

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Vice Chairman Teresa Boehm called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance and Boehm gave the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant, McCormick, Mayhall, Mitchell, and Syfert were absent.

Minutes for February 11, 2026, board meeting were presented for approval. Miller made motion to approve the minutes. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Minutes from March 3, 2026, special board meeting were presented for approval. Cole made motion to approve the minutes. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Boehm called for Public Body comment.

Public comments/opinions expressed dealt with the following:

Several members in attendance, spoke against the issuance of a special use permit for the operation of a salvage yard in Rose Township. These were neighboring residents of the site of the proposed salvage yard. They cited a potential decrease in property values, increase in semi traffic in a residential neighborhood where children are present, dumping of garbage, potential water contamination to a nearby creek, and noxious fumes from burning.

Hardy spoke about socialism, and how it isn't something we think a lot about in Shelby County, but how it is promoted, and becoming more popular.

Edwards made motion to approve the special use permit on Shelby County parcel 1812-23-00-200-005 for use as a salvage/junkyard. Cole seconded said motion, discussion followed.

Zoning Board of Appeals member Scott McKee informed the board that the ZBA denied this permit, but the decision is ultimately in the county board's hands. Former owner James Atteberry was grandfathered when the new ordinance was approved in 2005 as non-conforming use. Once the junkyard was inoperable, the new Zoning Ordinance applies, which clearly states that this type of operation can't be within 300 feet of a residential neighborhood. The last time this was assessed as a salvage yard and deemed "active" was in 2018. It has not been operational as a salvage/junkyard in the last year and a sale to a new owner doesn't impact the Zoning Ordinance. The parcel is currently zoned agricultural. New owner Daryl Bloxom spoke to the board and told them he didn't spend the kind of money he had spent to get denied. Bloxom asked what the difference would be between a hog lot and a salvage yard. Bloxom said there would probably be a semi-truck a day in and out of the facility, and farmers also haul grain on these roads during farming season. Bloxom said he thought he would be grandfathered when he purchased the property and hadn't really done any research. Bloxom said he had recently been burning brush in an effort to clean up the area that he plans to use as a salvage yard and an impound lot, since he also owns a towing business. Former owner James Atteberry spoke and said when he purchased this land in 1968 it was zoned agriculture and had been a junkyard for 10 years at that time. Atteberry said as long as Bloxom was paying road use tax, semi traffic couldn't be stopped on the road. Boehm clarified that a yes vote would be to approve the permit, a no vote would be to stand with the Zoning board of appeals and deny the permit.

The county board denied a special use permit for Bloxom on this parcel, by a roll call vote. (1 yes, 15 nays). Aye: Brown. Nays: Boehm, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood.

Morse made motion to approve John Herron as the new Shelby County Zoning Administrator. Gregg seconded said motion which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). Boehm said 3 good candidates had been interviewed recently, and Herron was offered the position, which he accepted, she introduced Herron to the board and stated he is from Windsor.

Crystal Watkins, Shelby County PCOM, presented for approval the FY 2027 Purchase of Service agreement with CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation and Shelby County with FTA clauses, the vehicle lease agreement between Shelby County and CEFS, and the intergovernmental agreements with Moultrie, Christian, Clay, Montgomery, and Fayette counties.

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Morse made motion to approve the rural transportation agreements that were presented. Pritchard seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no) Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

At this time, Boehm called for the County Engineer's report.

In Michael Tappendorf's absence, Engineer Assistants Reed Best and Cameron Spesard gave the engineer's report and presented the following items for approval:

- A. Resolution to award low bid for Removal and Replacement of a bridge over TR 271A (Section#18-01127-00-BR) over Drake Creek Branch in Ash Grove and Big Spring Townships to C-Hill Civil Contractors, Inc. with a bid of \$479,888 (To be paid with LPF Grant Funds and Township Bridge funds). SCHD recommends approval of the low bidder.
- B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution to enter into a Joint Agreement with IDOT for use of grant funds for performing the reconstruction of Structure 087-3198 a bridge over Richland Creek 2.5 miles Southeast of Clarksburg for an estimated cost of \$1,005,000 of which \$900,000 will be paid through the LPF Grant and remainder from Township Bridge Program.
- C. Discussion and Approval of Resolution to enter into a Joint Agreement with IDOT for use of STR funds for performing an A2 Bituminous Surface on County Highway 15 from Herrick to Tower Hill for an estimated cost of \$800,000 of which \$640,000 will be paid through the STR and \$160,000 will be paid from State Matching Assistance.

Pritchard made motion to approve the highway items as presented. Wallace seconded said motion which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Price made motion to approve contracting with Consociate Health to complete the required federally mandated drug costs reporting for \$1,750. Tate seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Vice- Chairman Boehm called for committee reports. (Committee reports are attached to these minutes).

Edwards reported Health Department Administrator Steve Melega has received approval for re-validating their Medicare PPO for the new 5 years from the Federal government.

Edwards also reminded those in attendance that the Probation would be hosting the Drug Court graduation ceremony to take place in Courtroom A on Friday, March 20 at 1:00 PM.

Boehm requested the following appointments:

John Helton – trustee for the Strasburg Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.
Larry Minott – trustee for the Moweaqua Fire Protection District for a 3-year term.

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

There was no correspondence.

Under old business, Hardy addressed the county farm and made comparisons to how the poor farm could be considered a socialist program.

Price made motion to approve the claims for payment. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, Wallace, and Wood. Nay: none.

Boehm again called for Public Body comment.

There were no comments at this time.

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

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Cole made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on April 9, 2026. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no). The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder