

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD

November 27, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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The Shelby County Board met on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 7:00 P. M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County 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. Boehm, Brown, Davis, McCormick, and Morse were absent.

The budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2023, and ending November 30, 2024, was presented for approval. Williams made motion to approve the FY 2024 budget ordinance. Tate seconded said motion. Discussion was held.

Questions were asked about the increase in personnel costs for some departments. The State's Attorney's office has had an increase in attorney staff, and the Treasurer's office expects to add a new employee in the upcoming fiscal year, due to an increase in workload. The County Clerks budget is increased due to having 2 elections in the upcoming fiscal year. Differences in the inmate medical fund, which is collected through fines/fees in the Circuit Clerk's office were explained. While this account is normally budgeted at \$1,500 annually, there is a fund balance of \$7,500-\$7,800, which could be used to offset inmate medical general fund expenses. The Sheriff has budgeted \$69,000 for inmate medical out of the Sheriff's budget for the new fiscal year, as inmate medical costs continue to rise, the Sheriff is working to get the Medicaid rate on what services he can to try and reduce those general fund expenses. The budget is balanced and in the black for fiscal year 2024.

On Williams motion and Tate's second, the budget ordinance passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 1 no – Cole). Ayes: Amling, Bennett, Brands, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Martin, Mayhall, Nelson, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Tate, Wallace, and Williams. Nay: Cole.

The 2023 County tax levy ordinance was presented for approval. This levy is for taxes payable in 2024. The levy complies with the 5% CPI and does not require a truth in taxation hearing. Bennett made motion to approve the tax levy. Firnhaber seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Amling, Bennett, Brands, Cole, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Martin, Mayhall, Nelson, Orman, Ross, Shuff, Tate, Wallace, and Williams.

At 7:12 PM, Chairman Orman called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body Comments/opinions are summarized as follows:

Support for the county to continue farming the county farm was expressed.

Another member of the public expressed her views about a hat worn by a board member.

The final comment from a member of the public, encouraged the board to be respectful and display integrity despite a difference of opinions, and to not react in anger to the public or other members of the board. The public has the right to free speech, that's why they are there, and the board should be more receptive to finding common ground with those who might have differing views, but everyone should be more respectful to each other.

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 (16 yes, 0 no). The special meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder