

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, April 9, 2026, 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 those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was given by board member Tim Morse.

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

Minutes from the March 12, 2026, meeting were presented for approval. Miller made motion to approve the minutes. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for Public Body comment.

Comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Kirk Allen voiced comments about the Shelby County Ethics Ordinance/Commission and questioned as to why the county had never sought to recoup funds paid in a severance agreement to the former assistant state's attorney.

Jake Cole stated if folks had concerns in Shelby County, they should voice those to the Sheriff.

Jesse Streit, County Director for the U of I Cooperative Extension, gave her annual report to the board. Streit also requested a 3% increase in funding for next year in the amount of \$84,631. Matlock made motion to approve the funding increase. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, and Wood. Nay: none.

Pritchard made motion to approve the firearms authorization for probation officer Angela Durbin. Durbin has completed all the requirements to carry a firearm. The Chief Circuit and Resident Circuit Judges have both signed off on the request, as had Probation CMO Heather Wade. Pritchard made motion to approve the firearms authorization. Morse seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no).

Miller made motion to approve the FY 2027 Section 5311/DOAP Transportation Ordinance and the Resolution authorizing the board chair to apply for 5311/DOAP grant funds in the amounts of \$453,953 and \$2,239,263 respectively. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Brown, Cole, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, and Wood. Nay: none.

Chairman Mayhall called for the County Highway Engineer's report.

County Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval from the board on the following:

- A. Supplemental Engineering agreement for 087-3304 in Rural Township. Estimated costs of \$18,049.30 (100% to be paid through Township Bridge Program fund)
- B. 50/50 petition from Herrick Township Highway commissioner to replace a failing CMP pipe with a 72" x 50' long CMP on 740E, north of CH 13. Estimated costs will be \$14,760, split 50/50 between the county and the township

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

Wood made motion to approve the board recode miscoded ARPA payments. Edwards seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Treasurer Erica Firnhaber reported there were payments made for Sheriff, Probation and other payments that need to be coded to a different line item. Firnhaber is working on the required report that is due April 30. There is currently \$117.00 available in ARPA as of today. The contract for Performance Services was not reported last year, so that money will need to be coded to a different line item than ARPA. Payments have been made to the auditors from the General Fund and Firnhaber told the board those payments should be coded to the ARPA line item. Bonuses given to some of the Sheriff's employees were paid by the GF in 2025 and those payments should be paid from ARPA. Firnhaber told the board it was their responsibility to let the Treasurer's office know where these items should be paid from and let that office know. Wood's motion with Edwards's second passed by roll call vote (14 yes, 1 no – Matlock). Ayes: Brown, Cole,

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Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Mayhall, Miller, Morse, Price, Pritchard, Strohl, Tate, Wafford, and Wood.
Nay: Matlock.

Gregg made motion to approve the reappointment of Walter Lookofsky and Gary Kull to the Ethics Commission for a two-year term upon recommendation of the State's Attorneys office. Morse seconded the motion. In the absence of the State's Attorney to advise the board on this matter, Edwards made motion to table. Brown seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (13 yes, 1 no – Morse, 1 abstain – Mayhall).

Mayhall called for committee reports.

Public Safety Chair Gregg stated no bids had been received for the Olds Bravada. They plan to bid it out one more time and there is no minimum bid.

Edwards reported the Board of Health received a grant for a new generator which will provide more power and run the air conditioning. The plan is to move the old generator to the Animal Control department.

Budget/Audit/Legislative met last week and discussed the single audit, as well as audit findings from fiscal year 2023. The committee members have split the findings amongst themselves to work on policies to correct the various findings mentioned in the audit for fiscal year ending November 30, 2023.

Continuing with Chairman appointments, Mayhall requested the following:

Christine Matlock, James Mitchell, and Tim Morse to the Cooperative Extension Committee.
Penny Standerfer -Shelbyville FPD trustee for a 3-year term
Michael Nohren- Tower Hill FPD trustee for a 3-year term.

Gregg made motion to approve the Chairman's appointments. Price seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (14 yes, 1 no – Brown).

There were no chairman updates or correspondence. and no old business to discuss.

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

Chairman Mayhall again called for Public Body Comment.

Comments/opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

Hardy discussed renewal able energy and how it does nothing but raise rates.

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

Matlock made motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on May 14, 2026. Miller seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder