

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD**  
**December 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 6:00 P. M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois for a special board meeting.

Chairman Mayhall called the meeting to order and all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Brown, McCormick, Price, and Wallace were absent. Wafford was tardy entering the meeting at 6: 55 PM. Edwards left the meeting at 6:30 PM due to work obligations.

Chairman MAYhall called for Public Body comment. There was none.

A vacancy was announced in County Board District #2 due to the resignation of Mark Bennett.

A vacancy was announced in County Board District #7 due to the resignation of Robert Orman.

Representatives Blaine Meadows and principal architect Tim Weber from Performance Services addressed the board about working with the county on some courthouse improvement projects. This company is a design and build firm. The County worked with Meadows on the window project and both men stated they are excited to continue the partnership.

Boehm made motion to approve the purchase of components to repair the courthouse clock tower. Pritchard seconded said motion. Tim Morse has been speaking with a company called Electric Time Company, Inc. The internal parts of the clock will take 6 weeks to build and are custom made. The clock face will remain the same. The cost of the parts to repair the clock will cost \$10,231 and ARPA funds will be used for this purchase.

Boehm's motion, with Pritchard's second passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Grant made motion to approve using ARPA funds for installation of the courthouse clock tower components by Holland and Holland Masonry & Crane, Inc. in the amount of \$25,165. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to approve the use of ARPA funds to purchase receiver system upgrade components for received site in Windsor from Global Technical Systems, Inc. for \$15,689.91. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Matlock made motion to approve the use of \$50,000 in ARPA funds to assist in the purchase of two (2) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's department. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Boehm made motion to approve the use of ARPA funds to contract with Performance Services to perform Courthouse repairs in the amount of \$536,863. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Ross made motion to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$125,000 to contract with Sikich LLP to perform pre-audit services for FY 2023, 2024, and 2025 annual audits and also assist with budget preparation and monitoring services for FY 2025, 2026, and 2027. Matlock seconded said motion. In order to rectify findings in prior audit years, these services are greatly needed. Motion and second passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Ross made motion to approve the use of \$125,000 in ARPA funds to contract with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP to perform annual audit services for FY 2023, 2024, and 2025. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Grant, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, and Yantis. Nay: none.

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Mayhall made motion to move item #16 Coroner compensation ahead of item #15 BOR compensation. Ross seconded said motion, and all voted aye by voice to approve (14 yes, 0 no).

Boehm made motion to set compensation for the Shelby County Coroner retroactive to December 1, 2024. Pritchard seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Pursuant to 50 ILCS 145/2 (A & B) the salary of elected officials must be set at least 180 days prior to those officials taking office. The prior board failed to address and set the salary for the coroner. Mayhall said this was brought to his attention late last week and he has worked closely with the State's Attorney and County Clerk to navigate what a solution might be. There is a lot of information to go through, AG opinions, and case law and the SA needs 100% clarity to render a legal opinion on this matter. Money has been budgeted, but with the salary not being set 180 days prior to December 1, that money can't be paid out at this time.

Mayhall made motion to table this item to allow time for more research. Ross seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 0 no). (Edwards exited the meeting at 6:30 PM for work).

Ross made motion to table the compensation setting resolution for the Board of Review District #2 position. Grant seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 0 no).

Cole made motion to approve an appointment to the office of Shelby County Coroner. Pritchard seconded said motion. Discussion was held. Mayhall informed the board that the county had received some good support from Moultrie County Coroner Lynn Reed. Mayhall also updated the board that he had spoken with Fayette County Coroner David Harris in the last 2 days. Harris is also president of the Illinois Coroner and Medical Examiner's Association and has been a very good resource. Options exist to work with coroners from other counties under a mutual aid agreement with participating agencies. The County is a member of the ICMEA and having this additional resource will allow the county some time to prepare to appoint a coroner and address the compensation issue. Since the county is without a coroner, we are also without deputy coroners as they have no coroner to work under. Harris is going to make sure the county has coverage and has been very gracious to work with other collar county coroners to make sure we have coverage in all areas. Mayhall told the board the job of the coroner is not a part time position and requires a person with sensitivity and compassion. Mayhall said he is grateful to Harris and the other coroners stepping in to help Shelby County as it provides some breathing room and time for the county to find a permanent solution. Families do not deserve any delays in their time of grief. Cremation permits will continue to be issued, and Harris and the IDPH will work together to sure certain someone at the State level can sign the death certificates in the absence of a Shelby County Coroner.

Wafford entered the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Ross made motion to table the appointment of a Coroner. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no).

Woolery stated there is a lot of research still required and she isn't prepared to offer a legal opinion without time to finish reviewing the information she has received.

Ross made motion to approve the tax levy for 2024 for Shelby County. Matlock seconded said motion. Boehm reported the levy numbers are the best guess estimate, and the proposed levy is within the guideline of how the levy can be raised, which is approximately \$200,000 over last year's extension.

Corporate -	\$2,022,893
IMRF -	900,000
County Hwy -	352,122
County Bridge -	365,000
Mental Health -	550,000
FASM -	196,528
County Health	337,000
Liability -	275,000
Social Security-	375,000
Coop Ext -	79,618

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Unemployment -	19,500
Work Comp -	10,000
Airport -	<u>52,500</u>
Total	\$5,525,161
Ambulance -	\$0.00

Ross's motion, with Matlock's second, passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Grant, Gregg Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Yantis. Nay: none.

At this time, Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.  
Opinions/comments are summarized as follows:

Matlock stated she wished to decline all payments for serving on the board.  
Tricia Miller wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said this board has accomplished more in the last 2 meetings than the prior board did in 2 years. It is apparent a lot of work has been done in a short period of time.  
Boehm stated that in the absence of a County Coroner, a representative from the State can sign death certificates until Shelby County appoints a new Coroner. She also thanked Moultrie County Coroner Lynn Reed, and Fayette County Coroner David Harris for all of the assistance they have provided to Shelby County.  
Chairman Mayhall thanked many people (board members, elected officials, and his family) for all of the cooperation, effort, support and work put into county operations in the past couple of weeks. Mayhall stated he appreciated everyone coming together to make the county function. We own what is in front of us, we will get it taken care of and get it to the other side.

There was no further business to come before the county board.

Ross made motion to adjourn the special meeting. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 0 no). The special meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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Jessica Fox  
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder