

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, December 12, 2024, 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 State's Attorney Ruth Woolery gave the prayer. The board also held a moment of silence for Coroner Brad Phegley, who passed away on Friday, December 6, 2024.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Bennett, Hardy, McCormick, Orman and Wallace were absent. Boehm was tardy, entering the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Minutes for the November 14, 2024, board meeting were presented for approval. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. McCormick seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Minutes for the special meeting held on November 25, 2024, were presented for approval. Price made motion to approve the minutes. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Minutes from the December 2, 2024, Organizational meeting were presented for approval. Morse made motion to approve. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no)

A vacancy was announced in the office of Shelby County Coroner due to the death of Brad Phegley.

A vacancy was announced in the office of County Board District #1 due to the resignation of Lori Nelson.

At this time Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body comments/opinions were voiced about the following:

Request for Forensic audit of the Treasurer's office
Questions about ARPA purchases for Dive Team and Animal Control
Funds levied for Ambulance
County Board committee make up

Teresa Boehm entered the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Morse made motion to approve changes to the order of business pertaining to committees. Legislative will be pulled down and combined with Budget and will also include Audit. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Ross made motion to approve a 90-day extension of the managed services contract for Mytec Solutions. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no)

An intergovernmental agreement between Shelby County and Shelbyville Township was presented for approval. This agreement transfers the real estate commonly known as Helton Cemetery. Shelbyville Township has been maintaining this property since it was acquired, and this just legally transfers the title. Cole made motion to approve the agreement. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Zoning Administrator Scott McKee presented a resolution for a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System. This mutual aid agreement allows every EMA agency in the state to help each other and participate in trainings together.

Matlock made motion to approve the resolution. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

In the absence of Highway Engineer Michael Tappendorf, Chairman Mayhall read the items requiring board approval so they could be voted on as one (1) item. Those items are as follow:
-Resolution for "2025 Supplemental Work Agreement" with Hammond & Reid Surveying Ltd as outlined in the agreement (Hammond & Reid will not assist with NBIS bridge inspection, but bridge construction inspection, only as needed)
-Resolution for maintenance under IL Highway Code for appropriation of funds for the 2025 MFT Maintenance program
-Resolution for Improvement under the IL Highway Code for the inspection of bridges as required per the FHWA for the 2025 calendar year (Eng Agreement approved last meeting)
-Resolution for improvement under the IL Highway Code for 2025 County Engineer to utilize MFT Funds for County Engineer Salary
-Resolution appropriating funds for the payment of half of the salary for the County Engineer's Salary 2025

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- 50/50 petition from the Cold Spring Township Highway Commissioner to demolish and construct a new bridge (SN087-3397) on TR54 west of Co Hwy 15 (500N/950E) north of Herrick
- Resolution for Compliance with MFT for 2023

Brown made motion to approve the Highway items. Yantis seconded said motion, and all items passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Upon recommendation by the Public Safety Committee the following items were requested for purchase with ARPA funds in the amount of \$59,270.38.

- 2025 Chevrolet ¾ ton SRW Double Cab Long Bed, low bid from Leach-Wilson Chevrolet \$44,533
- Construction project to upgrade safety entrance door/privacy wall at the Animal Control facility -- \$1,536.50
- Storage shed/Martin Building from Joe's House and Home -- \$5,553
- RC24 animal restraint carriers -- 2 @ 143.99 each, total \$287.98
- North Full Facepiece Respirators and filters -- 2 respirators @ \$199.95 each, total \$399.90 and 4 sets of filters @ \$32.50 each, total \$130 (\$529.90)
- Two bullet proof vests for Animal Control Wardens -- 2 @ \$1,000 each, total \$2,000
- Security camera system from Eye in the Skeye -- \$2,530
- Lawn mower -- \$2,300

Matlock made motion to approve the purchases. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Discussion pertaining to the ARPA items to be purchased included all department heads maintaining an accurate inventory of their items, since it had been reported in past audits that equipment was missing. All purchased equipment is submitted to the insurance company for coverage by the County Clerk's office upon purchase. The truck purchased last year will be offered to other departments in the county to see if they have a need before it is offered elsewhere. A new box will be purchased at a later date to be installed on the new cab/chassis. The old truck will be kept at this time.

ARPA purchases for Dive Team equipment reviewed and approved by the PSC in the amount of (\$114,020) include:

- 2025 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ ton Custom 6.5-foot Bed, low bid from Leach-Wilson Chevrolet \$48,158
- Lighting, Radio, and installation on 2025 Chevrolet Silverado by quote from Global Tech Systems -- \$7,234
- 2025 Argo Aurora Pro 950 S.A.R., low bid from Okawville Equipment \$35,268
- Lighting and installation on 2025 Argo Aurora by quote from Global Tech Systems -- \$4,467
- Cargo Glide bed slide and fiberglass topper for 2025 Chevrolet Silverado by quote from Brown's Truck Accessories -- \$4,710
- 14' Aluma 8214HS utility trailer, low bid from Kate's Trailer Sales -- \$7,423
- 8 Peregrine TX Dive Computers + Swift Bundle -- \$6,760

Boehm made motion to approve the purchases for the Dive Team. Yantis seconded said motion.

During discussion it was stated that the entire Dive Team had resigned and was inactive for months and now they are purchasing all the goodies. The Dive Team does have adequate storage for equipment being purchased.

Boehm's motion, with Yantis's second passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no, 1 present - Pritchard). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none. Present: Pritchard.

The following items were requested for purchase for the Rescue Squad using ARPA funds in the amount of \$92,655.13.

- 2025 Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 Premium by quote from Owen Motor Sports -- \$20,550
- 2025 Cross Trailer 8.5' x 16' Enclosed Cargo Trailer by quote from Kate's Trailer Sales -- \$9,773
- 2 pack Mighty Strut System with quote from High Tech Rescue -- \$9,699.99
- AMKUS ION IC750 Flexvolt Cutter by quote from Dinges Fire Company -- \$12,000.95
- AMKUS ION IS32 Flexvolt Spreader by quote from Dinges Fire Company -- \$14,312.90
- AMKUS ION ITR500 Flexvolt Ram by quote from Dinges Fire Company -- \$10,918.95
- Great Wall rescue tube and JPZ Rescue Auger by quote from Dinges Fire Company -- \$3,795

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- Automated External Defibrillator and case by quote from Vital Education and Supply -- \$2,198
- 18 Team Wendy Exfil SAR Tactical Helmets and visors by quote from All Hands Fire Equipment -- \$9,406.34

Ross made motion to approve the purchases. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

The Rescue Squad also has adequate storage for the new equipment.

The following items were requested for approval for purchase for the Shelby County Airport using ARPA funds in the amount of \$235,279.

- Replace 6 Powerlift hydraulic hangar doors, delivered, and installed, with bid from Powerlift Doors of Iowa - \$189,214.00.
- SayWeather PRO weather station and online data subscription and barometric pressure sensor both 12-month subscriptions, with quote from Connectsix LLC -- \$22,265.00
- John Deere Z997R diesel 72" zero turn commercial mower. Warranty is 3 years or 1500 hours with no hours on the first 2 years, by quote from Sloan Implement -- \$24,200.00

Cole made motion to approve the purchases for the Airport. Pritchard seconded said motion. Cole mentioned the agenda inadvertently said the name of the door company should just be Powerlift Doors of Iowa and made motion to amend the agenda item to reflect the correct name. Price seconded said motion to amend, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). The online data subscriptions for the year will be \$800.00 per year following the initial 12-month subscription. The new doors will be installed on the oldest set of t-hangars.

Cole's motion, with Pritchard's second passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

ARPA purchases (estimated costs of \$55,000) requested for the Probation Department included the following:

- 2025 Ford Explorer Police Utility with radio equipment, tint, and lettering
- Armored vests
- Gun safe
- 1000 rounds of training ammo

Morse made motion to approve the purchases as requested. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 1 no – Edwards). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: Edwards.

Probation CMO Wade thanked the board for the approval of these items and informed them the vehicle had been purchased from a state bid program.

Sheriff McReynolds requested the following ARPA purchases for the Courthouse (\$16,393.17).

- Select Interiors estimate for carpet in Courtroom B, upstairs hallway, Jury room B, Judges Chamber – 2nd Floor, Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, and Probation offices (Material costs - \$10,305.91)
- Labor for carpet removal and installation \$4,649.07
- Select Interiors estimate for Alta roller shades, lower-level offices, Alta roller shades, second floor 2" wood blinds, recover curved valance \$1,438.19

Grant made motion to approve these items. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Sheriff McReynolds next requested ARPA purchases for the Sheriff's office in the amount of (\$19,931.26).

- 2 replacement servers for offsite data replication (\$17,479.98)
- Broadband antenna – Oconee Tower Upgrade \$2,451.28

Price made motion to approve. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no).

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Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Cole informed the board she had spoken with Seth Moeller, with Duckett's Carpet Care about a cost for deep cleaning the Courthouse following the window project and other construction projects using ARPA funds. The amount of the cleaning would be \$29,750.

Matlock made motion to approve using ARPA funds to clean the courthouse. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Ross made motion to approve the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,680 for Brooks Creed Cedar to install a chain link fence around Shelby County Community Services. Boehm seconded said motion. Boehm explained that staff had found a lot of items that could be harmful to the clients as many people walked through this area and this fence was a safety issue and would help reduce foot traffic. The fence purchase was approved by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Brown made motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Case IH Farmall 130A front wheel assist tractor (\$62,000) from Sigel Equipment Company for the Shelby County Highway Department. The highway department will pay ½ the costs with the remaining \$31,000 being paid from ARPA. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 1 no – Matlock). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: Matlock.

Brown made motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Case 580 SN Backhoe from Birkey's Equipment Company for \$81,000. \$40,500 will be paid by ARPA, with the remaining \$40,500 being paid by the highway department. Yantis seconded said motion. Price made motion to amend the ½ amount of \$40,050 listed on the agenda. Ross seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). Brown's original motion, with Yantis's second passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 1 no - Matlock). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: Matlock.

Ross made motion to approve the division of Ambulance funds for discussion purposes due to requestor Mark Bennett's absence. Edwards seconded said motion. The mention of this item had also been raised during public body comment. Ross stated in Public Safety some time ago this issue was raised and in 2021 the prior board had voted to not engage in the ambulance business, which is what prompted the City of Shelbyville to start their licensing procedure for Ambulance services. The voter approved referenda that was passed in 1988 asked voters if the county *should levy and collect an annual tax of not to exceed .25% of the value as equalized by the DOR of all taxable property in the County not included within the territory of a Fire Protection District which already levies a tax for ambulance service for the payment of expenses not paid from general funds which are incurred in providing emergency ambulance service.* Ross stated that under the counsel of former SA Robert Hanlon since the county was not engaged by contract with any Ambulance services the funds collected for ambulance were to no longer be disbursed. To prevent the money from continuing to accrue the levy for Ambulance was zeroed. Returning the money to the taxpayers would cost the county more than the taxpayers would get and would be a very difficult process. Ross stated he would encourage a no vote on this topic. Tate stated the board needed to research this topic diligently prior to deciding what to do with these remaining funds.

Motion to approve division of ambulance funds failed by voice vote (0 yes, 16 no).

For lack of a motion the next 2 items pertaining to ambulance funds were not discussed.

Brown made motion to approve a forensic audit of the County Treasurer's office. Edwards seconded said motion. Ross asked if the board had statutory authority to do a forensic audit on a sitting elected official. Brown stated the question about the cost of such an audit was asked during public body comment, but Brown thought it should be a fairly simple audit since there weren't multiple locations, outbuildings, or equipment other than office equipment, so he didn't believe this would be a costly audit.

Pritchard made motion to table this item until more information could be gathered. Grant seconded said motion to table, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 3 no – Brown, Edwards, and Ross).

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Brown withdrew his next agenda item from discussion.

At the request of Sheriff McReynolds, the following vehicles were considered surplus:

2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility 1FM5K8AR8GGA37323
2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility 1FM5K8AR6HGE42520

Tate made motion to approve declaring the vehicles as surplus. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Pursuant to public act 103-0884, Matlock made motion to approve the resolution making amendments to the predictable fee schedule for the County Clerk & Recorder's office. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

County Clerk Fox presented for approval the calendars of regularly scheduled board meetings and committee meetings for 2025. Matlock made motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2025. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Mayhall requested approval for the committee appointment (attached to these minutes), and also requested the appointments of himself and Matlock to the AFSCME/FOP union negotiations, and Robyn Carswell to the Mental Health "708" Board.

Pritchard made motion to approve the appointments. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Mayhall informed the board he planned to hold a special board meeting on December 19 and hoped to make an appointment to the coroner's office.

Under Chairman correspondence, Mayhall read a letter from the Christian County Board Chairman Bryan Sharp about the renegotiation of the intergovernmental agreement between the two counties about Christian-Shelby ETSB 9-1-1 Board. This initial IGA for this board was approved in June of 2016. No changes to this agreement will be made at this time and another notice for renewal will be addressed in another year. Mayhall also read a letter from the Chief Judge regarding the retention of Brad Rau as Public Defender and Aaron Herkert as Conflict Public Defender.

Boehm made motion to approve payment of the claims. Tate seconded said motion. Ross amended the payment of claims to include the bill in the amount of \$7,837.50 to Benford & Brown for work done on the forensic dive team audit. Boehm seconded amendment, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Claims were approved for payment by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Grant, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Under old business, Edwards asked that the Budget/Legislative committee address the Dive Team Forensic audit and report back to the board as to how those issues raised in that audit by Benford & Brown would be addressed. Morse has been talking with a company about the workings of the courthouse clock and will be looking at what it would take to get the clock repaired and working again.

Chairman Mayhall called for public body comment.

Public Body comments/opinions were voiced about the following:

Validity of auto renew contracts
Thanks for leadership and efficient conduct of meeting

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

Ross made motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 9, 2025. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder