

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

In the absence of Chairman Mayhall, Vice Chair Teresa Boehm called the meeting to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and board member Carol Cole gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant, McCormick, Mayhall, Mitchell, Price, and Wafford were absent. Brown and Wallace were tardy.

Minutes for the November 13, 2025, board meeting were presented for approval. Pritchard made a motion to approve the minutes. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 0 no).

Wallace entered the meeting at 7:04 PM

Vice Chair Boehm called for Public Body Comment.

Public Body comments/opinions were voiced about the following:

Clean Grid Alliance open house (wind, solar, water usage, data centers, loss of farm ground)
Costs to build one turbine
How money to county is determined, misleading information companies give to the public

Brown entered the meeting at 7:10 PM.

A vacancy was announced in the office of County Board District #7 due to the resignation of Sonny Ross.

Michael Tappendorf, County Highway Engineer's Report: Discussion and vote to approve the following items:

- A. Resolution for supplemental engineering agreement (original approved 5/2024) with Gonzalez Companies, LLC to assist in the preparation of ROW (right of way) for reconstruction of RR crossings at roads 1975E, 1900E, 1750N where it intersects with Union Pacific rail in Okaw Twp. Estimated additional design engineering costs will be an additional \$4,950. Costs 100% reimbursable by the Illinois Commerce Commission
- B. Resolution to appropriate MFT funds for maintenance of county highways
- C. Resolution to appropriate MFT money for County Engineer salary (1/2 to be paid from Federal STR fund, 1/2 from MFT)
- D. Announce bid letting on December 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM for furnishing aggregate and bituminous materials, culverts, pugmill, and hauling services as required for the maintenance of Shelby County, 2026 MFT and publicly read at that time
- E. Presentation of 2-year report

Pritchard made motion to approve the Highway items. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Morse made motion to approve the 2025 tax levy for taxes payable in 2026. Matlock seconded said motion. Pritchard read a letter provided by Chairman Mayhall in his absence thanking everyone involved in this process. The budget/audit/legislative committee presented a reduced tax levy for the board to approve. Tax levy was approved by a roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Tate made motion to approve the schedule of board and committee meetings for 2026. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Committee reports were given by Finance and Road/Bridge Chair Boehm, which reported the committees had reviewed the bills and made recommendation to pay.

There were no chairman updates or correspondence.

Wood made motion to approve the following Chairman appointments. Matlock seconded said motion. Brown asked why Edwards was being removed from Public Safety.

James Brent Fogleman to Sheriff's Merit Commission
Ryan Spain to the Airport and Landing Fields Commission
Matlock to replace Cole on the Airport Committee
Strohl to replace Edwards on the Public Safety Committee

Appointments passed by voice vote (12 yes, 3 no – Brown, Tate, and Wallace).

There was no old business to be discussed.

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Matlock made motion to approve the payment of claims. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Tate, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Vice Chair Boehm again called for public body comment.

Public Body comments/opinions were voiced about the following:

More comments about the Clean Grid Alliance meeting, opportunities for increased tax revenues such as Logan and McLean counties, a way for Shelby County to increase revenue, potential for decrease in property values, estimates of megawatts produced on a good day in IL

The reduction of the county tax levy

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

Wood made motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 8, 2026. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P. M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder