

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD
August 30, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

The Shelby County Board met on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 7:00 P. M. in Courtroom A of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois for a special board meeting.

Chairman Orman called the meeting to order and all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Davis, Edwards, Hardy, Martin, McCormick Ogden, and Wallace were absent.

The 3-month budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, and ending November 30, 2023, was presented for approval. Firnhaber made motion to approve the 3-month budget. Williams seconded said motion. Discussion was held.

The 3-month budget is an extension of the current fiscal year to change the county fiscal year to a December 1 start effective December 1, 2023. A question was asked about the premium pay not being paid to members of FOP for the September 1 payroll. FOP staff was unaware they would not receive premium pay, as they were not notified prior to receiving their direct deposit information. The money for the premium pay is in the Sheriff's 3-month budget and will possibly be revisited moving forward. Contractually the county is not required to continue paying the premium pay based on the wording of the FOP MOU approved in December 2020. It was noted on page 25 of the 3-month budget \$75,000 had been budgeted for Capital Outlay in the Animal Control Fee Fund budget. After a brief recess for the Clerk to pull the draft initially sent for that budget, it was noted that charge had not been created by Bellwether. Discussion next turned to the budget for the County Farm, \$10,000 has been added to custom farming to allow for an application of burn down, which should be sufficient to cover the cost of the material and application.

Brand made motion to amend approval of the 3-month budget to amend Animal Control Capital outlay from \$75,000 to \$55,000. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Bennett, Boehm, Brands, Boehm, Cole, Firnhaber, Mayhall, Morse, Nelson, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Tate and Williams. Nay: none.

Originally motion by Firnhaber, seconded by Williams to approve the 3-month budget as amended passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Bennett, Boehm, Brands, Boehm, Cole, Firnhaber, Mayhall, Morse, Nelson, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Tate and Williams. Nay: none.

At this time Chairman Orman called for Public Body Comment.

Meeting livestream archived on shelbycounty-il.gov at Shelby County YouTube.

Public Body Comments/opinions are summarized as follows:

Some in the audience expressed concerns about the removal of premium pay from the FOP employee's payroll checks without any type of notification and are worried the county could lose deputies and corrections officers.

The financial state of the county was discussed, including comments about investment of ARPA funds, interest rates, county financial stability in the future, and making tough decisions in the best interest of Shelby County taxpayers.

Opinions were voiced about treatment of county employees.

There was no further business to come before the county board.

Ross made motion to adjourn the special meeting. Nelson seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no). The special meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder