

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 P.M in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse.

Chairman Tad Mayhall called the meeting to order. All those present said the Pledge of Allegiance, and Board member Larry Syfert gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant and Tate were absent.

Minutes for the May 8, 2025, county board meeting were presented for approval. Yantis made motion to approve the minutes. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

At this time, Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Ross congratulated the Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg High School Bass fishing team on being State Champions of the IHSA State Bass Fishing Tournament held on Lake Shelbyville on June 6 & 7. The board gave the team a round of applause.

Pritchard stated there was a great turnout with 60 boats in the tournament, each carrying 1 coach and 2 student fishermen. The first day there were 58 fish to weigh, and the 2nd day 29. Each fisherman was allowed a limit of their 5 best catches.

Ross made motion to approve the resolution opposing HB 2827. The opposition to the resolution defends parental rights and educational freedoms. Price seconded said motion. Ross explained that HB 2827 would place a limitation on parental rights on homeschooling, as well as place an unnecessary burden on public schools. Ross stated Shelby County supports parental rights and encouraged a yes vote. The B/A/L committee was addressed by Shelby County parents voicing their support of the county passing this resolution in opposition at their meeting on May 27.

Motion by Ross, second by Price to approve the resolution opposing HB 2827, passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Jesse Streit, County Director for the U of I Extension, addressed the board to thank them and express her gratitude for funding over the years. Streit also reviewed some of the programs the U of I extension office provides such as the 4-H program, SNAP-Ed, the venison share, and partners in produce programs, which aid local food pantries, and the Family Life Impact program.

Streit requested an increase in funding for the 2025 tax levy of \$82,166, which is a 3.2% increase over last year. Miller made motion to approve the funding. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for the Highway Engineer report.

Michael Tappendorf, County Highway Engineer, addressed the board to request approval for a supplemental engineering agreement with Civil Design Inc. for SN 087-3148 over Richland creek in Richland Township on TR 199 (1200N). Estimated costs are \$27,000. Tappendorf also requested approval for a 50/50 petition from the Cold Spring Township Highway Commissioner to replace a 36" diameter x 50" CMP on 800N. Estimated costs will be \$7,039 to be shared equally between Shelby County and Cold Spring Township.

Boehm made motion to approve the Highway items. Wallace seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Brown inquired about the Dive Team roster. Brown stated he had asked about this last month, because the roster in the draft forensic dive audit was from 2019, as a recent roster requested by Benford and Brown was not provided. Brown stated as a unit of government there should be transparency and a roster should be provided without being requested via a FOIA. A current roster of both the Dive Team and the Rescue Squad was emailed to the full board by County Clerk Fox on June 10, as part of the county board read ahead materials.

Brown stated on page 7 of the draft Dive Team audit, it stated there should be a record keeping of call outs for the Dive Team. Brown stated a former board member had also asked how often the Dive Team gets called out and never got an answer. Brown stated the draft dive team audit said the dive team should do a record keeping of call outs and rescues.

Brown made motion to approve the draft dive team forensic audit completed by Benford and Brown. McCormick seconded said motion, which failed by roll call vote (5 yes, 13 no, 2 present). Ayes: Brown, Edwards, Hardy, McCormick, and Wallace. Nays: Boehm, Cole, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Ross, Wafford, Wood, and Yantis. Present: Pritchard and Syfert.

Upon recommendation of the B/A/L committee an updated credit card policy, payroll policy, and timekeeping policy were presented for approval. Boehm made motion to approve the updated policies. Yantis seconded said motion. Discussion was held.

Payroll duties have shifted to the County Clerk's office from the Treasurer's office since the original payroll policy was put in place. State's Attorney Woolery presented an Attorney General opinion which stated, "a county board may not impose a mandatory electronic timekeeping policy on

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officers with internal control over the operations of their office if the policy affects the personnel decisions of those officers.” An AG opinion had been presented to the board earlier in the year which stated a board could not assign to other personnel (credit card policy to the Treasurer) a function which is delegated to the county clerk by statute (payroll and accounts payable).

On Boehm’s motion, with a second by Yantis, the updated policies passed by voice vote (19 yes, 1 no – Brown).

Sheriff McReynolds requested approval to surplus a 2021 Kawasaki KRF 100 side by side with 255 miles. This vehicle was surrendered to the Sheriff’s office as part of a plea agreement and not purchased by the county.

Boehm made motion to approve the surplus. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall presented for approval the AFSCME Union contract for September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2027. Mayhall thanked several department heads and board members that had worked on the negotiations.

Yantis made motion to approve the contract with AFSCME. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 1 no – Brown).

County Clerk Fox requested approval to amend the 2025 holiday calendar that was previously passed on August 8, 2024, to include December 24, 2025, in order to align with the recently approved AFSCME contract.

Cole made motion to approve the amended holiday calendar. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Mayhall called for committee reports. There were no reports given.

For Chairman updates, and correspondence, Mayhall reported Sikich has received most of the information they have requested from the various county departments and are working up the data they have received. Sikich hopes to forward the pre-audit findings to Lauterbach and Amen in July. Sikich will then begin work on 2024 pre audit work. Mayhall will be meeting with the City of Shelbyville, EMA, members from Good Shepherd Hospital and the CEO of Abbott Ambulance Service to discuss issues with the lack of Ambulance services issues with ambulances for ground transport to other facilities. Mayhall addressed the beautiful plants in the meeting grown at the Shelbyville County Community Services facility in Shelbyville. Tourism Director Freddie Fry was recognized and had left tourism brochures for the board members. The County received a \$585.40 meeting reimbursement from UCCI.

Chairman Mayhall requested the following appointments:

Kenneth Munds – Herrick Fire Protection District Trustee (3-year term)

Airport and Landing Fields Commission – Steve Wempen and Paul Canaday (3-year terms)

County Health Board – Dr. Rachel Lape, Greg Miller, Jim Looft, and Jeff Slifer (3-year terms)

Tourism Committee – Cynthia Alepra, Greg Miller, Maria Shafer, Annie Fafara, and Mark Shanks (1-year terms)

There was no old business to come before the board.

Boehm made motion to pay the claims. Pritchard seconded said motion. Approval to pay claims passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for public body comment.

Comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Parents thanked the board for passing the resolution opposing HB 2827
Investment of county money comments/questions/funds not making interest
IL Funds – risk of investment, possible harm to local banks if county money pulled and invested elsewhere
How board could request Treasurer to attend meeting
Jake and Carol Cole saw Lake Shelbyville guides in Northern Illinois and were told they are frequently requested and used
Questions about credit card policy

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

Ross made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on July 10, 2025. McCormick seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder