

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2025– 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Chairman Mayhall called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Board member Carol Cole gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Brown, Grant, McCormick, Ross and Wallace were absent. Pritchard was tardy.

Minutes for the September 12, 2024, board meeting were presented for approval. Boehm made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.

Clay Hardy discussed meeting Charlie Kirk on a trip to DC, and discussed concerns he had about the county farm, and the county finances.

Pritchard entered the meeting at 7:05 PM.

At this time Mayhall called for the Highway Engineer's report.

County Highway Engineer Michael Tappendorf referred the board to his departmental activity report, and requested board approval for the following:

- A. Engineering Agreement with Gonzalez Engineering for RR Crossing in Clarksburg Township located at intersection of CR 500N aka TR 367, estimated cost at \$25,500 to be paid 100% from State ICC
- B. 50/50 petition from Cold Spring Township Highway Commissioner to replace culvert on 300N east of 1100E, estimated cost will be \$12,778
- C. 50/50 petition from Dry Point Township Highway Commissioner to replace culvert, estimated costs are \$16,521
- D. 50/50 petition from Village of Stewardson to replace a culvert, estimated costs will be \$9,897
- E. Resolution approving additional placement of No Parking signage on County Highway 2 N of 2475N

Boehm made motion to approve the highway department items. Price seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Tappendorf also updated the board that the county will be receiving 4 grants, 1 to a local City who did their own application. Tappendorf and his team did apply and receive 3 grants, 1 in conjunction with Moultrie County. Those grants total 2.3 million dollars for various bridge projects throughout the county.

Tappendorf was recognized for working with a county resident about a drainage issue on his property. The resident expressed to the Board chairman how impressed he was that Tappendorf showed up to look at the situation the next morning. Tappendorf, and the Highway department were also recognized for the improvements made to the Findlay Road.

Matlock made motion to approve the annual State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor resolution for \$10,000. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Woolery informed the board this program's price did not go up this year and stated the past week the Appellate Prosecutor's office had picked up 2 appeal cases for the county.

Pritchard made motion to approve a resolution establishing the authorized number of Sheriff's Deputies. Cole seconded said motion. The Sheriff said he will only budget for the number he currently has. The resolution is set at 14 deputies. The Sheriff said he will only hire what he can afford to pay. The Sheriff did mention there might be some grant opportunities in the future to fund the 14th position. Motion passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Tate made motion to approve the resolutions to transfer the following parcels from the County as Trustee to the new owners. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

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0723-16-14-312-007 to Wesley Riley for \$850.00
2409-36-15-404-010 to Sabei Dzabiri for \$1750.00
2311-22-16-402-002 to Curtis Morrison for \$2,150.00

Boehm made motion to approve the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget so it can be put on display for the required public viewing. Wood seconded said motion. Mayhall did make the board aware of a couple of amendments that are included in the documents provided to the board. The Pet Population fund was increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Animal Control has provided a lot of services to help control the pet population in the past year and the fees will offset the expense which is what funds this program. The other request was from Judge Ade-Harlow to increase the Assist Court budget to \$65,000 to assist with some various projects throughout the courthouse related to ADA compliance issues. Mayhall also stated for those who were here last year, there were concerns that the budget that was passed was severely unbalanced and on paper it was. Mayhall reported the county is 88% through the budget year, but only at just under 70% of spending. Mayhall stated if this stays on course the county should come in with a surplus budget of 1.7 million. The current budget year absorbed back pay for unions that should have been paid out in the 2024 budget year. The budget process last year was very rocky as it was started so late. Mayhall thanked the committee for doing their job and meeting with every single department head. Mayhall also thanked the other board members who attended those meetings with some of the BAL committee members. Mayhall also gave a huge thank you to all the department heads. Mayhall once again clarified the board was not approving the final budget, amendments and adjustments can still be made after the required public viewing. Discussion was held about the reports provided, the timeliness of those reports, and the information provided in the reports. Yantis asked about the public use tax, and the decrease in revenue, and the various interest earned reports. Matlock expressed that the county should be doing better with their investments. Mayhall also stated there will be some more adjustments as the county was waiting for liability insurance rates, cyber rates, and the county was working with the health insurance company to provide greater access to providers for employees with a reduction in cost for the county.

There were no monthly committee reports given.

Under Chairman updates and correspondence, Mayhall read a thank you from the Shelby County Farm Bureau for the Allies in agriculture resolution. Mayhall made the board aware of an upcoming UCCI conference October 24-25 in Springfield. Mayhall also reported that Sikich and Lauterbach and Amen had worked to get the audits in a position to satisfy IDOT in relation to public transportation. The county was at risk to lose the 2027 DOAP and 5311 grants.

Mayhall requested the following appointment.

Bill Hubbart to the Findlay Fire Protection District as trustee to replace Tim Uphoff who has resigned. Morse made motion to approve the appointment. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Under old business it was asked if social security had been increased in the FY 2026 budget. It was explained while the county might incur another shortfall, plenty of money has been budgeted and the tax levy for social security will also be increased.

Boehm made motion to approve payment of the claims. Price seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Prichard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Mayhall again called for Public Body comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions are summarized as follows:

Questions on estimated revenue determinations

The Sheriff updated the board that construction will begin outside the courthouse next week to remove and repair the stucco. The interior plan to repair the plaster walls should begin in January. The windows are taking care of a lot of the water issues, and the Judge has plans for an accessibility project for the courtrooms and to also address the counter height in the Circuit Clerk's office.

There was no further business to come before the Shelby County Board.

Matlock made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder