

PINCKNEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY HYBRID BOARD MEETING
MARCH 25, 2026
9:00 AM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:01 am

Present: Kate Pratt, President; Shelly Wagnitz, Vice-President; Kate Robertson, Treasurer; Patti Nicholson, Secretary; Judy Wismont, Trustee; Hope Siasoco, Director; Michelle Lewis, Plante-Moran; Katie Alestra, Plante-Moran; Anne Seurnyck, Foster Swift Collins & Smith; Emily Cogswell, Putnam Township Deputy Clerk

President's Announcement regarding Public Comment Section

PUBLIC COMMENT

Note: Public Comment for this hybrid meeting is made available in advance of the meeting through this publicly available Google Document: <https://forms.gle/JbZBfHEmfhJqgp8R7> or email: hsiasoco@pinckneylibrary.org or during the time of the meeting.

SPECIAL ISSUES

2026 Millage Planning – Guest: Anne Seurnyck, Library Lawyer, Foster Swift Collins & Smith; Michelle Lewis, Library Accountant, Plante Moran, and Emily Cogswell, Putnam Twp Deputy Clerk.

The purpose of the library's millage is to continue to provide financial stability to the library so services are maintained into the future for all who depend on the library. This includes operations, technology, staff, materials, and capital spending. Therefore the millage request must yield sufficient funds to cover expenses for the duration of the millage. Discussion ensued regarding straight renewal of current millage versus requesting additional millage for Headlee Amendment recapture. The current millage was set at 1.422 mills in 2020. A straight renewal would equal 1.3895 mills after Headlee reduction. Up to 0.5 additional millage may be requested to recapture Headlee.

Millage Options—from Foster Swift 16 Mar 2026—Millage Options Chart

The board reviewed a chart provided by our attorney Anne Seurnyck showing multiple millage rates and resulting expected funds each rate would yield (including expected inflation rates of 2.8%). The library's accountant Michelle Lewis states that the current budget is very close to zero fund balance at the end of the year. She recommended the library build up a small fund balance reserve over the next few years. Discussion ensued regarding specific millage amounts, what the yield would be for each and expected expenses in the next eight years.

Kate Robertson made a motion to direct the library's attorney to draft ballot language for the August 2026 ballot requesting 1.75 mills. Kate Pratt seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Judy Wismont: aye
Kate Robertson: aye
Kate Pratt: aye
Shelly Wagnitz: aye
Patti Nicholson: aye

All approved and motion passed.

August 2026 Library Millage Ballot Language and Resolution (See attached)

Patti Nicholson read the proposed resolution and ballot language into the record and signed it. The approved resolution and ballot language will be submitted to the Livingston County Clerk for inclusion on the August 2026 ballot.

Discussion ensued regarding rules public boards must follow leading up to a millage request. No public money to be spent on campaigning. Public money may be spent on educational materials only. Any specific questions regarding permissible activities should be directed to our lawyer's office for review.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC none

Kate Robertson made a motion to adjourn and Shelly Wagnitz seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:28 am

Respectfully submitted Patti Nicholson, Board Secretary

**LIBRARY BOARD
PINCKNEY COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

At a meeting of the Library Board of the Pinckney Community Public Library, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, held at the Library on March 25, 2026 at 10:03 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Kate Pratt, Kate Robertson, Shelly Wagnitz,

Judy Wismont, Patti Nickelson

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Kate Robertson and supported by Kate Pratt:

WHEREAS, the Pinckney Community Public Library (the "District Library") is a District Library subject to the provisions of the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, ("DLEA"); and

WHEREAS, the Library Board has determined that it is in the best interests and welfare of the Library and its residents that revenue be authorized for district library purposes (including but not limited to operating, maintaining and equipping the District Library) and to request from voters a millage of 1.75 mills subject to applicable Headlee rollbacks, of which 1.3895 mills is a renewal of a previously authorized millage that expires in 2026 and .3605 mill is a new additional millage for eight (8) years, beginning with the 2027 levy; and

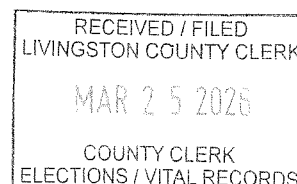
WHEREAS, the Library Board determines that it is in the best interests of the District Library that such millage election be held at an election to be held in the district on August 4, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Library Board approves and certifies that the proposition shown on attached Exhibit A shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the Pinckney Community Public Library, County of Livingston, State of Michigan at an election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

2. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District Library ("Secretary") is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Livingston County Clerk ("County Clerk"), on or before May 12, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

3. The Secretary is directed to request the County Clerk (or whoever is authorized by law) to publish notice of the close of registration in the manner required by law. *The District Library Establishment Act requires that the notice of close of registration contains the ballot language of the proposal attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.*



4. The Secretary is directed to request the County Clerk (or whoever is authorized by law) to publish notice of the election in the manner as required by law.

5. The Secretary shall work with the County Clerk to have prepared and printed, as provided by law, separate ballots for submitting said propositions, which ballots shall contain the proposal contained in the ballot language attached as Exhibit A.

6. The President of the Library Board of Trustees of the District Library is authorized to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed notices or ballot language authorized by this Resolution (1) if changes are requested by the County Clerk or if there are non-substantive or typographical changes and (2) said changes comply with the Michigan Election Law and are consistent with the laws governing district libraries.

7. The Treasurer of the Library Board of Trustees of the District Library is directed to pay, to the extent required by law, the costs of conducting the election required by this Resolution and by law.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Wisment, Robertson, Pratt, Wagnitz, Nicholson

NAYS: Members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON)

I, Patricia Nicholson, the Secretary of the Library Board of the Pinckney Community Public Library, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Library Board of the Pinckney Community Public Library, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on March 25, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Open Meetings Act.

Patricia A. Nicholson

Library Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Pinckney Community Public Library, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed 1.75 mills (\$1.75 per each \$1,000 of taxable value), of which 1.3895 mills is a renewal of the previously authorized millage rate that expires in 2026 and .3605 mill is new additional millage, against all taxable property within the Pinckney Community Public Library district for a period of eight (8) years, 2027 through 2034, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Pinckney Community Public Library will collect in the first year of levy (2027) if the millage is approved and levied by the Library is approximately \$960,000.

Yes
No