

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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The Shelby County Board met on Thursday, September 10, 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 present recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayhall delivered the prayer.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. Grant, McCormick, and Tate were absent. Edwards was tardy and arrived in the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Minutes for the August 13, 2026, board meeting were presented for approval. Gregg made motion to approve the minutes. Wood seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no).

Chairman Mayhall called for public body comment.

Several in attendance expressed concerns about the Fox Glove Wind Energy project and asked the board to be open and transparent with the public regarding the wind and solar energy processes and stated the public should be able to access information about adverse effects to endangered species and make certain what the county allows follows the county ordinance.

Many spoke out in opposition against these wind/solar, and data center projects.

Zoning Administrator John Herron addressed the group and stated the Fox Glove Wind Project is in the late pre-permitting stage. The Phase 3 language only deals with the road use agreement, which must be in place prior to Fox Glove getting their permit.

Edwards entered the meeting at 7:08 PM. (17 now present).

CPA Brad Porter with Lauterbach & Amen presented the audit report for fiscal year end November 30, 2024. Porter told the board they hoped to present the audit for fiscal year ending 2025 in late fall and get Shelby County back on track with their audits. Porter thanked Sikich and Anna Cadmus for the pre-audit work, as well as those departments that provided required documents in a timely manner. Porter stated prior recommendations from the 2023 audit still apply and was aware policies were being developed to address the prior findings. Shelby County remains in good financial standing. Mayhall informed those in attendance he has had many difficult conversations with various departments in the State, and the threats of fine/fees and loss of grant funding from the Comptroller's office due to the delinquencies of the audits which were a direct result of inaction by the prior board. A lot of work has been put in to get things corrected and get Shelby County on the path to good financial health and timely audits. Mayhall thanked Porter and the teams at Lauterbach and Amen, as well as Sikich for their hard work.

Boehm made motion to accept the audit as presented for fiscal year ending November 30, 2024. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Matlock made motion to approve a special event liquor permit for Kenter's Tavern to serve/sell liquor at No Bad Days Farm in Shelbyville Township from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM on October 23 for a wedding. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

At this time Mayhall called for the Highway Engineer's report.

County Engineer Michael Tappendorf requested approval for the following items:

- A. 50/50 petition with Rose Township Highway Commissioner to remove/replace a culvert located at 1350E/1260 N. Estimated costs are \$16,745
- B. Phase 3 engineering assistance scope of work from Hutchinson Engineering for Foxglove Wind Project
- C. Safety Manual for Highway Department
- D. Engineering agreement with Hutchinson Engineering for various bridge repair projects around the county (087-3412, 087-3380, 087-3312, & 087-3100)

Mayhall stated he would take a motion for items A, C, and D. The Phase 3 item will be discussed separately.

Gregg made motion to approve the 50/50 with Rose Township, the Safety Manual for the Highway Department, and the Engineering agreement with Hutchinson Engineering for various bridge repair projects around the county. Yantis seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 2 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Conlin, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, and Yantis. Nay: Matlock and Wood.

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Yantis made motion to approve the Phase 3 engineering assistance scope of work with Hutchinson Engineering for Fox Glove wind project. Wood seconded said motion. A lengthy discussion was held.

Tappendorf explained this firm was selected based on the QBS (Quality Based Selection) procedures from the State. Tappendorf also stated the term “Phase 3” was an IDOT term, while normally Phase 1 and 2 are environmental and design engineering. Shelby County will likely only be involved in this project once it reaches Phase 3. The Foxglove project is not permitted but is in the late pre-permitting phase. It is vital the Highway Department have an engineer to work as a “consultant” on the county’s behalf for road use, drainage issues, pre survey, which is typically part of the road use agreement. The county is still working on the road use agreement to make certain county and township roads are returned to the same or better condition after this project. There is no local tax money used. In other counties the developer of these projects has paid 100% of the costs incurred for this engineering firm. The first step in getting the road use agreement developed and in place is to hire Hutchinson. The state has taken control of this issue away from the county, so Shelby County must do what it can, within reason, to protect its citizens, the roadways, and our resources. There are many unanswered questions, such as the county to be on the hook financially if the developer falls through. Mayhall told the large group in attendance that the board has no control since the State of Illinois has set the rules about what can and can’t be done regarding these projects.

Yantis’s motion, with Wood’s second, passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 1 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Conlin, Edwards, Gregg, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: Hardy.

Gregg made motion to approve the resolution allowing the County, as Trustee, to take all tax sale parcels due to recent legislation changes (PA 104-0553). Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Pritchard made motion to approve an Ordinance placing a temporary moratorium on data center permits in Shelby County for 1 year. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 1 no – Wallace).

Matlock made motion to approve the resolution to transfer parcel 0524-03-13-302-005 from the County of Shelby, as Trustee to Thomas Stanill for \$2,000. Boehm seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

There were no committee reports.

Under Chairman updates, Mayhall reported he had recently signed 19 titles for the disposition of CEFS buses. Budget prep season is under way; several board members have offered to assist with this process by meeting with various department heads to review those budgets.

Mayhall requested the following appointments.

Greg Kuhn – Commissioner of Oconee Drainage Dist. Trustee (3-year term)
Nancy Handegan – Commissioner of Combined Drainage District #2 Town of Tower Hill (3-year term)
Kent Kuhle – Commissioner of Union Drainage District #1 Townships of Flat Branch and Assumption (3-year term)
Julie Elbert – Commissioner of Combined Clarksburg and Shelbyville Townships Drainage District #1 (3-year term)

Boehm made motion to approve the appointments. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Wood made motion to pay the claims as reviewed by the committees. Gregg seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Conlin, Edwards, Gregg, Hardy, Matlock, Mayhall, Morse, Pritchard, Strohl, Syfert, Wafford, Wallace, Wood, and Yantis. Nay: none.

Board Chairman Mayhall again called for public body comment.

Public Body Comments/Opinions expressed are summarized as follows:

It was asked if road commissioners will have input into the road use agreements that might apply to their respective townships.

The board was asked to look into a 4th Judicial Appellate Court District ruling regarding Tate Solar vs Winnebago County.

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

Boehm made motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on October 8, 2026. Matlock seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder