

**SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**November 13, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, November 13, 2025, 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 Jeff Gregg gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant and McCormick were absent.

Minutes for the October 9, 2025, Board meeting were presented for approval. Gregg made motion to approve the minutes. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment.

Landriah Hardiek from ROSC asked the board to please take the 2025 community survey.

A vacancy was announced in County Board District 8 due to the resignation of Chad Yantis who moved out of district.

Boehm made motion to approve the appointment of John Strohl to fill this vacancy. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no). Clerk Fox administered the Oath to Strohl, and he took his seat on the board.

Price made motion to approve the hiring of William Schmitz as Shelby County Zoning Administrator. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no). Schmitz formerly served as Zoning Administrator.

Probation Officer Ryann Ambrose requested the board proclaim December 2025 as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month. The memorial tree will be placed in the Courthouse throughout the month of December. Ambrose thanked the board for their support. (Proclamation attached to these minutes).

Ross made motion to approve the proclamation. Edwards seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Wood made motion to approve a resolution setting compensation at \$50.00 a day for juror compensation. Matlock seconded said motion. Circuit Clerk Peter Otis stated the current pay for jurors was \$15.00 a day, which he felt was insulting. Approval of resolution passed by roll call vote (19 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain Morse). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none. Abstain: Morse.

Zoning Administrator Scott McKee addressed the board to request a special use building permit for Arena Renewables for the Juniper 1 and 2 Solar Energy Facilities which will be placed on parcel 2013-17-00-400-006, located off county highway 6. The property is located about 1.5 miles southeast of Shelbyville and owned by Jared Roney. Wood made motion to approve the special use permit. Syfert seconded said motion. A lengthy discussion was held. A spokesperson from Arena Renewables told the board this was a prevailing wage job. The power stays locally for Ameren customers, and after 25 years, or decommissioning, the company is responsible for the cleanup of the property. Arena Renewables will have a bond with either the County or the landowner. If the units suffer storm damage, Arena Renewables is insured and would either repair or replace. The State regulates that companies have 11 years to fully fund a bond, which must increase with inflation each year, so there are funds available to clean up property. The representative did offer for Arena Renewables to fully fund those bonds for both projects, which would be approximately \$700,000, and suggested the board make this part of the special use permit.

Boehm made motion to table this item for further review. Ross seconded said motion. Motion to table failed by roll call vote (8 yes, 12 no). Ayes: Boehm, Gregg, Hardy, Mayhall, Miller, Price, Ross, and Wood. Nays: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Matlock, Mitchell, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Wallace.

Pritchard made motion to amend the special use permit to include fully funding the decommissioning plan for the Juniper 1 and Juniper 2 solar projects up front including an inflationary increase annually. Edwards seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (13 yes, 5 no, 1 present – Boehm, 1 abstain – Wallace). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Mayhall, Mitchell, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, and Wafford. Nays: Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, and Wood. Present: Boehm. Abstain: Wallace.

Landowner Jared Roney spoke to the board and said he trusted Arena Renewables and had no concerns about signing a contract with them for these solar projects.

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The approval of the special use permit amended on the original motion by Wood, with a second by Syfert passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 6 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, and Wallace. Nays: Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Mitchell, Price, and Wood.

Chairman Mayhall called for the Highway Engineer's Report.

Highway Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval for the following items:

- A. Resolution to enter into a joint agreement for the use of local funds for performing a Cape Seal on 7.9 miles of County Highway 19 west of IL 128. Estimated total costs are \$1,750,000 of which \$150,000 can be used from Federal Aid State Match.
- B. Announcement of \$599,434 of HSIP Grant, to be used to complete the "Cape Seal" on County Highway 19 (from County line with Christian County to Rt 16). The Cape Seal provides better skid resistance to aid in decreasing accidents on this road.

Matlock made motion to approve the Highway items. Price seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Pritchard made motion to approve amending the PCOM employment agreement from an hourly position to a salaried position at \$43,225 annually. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 3 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: Brown, Edwards, and Hardy.

Ross made motion to approve a resolution to submit a non-binding advisory referendum to the voters of Shelby County on March 17, 2026, regarding the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to approve the Counties of Illinois Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Insurance pricing for 12/1/2025 – 11/20/2026 for Liability and Worker's Compensation insurance. The cost is \$316,631, which is a 6.04% increase over last year. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Wood made motion to approve the cybersecurity insurance with CIRMA for 12/1/2025 – 11/30/2026 at a cost of \$3,180. This is a decrease of \$645 from last year's cyber insurance cost. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Matlock made motion to approve the renewal of the county health insurance with Pareto effective January 1, 2026. Miller seconded said motion. Mayhall reminded the board this had been discussed last month with the health insurance carrier looking at ways to provide more services to employees, while decreasing the overall expense to the county by 8.6%. Motion and second passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Mitchell made motion to approve the lease renewal agreements with Shelby County Community Services for the county storage building located at S. 1<sup>st</sup> and S. Morgan, and the Zoning/EMA office located at 315 S. Main. Lease amounts are \$6,600 and \$3,300 annually. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Wood made motion to approve the managed services contract for 12/1/2025 – 11/30/2026 for IT services with Mytec Solutions, Inc. at a monthly fee of \$6,000. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Boehm made motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2026. Matlock seconded said motion. Mayhall expressed his appreciation for those involved who helped with the budget process this year. Mayhall stated although a deficit budget was passed last year, the county is 96% through the fiscal year and only spent 88% of the budget. The FY 2026 budget has revenues projected at \$21,166,112, expenses projected at \$20,683,424, for a total difference of \$482,698. The fiscal year 2026 budget was approved by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

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The next item for action was the approval of liquor license renewals for FY 2026.  
Jacki's Gaming dba Lucky Ducks Gaming – Class 5 Restaurant B  
Oak Terrace Resort – Class 3 Resort  
Willow Ridge Winery – Class 4 Winemakers and Class 7 Banquet Hall  
Twilight Distillery – Class 8 Craft Distillers  
Vahling Vineyards – Class 4 Winemakers and Class 7 Banquet Hall  
Eagle Creek Golf Course – Class 6 Golf Course  
Game On LLC – Class 5 Restaurant B

Boehm made motion to approve the FY 2026 liquor licenses. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for committee reports. No reports were given.

Under Chairman updates and correspondence, Mayhall read an invitation from Clean Grid Alliance inviting county members to a meeting about clean energy. Mayhall also read a letter from the AOIC informing the county that the Probation Officer positions will be fully funded for fiscal year 2026. UCCI sent notification of a meeting to be held November 17. UCCI also sent reimbursement for meeting attendance in the past quarter. Mayhall also stated the BAL committee didn't quite have all the information needed to make an informed decision and bring the tax levy to the board tonight, but it will be presented at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Mayhall requested the following appointments.

Brian McReynolds to the ETSB 9-1-1 board, term to expire 11/20/2028. (Elected Official Appointee).  
Ramiro Estrada to the ETSB 9-1-1 board, term to expire 11/30/2026. (Public Safety Sector).  
Mike Weber to the ETSB 9-1-1 board, term to expire 11/30/2027. (Public Safety Sector).  
Cole to replace Ross on Finance committee.  
Morse to replace Ross on Public Safety committee.  
Strohl to Road/Bridge committee.  
Boehm to Budget/Audit/Legislative committee.

Ross made motion to approve the Chairman appointments. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

Boehm made motion to approve the payment of claims. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (20 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Mitchell, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Ross, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body Comment again at 8:42 PM. A summary of public body comment/opinion is listed as follows:

Edwards voiced her concerns about making the part-time PCOM position a salaried position instead of an hourly position. Edwards stated this position will be making more than the elected officials and more than most other county employees.

Jake Cole thanked the board for improved meeting processes, a positive budget being passed, and the county having no choice over solar or wind projects.

Kirk Allen stated prevailing wage doesn't mean it will be a union job, under statute there are reasons the county could saying no to solar/wind projects, and questioned the IT contract not being put out for bid.

Board members were encouraged to take the ROSC survey.

Carol Cole encouraged board members to attend the UCCI trainings.

Morse stated it is nice to interact with other counties at these meetings.

Sonny Ross submitted his resignation from Shelby County Board District #7. Ross will soon be sworn into a position in his home community. Ross was thanked for his service.

Ross made motion to adjourn the meeting of the Shelby County Board. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P. M.

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Jessica Fox  
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder