

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, July 9, 2026, 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 Christine Matlock gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Boehm, Grant, Gregg, Mitchell, Syfert, and Tate, were absent.

Minutes for the June 11, 2026, board meeting were presented for approval. Wood made motion to approve the minutes. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Patricia Tait-Hendrickson stated she was recently appointed to the Ethics Commission and would appreciate receiving some direction about what the commission is supposed to do.

Several people in attendance, whose property lies next to, or near the proposed salvage yard (1191 N 1700 East Rd, Shelbyville), spoke against the board issuing a special exception permit. Concerns expressed were the current owner continuing to do what he wanted despite not having the permit, truck traffic, noise, decline in property values should this special exemption be granted, concerns about water due to run off from the salvage yard, and the fact these property owners did their due diligence prior to purchasing their properties, when Mr. Bloxom did not.

Jake Cole spoke about the silica dust created by the construction company at the courthouse. This company was shut down by OSHA for a few days due to this issue, but Cole expressed his concerns for the employees of the Courthouse and the dust and dirt created.

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

County Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval for the following items:

- a. Resolution to review and change permit fees for oversized/overweight permits and utility permits.
- b. Stop sign placement from Flat Branch Township at the intersection of 2500N and 800E. Stop signs to be placed on north and south legs of intersection pursuant to 325 ILCS 5/11-302
- c. Scrap iron at highway department to be deemed surplus
- d. Switchgrass Solar road use agreement

Yantis made motion to approve the highway items. Matlock seconded said motion.

Yantis made motion to amend the original motion to approve items A – C in one vote and approve item D in a separate motion and vote. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Original motion passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no) to approve highway items A. – C.

Matlock made motion to approve the road use agreement with Switchgrass Solar. Wood seconded said motion. Tappendorf explained that the solar project is in Fayette County, but this company is using roads in Shelby County, and those roads are being damaged by heavy trucks. Approving this road use agreement will allow Tappendorf to work with Switchgrass to ensure the Shelby County roads are repaired when the project is completed.

Road use agreement passed by voice vote (13 yes, 0 no, 1 present – Yantis).

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 \$176,830.31, the Public Defender to \$159,147.28 and the Sheriff salary to \$141,464.25. The State reimburses 2/3 of the Public Defender and Sheriff salaries. This salary adjustment will be retroactive to July 1, 2026.

Matlock made motion to approve the salary increases as presented. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Cole made motion to approve the list of Election Judges for 2026-2028, as submitted by the party chairs/precinct committee persons. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by

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voice vote (14 yes, 0 no). This list will be available for anyone wishing to review it in the County Clerk's office. and the Circuit Judge will commission these Judges on August 11, at 9:00 AM.

Yantis made motion to approve the transfer of parcel 1208-03-058-112-002 from Shelby County as Trustee to the Village of Findlay for their bid of \$800.00. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (11 yes, 3 no) Ayes: Brown, Cole Edwards, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Strohl, Wafford, Wood, and Yantis. Nays: Morse, Pritchard, and Wallace.

Pursuant to an appeal requested by landowner Daryl Bloxom, Matlock made motion to approve the special exemption permit to operate a salvage yard on the property located at 1191 N 1700 East Rd, Shelbyville. Wood seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Bloxom was present at the meeting, along with his attorney Jerry Stocks. Stocks stated his interpretation of the law is that Bloxom doesn't need a special exemption permit, but he has not had the time to discuss the county zoning ordinance and this issue with the State's Attorney. Stocks commented on the definition of farms, regulatory taking, and stated he had been in lawsuits before in Shelby County. Stocks said his recommendation for the board would be to table this item to give him and SA Woolery time to discuss this issue. Brown encouraged any board member who had not viewed the property in question to do so. Since area landowners felt that Bloxom has continued to conduct business without having the authority to do so, Matlock recommended Bloxom be given 5 days to get his trucks and necessary equipment moved and implement a 4-week moratorium of no business of any kind at this location. It was decided Bloxom would have until July 17 at 4:00 PM to get his equipment moved.

McCormick made motion to table this item with the above stipulations. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 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).

Mayhall reported he had a lengthy discussion about data centers with Zoning Administrator Herron, and protections surrounding counties are implementing to give themselves time to research these projects. Mayhall updated that the budget/audit/legislative committee will be taking these types of projects under advisement to stay ahead of potential future projects that might impact Shelby County and its residents.

Mayhall also informed the board he recently received a copy of the fiscal year 2024 draft audit. A quick summary of that draft shows findings like those in the 2023 audit, which the BAL committee is currently working on policies to remedy those findings. Mayhall expects the draft audit to be presented to the full board in September.

Mayhall requested the appointment of Robert G. Ludwig, and Joshua Benjamin Nelson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. With these appointments, the ZBA has a full committee. Matlock made motion to approve the chairman appointments. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Under Chairman updates and correspondence, Mayhall stated the county has received \$500 in reimbursement from UCCI for meeting attendance, gotten the annual reports of programs and agency services from CEFS, and received a county directory passed out by the County Clerk.

There was no old business.

Wood made motion to approve the payment of claims. Wallace seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Hardy, McCormick, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall again called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Concerns were once again expressed regarding a proposed salvage yard located at 1191 N 1700 East Rd in Shelbyville. The board was encouraged to conduct environmental studies and to contact the EPA and stop this project.

Matlock made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on August 13, 2026. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no). The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder