

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2024 – Corrected Agenda

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

October 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Courtroom A

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Discussion and vote to nominate/elect Chairmen Pro-Tem
5. Public Body Comment – requested by board members
6. Announce vacancy in County Board District #7 due to resignation of Robert Orman
7. Announce vacancy in County Board District #2 due to resignation of Mark Bennett
8. Accept nominations for Shelby County Board Chair
9. Discussion and vote to close nominations for Board Chair
10. Vote to elect and seat county board chair from those nominated during agenda item #8
11. Accept nominations for Shelby County Board Vice Chair
12. Discussion and vote to close nominations for Board Vice Chair
13. Vote to elect County Board Vice Chair from those nominated during agenda item #11
14. Chairman Appointment
Appoint member of board to the Budget committee
15. Discussion and vote to enter Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)11 – Pending Litigation
16. Public Body Comment (Speakers are limited to 5 minutes each and encouraged to utilize the signup sheet provided at the entry door to the courtroom)
17. Adjournment

Please silence cell phones during the Board meeting.

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD
October 21, 2024
Courtroom A – Shelby County Courthouse

Video archive of meeting at shelbycounty-il.gov – You Tube

The Shelby County Board met on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in Courtroom A of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Fox called the roll. Amling, Martin, and Martz were absent.

Firnhaber made motion to appoint Julie Edwards as Chair pro tem. Williams seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Edwards called for Public Body comment.

Comments/opinions expressed by the public are summarized as follows (verbatim public comments can be found on YouTube):

Recent court hearing pursuant to TRO about Farm, board member/Judge conversations
Urgency by some to sell the farm
Hatch Act complaints made against Williams
Williams's response to those complaints
FY 2022 audit
FY 2025 budget

A vacancy was announced in County Board District #7 due to the resignation of Robert Orman.

A vacancy was announced in County Board District #2 due to the resignation of Mark Bennett.

Edwards called for nominations for board chairman. Firnhaber made motion to nominate Sonny Ross. Williams seconded said motion.

Williams made motion to close nominations. Nelson seconded said motion. Edwards called for discussion on closing nominations. Edwards called the vote to close nominations, which passed by voice vote (15 yes, 2 no Edwards, Ross).

Boehm asked State's Attorney Woolery if the lawsuit that was filed about the farm would follow the new Chair. Woolery said the lawsuit would follow the new chair, so whomever was elected to the Board Chair position should have voted in favor of the resolution to sell the farm, in her opinion. Boehm requested a roll call vote to elect the board chair.

Motion and second to elect Ross as chair passed by roll call vote (13 ayes, 4 nays). Ayes: Brown, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Keenan, McCormick, Nelson, Otis, Ross, Shuff, Tate, Wallace, and Williams. Nay: Boehm, Cole, Mayhall, and Morse.

Chairman Ross took his seat and called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Firnhaber made motion to nominate Julie Edwards as Vice Chair. Keenan seconded said motion. Williams made motion to close nominations, Tate seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Firnhaber's motion to nominate Edwards, seconded by Keenan passed by roll call vote (15 yes, 2 no). Ayes: Brown, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Keenan, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Otis, Ross, Shuff, Tate, Wallace, and Wiliams. Nays: Boehm and Cole.

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Ross made motion to appoint Carol Cole to the budget committee. Mayhall seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

McCormick made motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c 11) pending litigation. Firnhaber seconded said motion which passed by roll call vote (12 yes, 5 no). Ayes: Boehm, Cole, Firnhaber, Hardy, Keenan, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Otis, Ross, Shuff, and Tate. Nays: Brown, Edwards, Mayhall, Wallace, and Williams. (Due to convenience for the public, the closed session was held in Courtroom B)

CLOSED SESSION OF THE COUNTY BOARD

The board returned to Courtroom A following the closed session. Tate made motion to return to open session. McCormick seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (17 yes, 0 no). Ayes: Boehm, Brown, Cole, Edwards, Firnhaber, Hardy, Keenan, Mayhall, McCormick, Morse, Nelson, Otis, Ross, Shuff, Tate, Wallace, and Williams.

There was no action taken in Closed Session.

Ross stated the Board's Order of Business does not state the Vice Chair is part of the budget committee. Ross said he would like to revisit agenda item #14. Firnhaber made motion to reconsider agenda item #14 appointment to the budget committee. Williams seconded said motion.

Ross made motion to appoint Edwards to the budget committee. Firnhaber seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no).

Ross stated he would like to remove Williams from the budget committee and appoint Mayhall. Cole seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 1 no – Brown).


At this time Chairman Ross called for Public Body comment.

Comments/opinions expressed by the public are summarized as follows (verbatim public comments can be found on YouTube):

Attacks on board members/family
Resignation of Benford & Brown as County Auditor
Efforts to find new auditor
FY 2025 budget
Board focus on things other than audit and budget
Court hearing

No other business could come before the Shelby County Board.

Nelson made motion to adjourn the meeting. Firnhaber seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (17 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.



Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ROLL CALL VOTES IN COUNTY BOARD

SHELBY COUNTY

October 21, 2024 EMERGENCY MEETING

		ROLL CALL			QUESTIONS									
		MILEAGE	10/21/2024 P.M.	1/2024 P.M.	Sonny Ross ON MOTIONS TO Chair		Julie Edwards ON MOTIONS TO Vice Chair		Enter ON MOTIONS TO Close Session		Re-enter ON MOTIONS TO Open Session		ON MOTIONS TO	
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	BOEHM, TERESA		✓			1		1	✓		✓			
	BROWN, TIM	41	✓		1		1		✓		✓			
	COLE, CAROL	0	✓			2		2	✓		✓			
	EDWARDS, JULIE		✓		2		2		✓		✓			
	FIRNHABER, MARTHA	0	✓		3		3		✓		✓			
	HARDY, CLAY	20	✓		4		4		✓		✓			
	KEENAN, DOUG		✓		5		5		✓		✓			
	MARTIN, ANNETTE	44	A		—		—		—		—		—	
	MARTZ, SHAWNE		A		—		—		—		—		—	
	MAYHALL, TAD	14	✓			3		6	✓		✓			
	MCCORMICK, HEATH		✓		6		7		✓		✓			
	MORSE, TIM	0	✓			4		8	✓		✓			
	NELSON, LORI	54	✓		7		9		✓		✓			
	OTIS, CHRISTIE		✓		8		10		✓		✓			
	ROSS, SONNY	24	✓		9		11		✓		✓			
	SHUFF, MITCHELL	10	✓		10		12		✓		✓			
	TATE, DON	40	✓		11		13		✓		✓			
	WALLACE, BRENT	50	✓		12		14		✓		✓			
	WILLIAMS, JEREMY		✓		13		15		✓		✓			