SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2026– 7:00 P.M.

(Video archive of this meeting can be found at shelbycounty-il.gov on YouTube)

The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Chairman Mayhall called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Board member Judy Wood gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant was absent. Edwards was tardy.

Minutes for the September 10, 2026, board meeting were presented for approval. Gregg made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (18 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.

A standing room crowd was present for the lengthy public body comment portion at the beginning of the meeting. The majority of the speakers spoke in opposition to the proposed wind farm project in northwest Shelby County.

Concerns expressed were about the environment, decrease in property values, harm to various wildlife species, decline in area tourism, where the energy would go, rising costs of energy in Shelby County, benefits if any to the county, what legacy we were leaving our children, the harm caused to our beautiful community by these unsightly wind turbines, health issues caused by the blinking lights, noise, and shadow flicker caused by the wind turbines, among many other comments in opposition to the Foxglove Wind Project. Several asked what the county board would do to stop this project, despite the Illinois General Assembly removing that authority from the hands of local governments.

Bartek Susol, with Linea Energy (Foxglove Wind Energy) informed the crowd there would be an informational meeting held on Wednesday, October 14 at the Foxmore in Shelbyville from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, with drinks and appetizers provided. Susol encourages those in attendance to attend this meeting to get their questions answered and concerns addressed.

Edwards entered the meeting at 7:25 PM.

At 8:10 PM, the board was able to begin the county business.

Morse made motion to approve the surplus of several CEFS rural transportation vehicles and dispose of them by either scrap, transfer, or bid with advice and consent from CIPT. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no).

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

County Highway Engineer Michael Tappendorf referred the board to his departmental activity report, and requested board approval for the following:

A. HAA Agreement with Grant & Grant Investments at the intersection of W. Division and Wright St in the Village of Findlay
B. Approval of "Pre-Road Use Agreement" Engineering Agreement with Hutchinson Engineering for Wind Farm Project
C. 30MPH Speed limit sign placement for County Highway 23 in Sigel limits pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/11-302
D. Accept bids for new tandem axle dump truck
E. Payment agreement for "Professional Fee Agreement" with Foxglove Wind Project

Wood made motion to approve the highway department items. Yantis seconded said motion.

Boehm made motion to table item A. Morse seconded said motion which passed by voice vote. HAA Agreement with Grant and Grant Investments tabled.

Tappendorf explained that the engineering agreement for pre-road use agreement and the payment agreement for professional fee agreements are presented to help the county protect and preserve our roads during these large construction projects and no county tax dollars will be used for either of these items. The highway department has been working to find sources so they can fund equipment themselves to save the county money with various railroad construction projects. Cole requested changes to the professional services agreement. In paragraph 3 ***developer to pay certain costs to*** **developer shall pay all costs**. Section II under security ***developer post $20,000 to*** **developer to post $100,000.** Under Section 3 regarding payments ***change 15 business days*** **to 5 business days**.

Boehm made motion to amend the professional services agreement with the suggestion changes. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no).

Original items B – E, as amended passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no) on Wood's motion and Yantis's second. Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Conlin, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis.

Matlock made motion to approve the resolutions to transfer the following parcels from the County as Trustee to the new owners. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

0221-23-00-300-004(Big Spring Twp) to Brock Cardinal for $12,151
0723-16-15-405-010(Herrick Twp) to James Carlock for $1,200
1812-13-08-215-004 (Rose Twp) to George Ziemann Jr for $927
2013-18-05-106-004 (Shelbyville Twp) to Terrabidgold, LLC for $3,777
2013-18-05-110-011(Shelbyville Twp) to George Ziemann Jr for $927
2013-18-05-110-012 (Shelbyville Twp) to Arcadia 5 Properties, LLC for $1,001
2311-22-07-206-003 (Tower Hill Twp) to Big Bay 4, LLC for $1,225
2311-23-05-102-004(Tower Hill Twp) to Larry Parks for $827

Matlock made motion to approve the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget so it can be put on display for the required public viewing. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no). Mayhall thanked all of those who helped with the budget process, as well as the county department heads for working to keep expenses down. The proposed budget currently shows a surplus of $1,147,435. Some changes might be made prior to the next meeting when the budget is approved.

There were no monthly committee reports given.

Under Chairman updates and correspondence, Mayhall reported he had had several dealings with State agencies continuing to request extensions due to late audits. He recently did the 3rd extension for the Illinois Department of Public Health to keep funding going for the Health Department, due to late audits. This is a lot of unnecessary work due to lack of action by a prior board for not getting the audits done in a timely manner as required. He has also had to do these many times with IDOT. Mayhall stated it was important to make sure people elected were held accountable for completing work necessary for the county to function in a timely manner as required. The board continues to suffer consequences from people elected almost 4 years ago. Mayhall read a letter of intent from a company planning to build a communication tower. Quarterly meeting reimbursement was received from UCCI in the amount of $1,553.28. The county will be setting tax levy in the future. Last year the board was able to reduce the tax levy. In December a new board will take office. There are currently 2 vacancies in Board District #7 (Windsor, Ash Grove area), and District #1 (Moweaqua).

Mayhall requested the following appointment.

Sean Creviston to the Findlay Fire Protection District as trustee for a 3-year term.

Brown made motion to approve the appointment. McCormick seconded said motion. Pritchard said he had become aware of some information the past few days and made motion to table this appointment. Boehm seconded said motion to table, which passed by voice vote (18 yes, 1 no – Brown).

Under old business Edwards asked for an update on the Ethics Commission. State's Attorney Woolery stated they have been advised to meet and review the complaint. Woolery expressed concerns about the current Ethics Ordinance and planned to ask the Budget/Audit/Legislative committee to review the Ordinance in the future.

Pritchard made motion to approve payment of the claims. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Prichard, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nays: none.

Mayhall again called for Public Body comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions are summarized as follows:

Once again, the discussion centered on the proposed wind farm in northwest Shelby County and many of the same comments were made. The group opposing this project is in the process of hiring an attorney to file a temporary restraining order against the project. Board members shared their comments about this project and stated they heard the residents and understood their concerns, but this group must take their fight to Springfield, as the county

can't stop this project if everything is filed correctly by the various companies proposing these projects in Shelby County.

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

Cole made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder