

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
May 8, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, May 8, 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. Those present said the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was given by board member Austin Pritchard.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Edwards, Grant, McCormick, Price, and Ross were absent.

Minutes for the April 11, 2024, meeting were presented for approval. Yantis made motion to approve the minutes. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment. There was none at this time.

Tim Brown stated after reviewing the draft dive team forensic audit he felt the board should implement recommendations from the auditors who performed the audit. Brown stated it might be helpful for the dive team to enlist the help and services of the Treasurer's office related to bookkeeping. Brown also mentioned the county should have a current roster of the dive team members, as the roster listed in the audit was from 2019.

Mayhall informed the board that the Shelby County portion of EJ water north of Beecher City, known as Phase 76 of the Delbert Mundt Water Treatment Plant, is going to be expanded with the aid of a Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure grant in the amount of 2.2 million dollars. This money has been in a bank account in Shelby County for the past couple of years and this project was recently bid by Milano and Grunloh Engineers and the bids were opened yesterday. Only 1 bid was received in the amount of \$2,094,000 from CB & I Storage Tank Solutions from Plainfield, IL. Shelby County will merely be a pass through for this project, which will expand water service in Shelby County.

Pritchard made motion to approve the bid award to CB & I. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Matlock made motion to approve the hiring for the PCOM position as recommended by Chairman Mayhall. Miller seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Mayhall informed the board the PCOM (Point of Compliance Oversight Monitor) program had been in Shelby County for many years and had not been actively worked since 2022. Mayhall and Boehm met with CEFS in January of this year to discuss the audit for the rural transportation. The job was posted in February but had no applications. IDOT recommended a change in the pay structure. Mayhall received 2 resumes and spoke with both candidates. Mayhall recommended the hiring of Crystal Watkins from rural Findaly for the PCOM position. Watkins has credentials that match up for the job requirements and this program needs quickly brought back up to speed. \$1.7 million was budgeted last year and \$700,000 was left on the table. All pay and benefits will be paid for by the grant, although Watkins will be a county employee and will fall under Public Safety. The salary has not yet been determined, but Mayhall stated the range would fall between \$28-\$35 an hour. Normally this position will work 30-35 hours weekly, but it is expected it will require 40 hours a week in the beginning to get the program back into compliance with what IDOT expects.

This hiring of Crystal Watkins as PCOM passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) with a motion by Matlock and a second by Miller.

The board has been advised by the County Treasurer that there is a shortage of funds in the social security account. The biweekly social security expense is approximately \$16,000. LATCF grants can be transferred to the social security fund. The county received \$95,000 in LATCF grant funds a couple of years ago. While not ideal, this transfer would hopefully offset the shortfall until the county could receive a tax disbursement sometime in July. It was asked if ARPA funds could have been used to pay for the SS and IMRF payments. Mayhall stated he couldn't answer that question without reviewing all the items that could have been reimbursed by ARPA. Mayhall said last year's budgeting process, and the need for cooperation and collecting correct data to be able to forecast the amount of money needed in the budget and levy, is extremely important as this issue shows. Cole stated it appeared the social security bank account fund at the end of the month had a balance of \$111,000. Cole stated it is only earning 1% and stated if the county would invest in Illinois Funds, she didn't feel that the county would have this shortfall. The daily rate for IL Funds has been 4.4%. Matlock stated this would be the perfect time for the county to invest in IL Funds and see what happens. The county is currently earning a very low interest rate in the local banks, and this would help defray county expenses to collect more interest. It was reiterated that there is no risk to the county and no costs to invest the county money in IL Funds. It is also accessible when the county needs it. Mayhall said this is an obligation that is not going to go away. Sikich will be helping the county with the budget process this year. It was asked how the county could move some money to IL Funds. The county treasurer has an investment policy, and that office has sole discretion of where the money is invested. It was asked if the State's Attorney could provide a legal opinion if the board could request that the Treasurer invest in IL Funds.

Wood made motion to approve the transfer of \$35,000 from LATCF to the Social security fund. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call (16 yes, 1 no). Ayes: Boehm,

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Brown, Cole, Gregg, Hardy, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: Matlock.

Cole made motion to approve a resolution authorizing a 15-month audit for fiscal year 2023. The Comptroller's office requires this resolution in order to grant the County approval to do a 15-month audit instead of a 12-month, followed by a 3-month audit. Approval of this resolution will assist Sikich and Lauterbach and Amen the opportunity to get Shelby County caught up faster on our delinquent audits for FY 2023 and 2024. Motion and second passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Miller made motion to approve the surplus and disposal of a 2015 Inmar inflatable boat, model 290-TS, Hull ID: IMG2TA16E415 due to an unrepairable leak. Mitchell seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Pritchard made motion to approve the surplus of a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle with 181,221 miles, VIN# 1FM5K8ARXGTGA37324. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for committee reports. (Committee reports are attached to these minutes). No committee chairs had reports to present.

Providing Chairman updates, Mayhall reported the air quality testing done at the courthouse was negative for mold and other issues but did reveal a few damp spots which will need remediation. The County received notification from the IL Dept of Human Services that we will be placed on the stop payment list effective May 12 due to the audit for 2023 being delinquent. Mayhall spoke with several folks at the State, and also Senator McClure to request the County not be placed on stop payment as the county had a new auditing firm and they are working diligently to get Shelby County audit reports up to date. At this time, Mayhall had heard nothing back on his request. This would mean all grant funding and salary reimbursement from the State would stop. Mayhall reported the county should have never gotten to this point and this was yet an unnecessary issue to deal with due to the negligence of others.

Mayhall received the annual information from CEFS and has it available for anyone wishing to review it.

Mayhall requested approval for the following appointments.

Findlay Fire – Rod McClain, trustee 3-year term
Sigel Fire – George Nuxoll, trustee 3-year term
Cowden Fire – Brad Storm, trustee 3-year term
Zoning Board of Appeals – Jeff Slifer
Public Safety Committee Chair – Jeff Gregg
Public Safety Committee – James Mitchell to replace Tad Mayhall
Finance Committee – Judy Wood to replace Julie Edwards

Morse made motion to approve the appointments. Cole seconded said motions, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 1 no – Brown).

There was no old business to come before the board.

Boehm made a motion to approve the payment of claims. Miller seconded said motion. Matlock stated she had spoken with Animal Control Administrator Angela Miller and the claims that were reviewed at Finance should also be paid. Miller seconded said motion to pay the claims, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

At this time Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Public comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Concerns expressed about investment of county money
Dive team audit – need to approve bookkeeping, questions about why roster has to be requested by a FOIA request
Board needing to ask legal counsel about transfer of funds for social security
IHSA bass fishing tournament to be held on Lake Shelbyville on June 6-7 which should bring many people to the community over those days. The tournament was previously held on Lake Carlyle and was awarded to Lake Shelbyville through a bidding process

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

Boehm made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on June 12, 2025. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.