

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION
Special Meeting
February 3, 2025

1. **Call to Order** The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Frank Pasternak.

2. **Role Call:**

Commissioners Present: Frank Pasternak, Lorie Barnwell, Don McIntosh, Zosia Ladak, and Annette Majka.

Also Present: Oksana Urban, Warren Library Director, Caitlin Murphy, City of Warren Attorney, Charles Rushton, City of Warren acting Police Commissioner, and Michael Howard, Macomb County Commissioner District 12.

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3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Barnwell made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by McIntosh; motion carried.

4. **Discussion/ Action Items:**

a. Issues surrounding the Burnette Branch Library: The Burnette Branch Library staff presented a number of concerns/issues related to homeless individuals using the library currently as well as over the past year. This includes such deeds as sleeping, eating, drinking, smoking, etc. by these persons which is unacceptable behavior as identified in the Warren Public Library's Patron Code of Conduct. With arguments and fights taking place the staff feels traumatized. This results in patrons being afraid to use the library, especially when they have children. Further, the library staff does not feel safe in approaching the individual causing the disruption, and in addition to handling the problem, it takes time away from the library staff members in performing their normal duties.

It was felt that a process, backed up with defined steps and authoritative actions, is needed to protect the patrons and the library staff.

6. **Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2025**

7. **Adjournment:** McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM, supported by Majka; motion carried.



Donald J. McIntosh, Secretary