

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, September 11, 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. Board member Gene Price gave the prayer.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of September 11.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Boehm, Edwards, Hardy, McCormick, and Mitchell were absent.

Minutes for the August 14, 2025, board meeting were presented for approval. Yantis made motion to approve the minutes. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for public body comment.

Erica Firnhaber spoke about the pay increases the board had approved for the county employees and acknowledged board member Brown was the only member to vote against these pay increases.

Martha Firnhaber spoke about electioneering in the county clerk's office and criticized the board for their frequent complaints about the treasurer's investment of county money.

Kenzie Stewart, Shelby County Farm Bureau manager requested approval from the board for an Allies in Agriculture resolution. Price made motion to approve the resolution. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

At this time, Chairman Mayhall called for the County Highway report.

County Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval for the following items:

- A. Supplemental Engineering Agreement with HLR Engineering for structure 087-3198 over Richland Creek in Clarksburg Township on TR 313, estimated costs \$45,000
- B. Engineering Agreement with Gonzalez Engineering for structure 087-3069 over Sorghum Branch Creek in Flat Branch Township on TR 49, estimated costs \$70,500
- C. Permit Fee Schedule
- D. Authorization to utilize Oxcart Permitting System
- E. Begin the bid process (pending results of grant application) for repairs on the Findlay Bridge Bearings (structure 087-3001)

Wallace made motion to approve the items presented by Tappendorf. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Tappendorf stated that A was around the Hidden Springs area. It was started years ago by a former Highway Engineer but was stopped due to lack of a county engineer. The bridge in Flat Branch is weight posted. Both agreements will be paid from the Township Bridge fund, and the county will be reimbursed 100% for the cost. The permitting fee schedule will help recoup the costs of Tappendorf or his team to go out and review these permitting requests. Oxcart permitting system is used by several area counties and Tappendorf just wants to replicate what is going on around us. Some areas of the Findlay Bridge need some attention as some parts are rusty. Everything is stable and safe, but this bridge was constructed in 1966 and needs some bearing repair.

At this time Ross made motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C-11) pending litigation. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 1 no – Brown). Ayes: Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: Brown.

CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNTY BOARD

The Closed Session was ended at 7:42 PM, the doors were opened, and spectators could return to the meeting.

There was no action taken in closed session.

Price made motion to re-enter open session. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Price made motion to approve engaging the law firm of Klein, Thorpe, and Jenkins LTD. to assist with the preparation, negotiation, review, and revision of road use

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agreements for solar and wind farm projects in Shelby County. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Ross made motion to participate in the Secondary Manufacturers National Opioid Settlement and Purdue Bankruptcy Plan. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to approve a resolution in support of CEFS and the Federal program services CEFS provides to the residents of the county. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no). A listing of the various programs is attached to these minutes.

Matlock made motion to approve the budget amendments and appropriation transfers in the CEFS budget to fund the PCOM position. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Wallace made motion to approve the surplus and disposal of a 2003 Falcon F360 rigid hull inflatable boat (HIN: UA-QRK30889L203) due to a separated seam that cannot be repaired. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Tate made motion to approve the resolutions to transfer parcels from the County of Shelby, as trustee to the new owners as listed:

0723-16-14-304-010 to Stone Way LLC, Valeria Espinoza for \$2,100.00
0723-16-14-312-006 to Piggy Bank Investment Properties, LLC for \$2,523.00
1208-03-05-112-007 to the Village of Findlay for \$809.00

Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for committee reports.

Ross stated he sits on the Regional Office of Education committee and has copies of their annual reports if anyone would like one.

Continuing with Chairman updates and correspondence, Mayhall reported a recent meeting between himself, board member Jeff Gregg, and representatives from Consociate, about Health Insurance rates, which led to discussion about some cost containment opportunities the county will be exploring in conjunction with Consociate to aid in helping the cost of the County's health insurance. A conversation was held with Lauterbach and Amen and Sikich about the 2023 audit. Sikich has handed off the pre-audit work so the 2023 audit can be completed. Sikich will now be engaging for 2024. An extension has been requested for both the 2024 and 2025 audits. Both firms have been very helpful with the frequent check ins from IDOT about the status of the county audits. Several board members are engaged in working on the fiscal year 2026 budget process with the department heads. The intent is to bring the budget to the board at the October meeting in hopes of getting it approved at November's board meeting.

Mayhall requested the following appointments.

Jolene Beyers – Commissioner of Oconee Drainage Dist. Trustee (3-year term)
Joshua Culumber – Commissioner of Combined Drainage District #2 Town of Tower Hill (3-year term)
L. Curtis Corzine – Commissioner of Union Drainage District #1 Townships of Flat Branch and Assumption (3-year term)
Peter Dove – Commissioner of Combined Clarksburg and Shelbyville Townships Drainage District #1 (3-year term)
Michael Wheeler – Commissioner of Combined Clarksburg and Shelbyville Townships Drainage District #1 (2-year term)
Tammi Kull - Mental Health "708" Board to replace Robyn Carswell who resigned, term to expire 1/31/2028
John Weber – Airport and Landing Fields Commission to replace Paul Canaday who resigned, term to expire 6/30/2028

Chairman Mayhall did clarify under old business that the FY 2022 audit was completed, and the audit currently being worked on is 2023, with pre-audit work to begin on 2024 by Sikich.

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Ross made motion to pay the claims as reviewed by the committees. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Board Chairman Mayhall again called for public body comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Questions were asked about a meeting held between the Treasurer, Chairman Mayhall and a local bank President and whether this information would be shared with the board, as this should have been a public meeting and not a private one, according to the commenter

It was asked if any efforts had been made to the \$74,030 money paid to former ASA Ambroziak as a severance agreement

The board was told the public deserves answers when questions are asked during public body comment

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 October 9, 2025. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P. M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder