Vic Harris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jan Kerr, Don Gladden, Jeanne Goforth, Bill Center, Sara Faye Marten, Vic Harris, and Madeline Steimle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Debbie Tindall and Debbie Martin

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Cary Minnis from Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission

**STAFF PRESENT:** Loretta Broomfield, Library Director

**OLD BUSINESS:** Cary Minnis provided an overview of the Jackson County Enterprise Zone and answered questions from the board. At the conclusion, the meeting returned to the order on the agenda and continued with OLD BUSINESS later in the meeting.

**MINUTES:** Don Gladden made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeanne Goforth. Roll Call Vote: Jan Kerr-Aye, Don Gladden-Aye, Jeanne Goforth-Aye, Bill Center-Aye, Sara Faye Marten-Aye, Madeline Steimle-Aye. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW:** It was noted that we are now halfway through the fiscal year. Bill Center suggested it might be a good idea to change the library’s fiscal year to match the calendar year. The city fiscal year also runs January through December.

**STATISTICAL REVIEW:** Loretta reported that hoopla expects to have the financial issue resolved in the next week or two.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Don Gladden made a motion to approve the Jackson County Enterprise Zone Resolution. Jeanne Goforth seconded the motion. After some discussion, there was a roll call vote: Jan Kerr-Aye, Don Gladden-Aye, Jeanne Goforth-Aye, Bill Center-Aye, Sara Faye Marten-Aye, Madeline Steimle-Aye. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was discussion about the ongoing plumbing problems. Loretta has consulted with a variety of professionals including plumbers, a general contractor, an architect, an engineer, and several librarians. The process involved with digging up and replacing the pipes will be quite expensive. Loretta will contact other plumbers to obtain estimates for the repairs before moving forward.

The Murphysboro Hometown Christmas Committee has requested to place a nativity on the library’s front lawn during the holiday season. The request was denied. The City Attorney also advised against allowing the nativity. The overall consensus of the board was to support this decision.
COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel – The committee will meet in the spring, prior to the new fiscal year to establish proposed staff salaries.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: The Ameren LED lighting upgrade has been completed. The 15th Annual Friends of the Library Silent Auction preparation is underway.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Loretta Broomfield, Library Director