

**MINUTES OF LAW LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 2026**

A meeting of the Hopewell Law Library Committee was held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 3:30 PM at the Homer C. Eliades Law Library, 100 E Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hopewell, Virginia, 23860.

PRESENT: Anthony Bessette, City Attorney  
Rick Newman, Commonwealth Attorney  
Tamara J. Ward, Circuit Court Clerk for Hopewell  
Destiney Knick, Legal Assistant

ABSENT: Honorable William Edward Tomko, III, Chief Judge

The meeting was convened to discuss the functionality of the law library and to designate responsibility for its ongoing oversight.

A proposal was presented to relocate the law library, currently housed in the Hopewell Courthouse, to the Appomattox Regional Library – Hopewell Branch. This relocation would provide citizens with extended access hours. Mr. Newman advised Mr. Bessette to contact the Eliades family to determine whether they have any objections to the proposed move. Should the decision be made to keep the law library at the courthouse, all parties agreed that the space would be refreshed, including painting, the addition of new tables, and installation of new computers.

Once a final location is confirmed, the law library will be inventoried to determine which hard copy subscriptions should be updated and maintained and which may remain accessible online.

Mr. Bessette proposed that the City Attorney’s Office assume responsibility for administering the law library, including maintaining paper supplies and ensuring that online subscriptions remain current. This proposal was well received and agreed to by all parties.

The committee will convene in one year.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:50 PM.