

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, July 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 present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and board member Tricia Miller gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. McCormick, Mitchell, Ross, Tate, Wallace, and Wood were absent. Edwards was tardy entering the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Minutes for the June 12, 2025, board meeting were presented for approval. Miller made motion to approve the minutes. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

County Treasurer Erica Firnhaber read statements from the 2 local banks about the importance of keeping county money invested locally.

Tami Smith made comments about the draft forensic Dive Team audit, the company that prepared that draft audit, and the amount of county taxpayer funds used to pay for that draft audit.

Edwards entered the meeting at 7:06 PM.

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

County Engineer, Michael Tappendorf, requested approval for a 50/50 petition from the Clarksburg Township Highway Commissioner to replace a failing pipe with 2 – 36" X 40' metal pipes. Estimated costs are \$8,764 and will be shared equally between the County and the Township.

Morse made motion to approve the 50/50 petition. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes – Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Shelby County recently received the Notice of Annual Salary Reimbursement COLA from the Department of Revenue. Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-4007 the salaries of the State's Attorney will increase to \$169,865.81, the Public Defender to \$152,879.23 and the Sheriff salary to \$135,892.65. The State reimburses 2/3's of the Public Defender and Sheriff salaries. This salary adjustment will be retroactive to July 1, 2025.

Miller made motion to approve the salary increases as presented. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Gregg made motion to approve the surplus of a 46" 20 HP Toro mower that is 15+ years old, that has been used by the Animal Control department. This mower was used when it was donated over 10 years ago, and no county funds were used in the purchase of this mower. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Miller made motion to approve the surplus of a 1981 International (VIN 1HTAA17BXBHB24706) used by the County Rescue Squad. This truck was purchased for \$1.00, paid by 2 former board members, from the Ramsey Fire Protection District. No county funds were used in the purchase of this vehicle. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to allow the Rescue Squad to work with the Public Safety committee to determine how to dispose of the 1981 International (accept bids or scrap). Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for committee reports. Reports were given and items presented for follow-up are as follows: (Committee reports are attached to these minutes).

Boehm provided a short update from the coroner. From June 1 – June 25, the office has handled 17 death calls this month, met with families to go over autopsy reports, and is working on updating office policies, organizing the office, updated an on call policy and working on a pay structure for the deputy coroners. Boehm said she anticipates read ahead material from the coroner for the August board meeting to address some of these items.

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Edwards stated Health Administrator Steve Melega had informed her the health department applied for and was awarded a competitive maternal-child health grant entitled better birth outcomes. This \$185,000 grant is increased over the prior Family Case management grant that just ended by \$85,000 and was awarded to the Shelby County Health Department on July 1, 2025. School sports physicals will take place on August 7 at 9:00 AM at the Shelbyville High School cafeteria. These sports physicals are open to any student but requires registration in advance.

Mayhall requested the appointment of Shawn Conlin to the Mental Health “708” Board to replace Dick Gloede who has resigned. Miller made motion to approve the appointment of Conlin. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Mayhall updated the board he received a thank you note from the U of I Cooperative Extension office expressing their appreciation for continued funding from the county. Mayhall also reported he had recent comments from both banks regarding investment of county funds, the most recent from First Federal Savings and Loan, which he gave Clerk Fox to make part of the board record. Mayhall stated the BAL committee will review the recently passed credit card policy in the future due to concerns about board members being able to get a credit card. Matlock stated this was included in the policy so board members could access a credit card for travel purposes.

There was no old business.

Boehm made motion to approve the payment of claims. Yantis seconded said motion. Due to some recent developments regarding the RIPI funds for the EJ Water project, Mayhall made motion to amend the claims to remove the \$600,900 check to CB & I. Boehm seconded said amendment, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). Original motion and second to pay bills as amended passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes – Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall again called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

The board was thanked for the work they have done since last December and the positive changes that have occurred in the county, and on the county board.

Thanks, and appreciation expressed to several county departments, and the city police department, after a recent incident at the Lake Shelbyville spillway, which ended in a positive manner due to the teamwork and cooperative efforts of these departments

Mayhall also reported on a recent meeting he had with the City of Shelbyville and representative from Abbott Ambulance regarding ambulance coverage and services. Mayhall updated the board he had spoken with EMA Director Scott McKee who plans on giving up Zoning effective December 1, 2025, and solely focusing on EMA.

Boehm made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on August 14, 2025. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder