

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

Meeting not video recorded due to camera issues

The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Chairman Tad Mayhall called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance followed by a prayer given by Board member Sonny Ross.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Price, Syfert, Tate, and Wallace were absent. Edwards was tardy entering the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Minutes for the February 13, 2025, board meeting were presented for approval. Yantis made motion to approve the minutes. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.
Public comments/opinions expressed dealt with the following:

Support was expressed for District #1 appointee James Mitchell by the public and some board members

The board was thanked for their continued progress in resolving various issues
It was asked if the county would create a policy regarding verbal FOIA requests

Ross made motion to approve the appointment of James Mitchell to Shelby County Board District #1. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Mitchell was administered the oath by Clerk Fox and took his seat on the board.

Members of the Shelby County Historical Society Gary Gergen, Julie Elbert, Seth Moeller, and Joe Woodall addressed the board/public to discuss the need for help, financial assistance, and public interest/involvement with the historical society. They provided handouts with information and welcomed anyone who was interested to join them in promoting and maintaining historical information not only in Shelbyville, but also the surrounding communities.

Edwards entered the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

Beth Beck-Marts, CEFS Transportation Director, presented for approval the FY 2026 5311/DOAP Transportation Ordinance, a resolution authorizing the Board Chairman to apply for 5311 Grant funds, the purchase of service agreement between CEFS and Shelby County, the vehicle lease agreement between CEFS and Shelby County, and the FY 26 special warranty acceptance. The Intergovernmental Agreements with Christian, Clay, Fayette, Moultrie, and Montgomery Counties to provide public transportation within their county limits, were also submitted for approval at this time. \$1,697,700 in State funding has been requested, as well as \$453,953 in Federal funding for Public Transportation, which were the same amounts requested last year. Although Beck-Marts said they did not have a lot of ridership from the Altamont area, at this time she left the route in the program. There was also discussion about providing transportation to dialysis centers, but at this time there are no agreements in place with any of the "local" centers for transportation services.

Morse made motion to approve the rural transportation agreements. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no) Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Wafford, Wood and Yantis. Nay: none.

Zoning Administrator Scott McKee was on a fire call, so his agenda items were bypassed in his absence.

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

Michael Tappendorf presented the following items for board approval:

- A. Certificate of Authority to allow County Engineer Michael Tappendorf to be the authorized representative to purchase salt for treatment of intersections and bridges during inclement weather
- B. Joint resolution of agreement between Effingham and Shelby Counties to construct improvements to an across highway drainage structure in Prairie Township near the southwest corner of Prairie Township along 000N. Estimated cost for improvements will be \$15,000, \$5,000 to be paid from the Shelby County Bridge Fund

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- C. Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick, Inc for structure 087-3041 over Richland Creek on County Highway 40, estimated costs are \$68,000 to be funded from Federal STR and County Bridge Fund (agreement awarded by quality-based selection procedures)
- D. Placement of a stop sign at the intersection of 1350N/2900E in Richland Township

Boehm made motion to approve the highway items. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Wafford, Wood and Yantis. Nay: none.

Tappendorf was asked how county roads are treated during the inclement weather. Tappendorf stated the county doesn't have the money to purchase salt to treat all the county roads. They treat bridges and intersections with a salt/sand mixture and plow what they can.

Miller made motion to approve Consociate Health to complete the Federally mandated Drug Cost reporting on behalf of Shelby County for \$1,750. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Wafford, Wood and Yantis. Nay: none.

Pritchard made motion to surplus six (6) 13' by 42' bifold doors removed from some of the airport hangars. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no). The new hangar doors have been installed and these old doors need to be scrapped.

The budget/audit/legislative committee reviewed and approved opening the closed minutes/recordings from June 27, 2023, and July 13, 2023. State's Attorney Woolery also was agreeable to these being opened. Wood made motion to approve. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Morse made motion to approve Sikich to complete the FY year end Annual Financial Report (AFR) on behalf of Shelby County and get this document filed with the IL Comptroller's office. Wood seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Mayhall had reached out to former county auditor Benford & Brown CPA Tim Watson and had not heard back from Watson prior to this meeting. This is the only remaining item necessary to complete the FY 2022 audit. Sikich will enter the data to finish this AFR. Mayhall stated he would follow up regarding the Circuit Clerk's audit to make sure that has been finalized. The hope is the County gets caught up in the audit process this summer and be able to start the 2025 audit when the FY ends on 11/30/2025. Mayhall also reported he has spoken with the Comptroller's office, as has Sikich and Lauterbach and Amen. Although our audits are very delinquent, the Comptroller knows the county is working diligently to get this rectified. Motion by Morse, second by Wood, passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Zoning Administrator Scott McKee requested approval for a map amendment for Jeremy Chaney to have parcel 1614-15-00-200-005 rezoned from agriculture to general business. Chaney operates a seed business at this location and contacted McKee when he noticed his property wasn't zoned correctly. This amendment is merely a clean-up as Chaney has done business here for several years. Zoning Board of Appeals has approved this rezoning map amendment. This location is just south of the Rt 32 junction and north of Effingham Equity.

Ross made motion to approve the amendment. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Next McKee presented the preliminary plat of subdivision for Lithia Estates. This preliminary plat has also been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ross made motion to approve the preliminary plat of subdivision. Morse seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Application has been made by Dave and Barb Galvin. The Galvin's have provided a storm water management plan as well as a good septic plan as previously asked. This subdivision plat issue has been going on for many years and tied up in litigation. A Judge ordered the Galvin's to create a subdivision, which they have now done. The final plat will come before the board again next month for approval, pending any opposition from those living near the subdivision. The location of this subdivision is southwest of Robin Hood Campground.

Ross's motion, with Morse's second passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no)

Pritchard made motion to approve the FOP Union contract for 12/1/24 – 11/30/27. Boehm seconded said motion. Mayhall made motion to amend the dates of the contract to reflect the period of 9/1/24 - 11/30/27. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no). Discussion on original motion continued. The Sheriff stated the deputy

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pay was pretty close to surrounding counties, although no comparisons were given during negotiations. The Sheriff said OT would be accrued if hours over the original shift were worked. A lot of work was put in to fixing redundant language, so the contract was simplified and streamlined. Mayhall thanked everyone involved in these negotiations and those who had worked on the contract. The Sheriff's office will track holiday pay separately and all parties are in agreement as to how hours will be tracked and how those same hours will be paid.

Pritchard's motion with Boehm's seconded passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no, 1 present - Miller). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Wafford, Wood and Yantis. Nay: none. Present: Miller.

Chairman Mayhall called for committee reports. (Committee reports are attached to these minutes).

The 6 new doors are installed at the Airport.

The Finance department has decided that all utility bills should be paid as received. The committee will still review when they review the other bills, but no utility bills will be held.

Brown made motion to approve the appointment of Nathan P. Elliott as Moweaqua Fire Protection trustee to fill the unexpired term of Robert Hemer who recently passed away. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

There was no correspondence.

Under old business, the parts for the clock tower are scheduled to be delivered in the very near future.

This board has alleviated several grievances with the Sheriff's department with the most recent MOU. It is the understanding of the Sheriff and board chair that there are no outstanding grievances, and no pending issues pertaining to the forensic audit related to overpayment/underpayment of employees that may or may not have occurred. While the Sheriff did say that he could only speak regarding the current FOP union employees to his knowledge all issues have been quashed and he isn't aware of any prior employee wanting to seek legal action pertaining to the forensic audit. There are no outstanding grievances with FOP, payroll policies have been adjusted and the board is moving forward.

Ross made motion to approve the claims for payment. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Wafford, Wood and Yantis. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.

Public comments/opinions expressed dealt with the following:

Audits and required financial statements
Review of department bills, Sheriff/health bills not reviewed by committee, concerns about what is being paid
All accounts payable/payroll are public record and open to the public

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

Ross made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on April 10, 2025. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no). The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder