

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, April 10, 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. All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was given by board member Don Tate.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Syfert was absent.

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.

Comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

It was questioned if the government could be trusted to be truthful with the American people regarding renewable energy sources such as wind and solar. Folks can't make good decisions on energy when the government is lying to us.

Minutes for the March 13, 2025, board meeting were presented for approval. Wood made motion to approve the minutes. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to approve a resolution to execute a mutual aid agreement with ICMEA and approve a mutual aid agreement with the ICMEA (IL Coroners and Medical Examiners Association). Pritchard seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Debolt explained this mutual aid agreement would allow other coroners from other counties to assist in a situation involving mass casualties, death of a coroner, or investigations if needed. This also allows her to assist other counties in their time of need. Debolt also reported she and deputy coroner Miller attended the required 40-hour training recently. Debolt has also taken additional toxicology training, filed missing reports with IDOT, is working on a department handbook, and created a monthly on call schedule for the deputy coroners. Travis Boyer has been named Debolt's chief deputy. The department has handled 15 death calls in March.

The board passed the resolution and mutual aid agreement by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Scott McKee, Zoning Administrator addressed the board to request approval for 3 items.

Matlock made motion to approve a map amendment for Zachary Hankins for his property located in Shelbyville Township parcel 2013-22-00-300-007 from AG to General Business for a commercial masonry business. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Ross made motion to take from the table a text amendment for self-executing moratoriums on Wind and Solar energy facilities previously tabled in February. Grant seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Ross made motion to approve the self-executing moratorium. McCormick seconded said motion. Discussion was held. McKee is presenting this text amendment on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals. This moratorium would only go into effect if there was already a court case challenging the state law anywhere in Illinois. If there was a legal challenge to the state law, permits for wind and solar facilities automatically stop in Shelby County, until the lawsuit is settled. Permits can't currently be denied just because a person's view might be opposed to wind and solar, and there is always the potential for a lawsuit to be filed regarding these types of facilities, either by landowners, or the companies themselves. This moratorium simply gives the county a pause, should a challenge to state law be filed in court. Text amendment to the self-executing moratorium passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no) on Ross's motion and McCormick's second.

The final item McKee presented was the final plat for the Lithia Estate's subdivision for David and Barbara Galvin. Morse made motion to approve the final plat, Ross seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for the County Highway Engineer's report.

County Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval from the board on the following:

- *Resolution to enter into a joint agreement for use of local funds for the reconstruction of County Highway 3 east of Findlay. Estimated cost to be \$2,550,000 of which \$160,000 may be used from local funds from the FASM (Federal Aid State Match) account
- *Award Section 19-17120-00-BR, reconstruction of County Bridge 087-3120 to C Hill Civil Contractors in the amount of \$424,993.50 (100% of construction to be paid by Township account)
- *Supplemental Engineering agreement for structure 087-3038 over Drake Creek Branch in Ash Grove/Big Spring townships on TR 253A for \$12,100

McCormick made motion to approve the highway items. Wallace seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (21 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Matlock made motion to approve the Public Safety Training Foundation Agreement. Pritchard seconded said motion upon recommendation by the Public Safety Committee. Both the Dive team and Rescue Squad will be able to conduct training at the Decatur facility built by the Buffet Foundation at no cost to the county or the teams. The Rescue Squad has done some training on grain bin rescues. This is an amazing facility and a great opportunity for the Shelby County Dive Team and Rescue Squad. The Public Safety Training Foundation Agreement passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no) on Matlock's motion and Pritchard's second.

There were no committee reports.

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Under Chairman updates, Mayhall stated the PCOM position has been updated after a conversation with IDOT. This job is listed on the county website and applications can be submitted by April 30 to the County Clerk’s office. The Zoning Board of Appeals needs another member from any township other than Flat Branch, Okaw, Rose or Windsor. If anyone knows someone who might be interested, have them contact Mayhall, or Zoning Administrator Scott McKee. The FY 2022 audit is finally complete and the AFR has been filed with the Comptroller. Sikich is busy working on data collection for the FY 2023 audit. The video camera suffered extensive damage to one of the ports, not allowing for connectivity. It was shipped back to the county today from New York and will be in service at future meetings. That is why the last couple of meetings have been unable to be live streamed and uploaded to YouTube.

Continuing with Chairman appointments, Mayhall requested the following:

Christine Matlock, James Mitchell, and Tim Morse to the Cooperative Extension Committee. Motion by Cole, seconded by Price. Motion passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Ross made motion to approve the 3-year term appointments for the following fire protection districts trustees. McCormick seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Robert Roley – Strasburg FPD
Jeremy Zindel - Moweaqua FPD
Paul T. Bennett -Shelbyville FPD
Brad Rowley- Tower Hill FPD
Tim Bennett - Windsor Fire

There was no correspondence and no old business to discuss.

McCormick made motion to approve the payment of claims as reviewed by the respective committees. Pritchard seconded said motion. Discussion was held. The committee questioned some bills for the law library(taxes), Public Defender(taxes) and the Treasurer’s office (invoice amount different from claim amount). The taxes for the law library Thomson-Reuters bill have been addressed, the personal purchases made for the office of the Public Defender were also addressed, and it was requested that the continuing issue for the RK Dixon bill for the Treasurer’s office be taken care of by contacting the company and getting this issue fixed.

Ross made motion to amend the payment of claims to include the bills for the law library. Edwards seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no).

Payments of claims passed by roll vote (21 yes, 0 no) on McCormick’s motion, with Pritchard’s second. Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Chairman Mayhall again called for Public Body Comment.

Comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

The recent recognition of Shelbyville Police officers Paul Bennett and Joe Houk by the Secret Service for stopping a \$250,000 fraud scheme against an elderly Shelbyville resident.
The wonderful programs CEFS has available to assist those in various types of need. Tricia Miller recently attended the 60th anniversary banquet for CEFS and spoke of hearing some awesome stories about how CEFS had helped people turn their lives around and get back on their feet.

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

McCormick made motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on May 8, 2025. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (21 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder