## NOTICE OF SPECIAL SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2021

## **SHELBY COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA - AMENDED**

## October 22, 2021 - 8:30 A. M. in Courtroom B

- 1. Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Body Comment
- 4. Discussion and vote on the Farm Committee recommendations for Fall maintenance of the County (Poor) Farm
- 5. Discussion and vote on reapportionment and board size
- 6. Adjournment

Please silence cell phones during the Board meeting.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD October 22, 2021, at 8:30 AM

The Shelby County Board met on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 8:30 A.M. in Courtroom B of the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Chairman Coffman called the meeting to order and all those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. B. Bennett, M. Bennett, Edwards, Swits and Tate were absent.

Chairman Coffman called for Public Body Comment. There was no public body comments made.

Chairman Coffman informed the group the board would proceed with discussion on reapportionment and board size while Assistant State's Attorney jay Scott was in attendance.

Board member Derek Pearcy spoke about some thoughts he had following the last board meeting on October 14, 2021. It has been reported the board is unable to change from multi member districts to single member districts without a referendum. Pearcy stated the county has lost 1,400 people in the last 10 years for a 6% reduction in overall census from 2010. Pearcy stated the board could draft their own maps in house and suggested the board reduce from 11 to 5 districts with 3 members per district, reducing the board from 22 to 15. Pearcy shared a map with the board that he created with 5 districts.

The board approved hiring the mapping company of Bruce Harris and Associates at the October 14, 2021, meeting at a cost of \$8,012 for the redistricting maps. Clerk Fox stated BHA could map whatever the board decided they just need to know the number of districts so they can get started as time is critical. It was suggested a smaller board might be able to accomplish more by becoming "hyper-focused" and by reducing the numbers accountability would go up and the board would function better. Another thought was going to 15 would be too much and that part of the problem is committees haven't gotten the work done and the board needs to get back to the basics and get the work done, but that 15 was too great of a reduction.

Simpson made motion to leave the county board size at 11 districts with 2 members per district. Drnjevic seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (9 yes, 7 no) AYES: Barr, Boehm, Drnjevic, Durbin, Lenz, Patterson, Simpson, Slifer and Williams. NAYS: Canaday, Coffman, Gergeni, Hite, Orman, Pearcy and Pogue.

Farm Committee Chair Jesse Durbin discussed options for fall management of the county (poor) farm to take care of the noxious weed problem. The County is obligated by law to clean up the farm. Durbin thanked the committee members for working together and their input on this issue. The committee members each contacted a company for chemicals and spoke with Jim Hampton who previously leased the farm about doing vertical tillage work. Total costs for both the tillage and the chemical burn down were an estimated \$9,749.04. Heavy rain is expected this weekend and it is possible the tillage work will not get done. The farm committee felt that this option for fall maintenance was the best bang for the buck.

Durbin made motion to approve the Farm committee's recommendation on the fall farm maintenance of the county (poor) farm ground. Drnjevic seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote (16 yes, 0 no): AYES: Barr, Boehm, Canaday, Coffman, Drnjevic, Durbin, Gergeni, Hite, Lenz, Orman, Patterson, Pearcy, Pogue, Simpson, Slifer and Williams. NAY; None.

There was no further business to come before the county board.

Orman made motion to adjourn. Durbin seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (16 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.

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