

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD
July 18, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

The Shelby County Board met on Tuesday, July 18, 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 at 7:15 PM following a lengthy Legislative meeting, and all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Hardy and Tate were absent.

Orman made motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11 – Potential Litigation. Williams seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Bennett, Boehm, Brands, Brown, Cole, Davis, Edwards, Firnhaber, Kessler, Martin, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Ogden, Orman, Shuff, Wallace, and Williams. Nay: none.

The County Board relocated to Courtroom B for the Closed Session meeting due to the large crowd gathered in Courtroom A. State's Attorney Robert Hanlon was also included in the Closed Session at the request of Chairman Orman.

CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNTY BOARD

The Closed Session was ended at 8:40 PM. The County Board returned to Courtroom A. There was no action taken in Closed Session.

Williams made motion to re-enter open session of the Shelby County Board. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brands, Brown, Cole, Davis, Edwards, Firnhaber, Kessler, Martin, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Ogden, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Wallace and Williams. Nay: none. Absent: Bennett, Hardy and Tate.

Ross made motion to approve the resolution to establish the Shelby County Dive Rescue Team. Edwards seconded said motion.

Mayhall made motion to amend the resolution to include paragraphs 1-7 and amend paragraph 8 to read *be it further resolved that this resolution extends the current dive team command structure and current SOPs will remain in effect, excepting the clause referring to the charging of a fee for service, both for 60 days.* The amendment also struck the last 2 paragraphs of the resolution previously submitted to the board members prior to the start of the meeting. Ross seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

Prior to the vote being taken, Chairman Orman read the resolution as amended.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment, which passed (19 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brands, Brown, Cole, Davis, Edwards, Firnhaber, Kessler, Martin, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Ogden, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Wallace and Williams. Nay: none.

Ross's original motion, seconded by Edwards also passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brands, Brown, Cole, Davis, Edwards, Firnhaber, Kessler, Martin, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Ogden, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Wallace and Williams. Nay: none.

At 8:50 PM, Chairman Orman called for Public Body Comment.

Public body comment/opinions expressed by the standing room only crowd are summarized as follows:

The board was thanked for working together to pass a resolution to get the Dive Team issue resolved.

All members of the Dive Team read resignation letters and resigned from the team.

Many comments were expressed in support of members of the dive team, the command structure, their families, and appreciation voiced for the services they have provided throughout the county.

Several in the standing room only crowd asked for resignations of board members.

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

Firnhaber made motion to adjourn the special meeting. Williams seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no). The special meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder