

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2024– 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 10, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Due to the October 9th resignation of Robert Orman from the board and the absence of Vice Chair Mark Bennett, County Clerk Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayhall made motion to take a 30-minute recess so those in attendance could go downstairs to honor fallen Marine Connor Robertson as his body was returned to Shelbyville. Ross seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 1 no – Brown).

At 7:30 PM Clerk Fox reconvened the meeting. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and board member Julie Edwards requested everyone take a moment of silence and offer their own silent prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Bennett, Keenan, Martin, Martz, McCormick, Shuff, and Williams were absent.

On a motion by Ross, seconded by Nelson, Edwards was selected as Chairman pro tem. All voted aye by voice (14 yes, 0 no).

Minutes for the September 12, 2024, board meeting were presented for approval. Firnhaber made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nelson seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

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

County Highway Engineer Michael Tappendorf referred the board to his departmental activity report.

Tappendorf presented a resolution to approve the demolition of bridge 087-3042 over Mitchell Creek on County Highway 40 (aka Greezy Road 1900 E located 2 miles south of Fancher). A new bridge will be constructed on this road in the future. Agreements for funding will be presented at a later meeting.

Brown made motion to approve the resolution. Hardy seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

A 50/50 petition from the Oconee Highway Commissioner was presented for approval. This petition is to demolish structure SN 087-3279 and construct a new bridge on TR 285 (800 N located 3 miles north of Oconee). The petition is for phase 1 & 2 engineering only. Tappendorf anticipates this and the next 50/50 petition to be presented to be paid by the State of Illinois through the Township Bridge Program. Construction contracts will be presented to the board for approval at a future date.

Brown made motion to approve the 50/50 petition. Wallace seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

The final 50/50 petition presented was also from the Oconee Township Highway Commissioner to demolish structure SN 087-3053 on TR 6 (100 E located 3 miles north of Oconee). The petition is for phase 1 & 2 engineering only. Tappendorf anticipates this and the next 50/50 petition to be presented to be paid by the State of Illinois through the Township Bridge Program. Construction contracts will be presented to the board for approval at a future date.

Brown made motion to approve the 50/50 petition. Firnhaber seconded said motion, which was approved by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

A request from Treasurer Erica Firnhaber to use \$1,000 in ARPA funds to paint the trim in the Treasurer's office was tabled on a motion by Ross, seconded by Nelson, with all voting aye by voice (14 yes, 0 no). The Public Buildings committee will address the painting of the trim in the offices of the courthouse at the completion of the window replacement project.

The next agenda item to be discussed is to approve tasking the legislative committee to create policy to remedy audit findings 2022-001 through 2022-006 with 90 days to develop policy and implement the policy within 30 days of passage by the full board upon recommendation by the Budget committee.

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Firnhaber made motion to approve, Edwards seconded. Discussion was held. It was questioned if the Legislative committee needed board action to create policy, as that seemed to be part of the committee's responsibility. Edwards stated she liked the timeline. It was questioned if the board needed to take action to tell the committee to do their job. SA Woolery stated she didn't have an opinion at this time, as she needed to investigate where the policy should be coming from. The Legislative committee has not met in 2 months, and the make up of the committee within 90 days is unknown due to the election. Mayhall said he agreed with the concept but was unsure the process could be completed within the 90 days. Ross stated he felt this was already in the committee's responsibility and the board should not be telling the committee to do something they should already be doing. Woolery stated it was her understanding the Legislative committee should be making recommendations, but the board sets the policy.

Firnhaber's motion with Edwards second, failed by voice vote (3 yes, Amling, Brown and Firnhaber, 11 nays).

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

Nelson informed the board one of her constituents had contacted her about the decennial committee report for the Moweaqua Fire Protection District. These committees are part of the Local Government Efficiency Act, which is a public act now. The taxing districts are required to complete reports and submit those reports to the County Board within 18 months of the district forming the committee. The statute pertaining to this item is covered in ILCS 50/70.

Brown stated the R/B committee will have a cookout for the employees of the Highway Department on November 1; board members are welcome to attend.

Mayhall stated the U of I extension office was still looking for drivers to deliver lean protein to food pantries. Anyone interested can either contact the U of I extension office or ask him who to contact.

Cole reported Balloon Fest is to be held this weekend at the Shelby County Airport.

Edwards requested the following appointments.

Doug Uphoff to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Morse, seconded by Firnhaber. Passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Don Hennings Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Cole, seconded by Tate. Passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Bennett to the Road/Bridge committee. Motion by Williams, seconded by Ross, passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

There was no correspondence.

Under old business questions were asked about the status of the FY 2022 audit.

Questions were asked about the ARPA fund balances; Edwards stated the Treasurer would be able to answer questions about the ARPA fund balances.

Mayhall made motion to approve payment of the claims. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Amling, Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Mayhall, Morse, Nelson, Otis, Ross, Tate, and Wallace.

At 8:05 PM, Edwards called for Public Body comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions are summarized as follows:

Members of United4Freedom read their Election accuracy/integrity resolution
Funding for a School Resource Officer program was requested
Comments about the County Farm – injunction filed to stop opening of bids
Questions were asked about the budget for FY 2025 and the FY 2022 Audit
Orman resignation letter was read
Orman was thanked by Firnhaber for his service

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

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Nelson made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder