by Michael Laskonis and Seconded by Jamie Getchius. By Unanimous Voice Vote, the motion passed.
5. Approve Montague Roof Repair [action]: Director of Facilities Noel Devine presented the committee with information regarding the need for a portion of the roof to be repaired/replaced at the Montague branch. An ongoing issue with leaking has caused both

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internal and external building damage. Anthony Cortez asked the board for approval to investigate and repair the leak/roof for an amount not to exceed \$60K. Discussion followed. A motion to approve roof repair/replacement at Montague with an amount not to exceed \$60k was made by Michael Laskonis and Seconded by Jamie Getchius. By unanimous Voice Vote, the motion passed.

6. Approve Artist in Residency Contract [action]: Executive Director Anthony Cortez presented the Artist in Residency contract, created and approved by legal counsel, to the committee. A local film artist is interested in creating a local film house and will assume the role of Artist in Residence to teach the art of filmmaking. Chairperson Logli asked for attendance information about the classes and events created by the Artist in Resident, as a measure of the programs' success. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the contract was made by Jamie Getchius and seconded by Michael Laskonis. By unanimous Voice Vote, the motion passed.

7. Old Business: NONE

8. New Business: NONE

With no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamie Getchius and seconded by Michael Laskonis at 6:04 p.m.

Next Financial Planning & Properties Committee Meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Boardroom, Rockford Public Library, Main Branch, 215 N. Wyman Street. Rockford, IL 61101

Respectfully,
Mary Pat Muzzarelli, Recorder