

From the Chairman's Desk- Update Sept. 15, 2023

Shelby County Board

Chairman Bobby Orman

In the regular September board meeting 2 vacancies were announced for that of James Kessler and Dave Ogden. ERCA brought information where the county can join efforts to improve technical training to Jr. and Sr. high school students. Newly appointed Highway Engineer brought updates and ideas for future projects for roads and bridges. Newly appointed Zoning Administrator brought zoning to the board with proposed changes that were adapted.

County Poor Farm matter of unmarked burials was cleared with the signed affidavit by board member Carol Cole, recanting her previous statement. Mrs. Cole's comments presented a road block to the use and management of the land as was evidenced by the failing vote to plant beans in June. Once the affidavit was read into record, the entire board voted in support of weed control and proper management in the immediate future. This is a win for the people of Shelby County and the board moving forward.

The Courthouse will undergo the bid process for stucco work and windows as the board approved Step 1 in a 3 phase approach to repairs that are needed.

The board also approved a credit card policy for clearer financial accountability across the county offices as the board is charged with fiscal oversight, while each department is responsible for their departments.

Public Comment policy was approved to streamline the process of the County Board meetings keeping 5 full minutes for each speaker to not be interrupted.

There were updates from Road and Bridge, U of I, Farm and Early Childhood meetings.

A reminder was given that the County Board is obligated to follow state statute, the Constitution and employ these laws according to Tax code, AG opinions and other lawful considerations, instead of what has been done previously or by other counties. This is the only way to progress and the board is making strides to this end.

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