

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday May 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., present were council members, Mohr, Langkabel, Haacker, O'Connor, Barlow, Ruble County Attorney and County Auditor,

MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2025 meeting was made by Langkabel, seconded by Ruble, approved 6-0.

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

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HIGHWAY:

Request to transfer \$2,500.00 from 1176-12511-0533 (NON CDL/TD) to 1176-16000-0533 (Overtime). Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

EDIT:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1112-39507-0000 (YMCA Swimming Pool) in the amount of \$200,000.00. Motion to table for further review was made by Barlow, seconded by Ruble, approved 6-0.

COMMISSIONERS:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1000-390000-0068 (Fair Board 4-H Expenses) in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by Mohr, approved 6-0.

CUM BRIDGE:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1135-33140-9658 (Bridge #128 CCMG 2025-1) in the amount of \$150,000.00 and fund 1135-33140-9705 (Bridge #146 CCMG 2025-01) in the amount of \$175,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by Mohr, approved 6-0.

GAL – STATE FUNDS:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1211-31102-0000 (GAL – State Funds) in the amount of \$3,505.00 and fund 1211-31102-0000 (Gal- State Funds) in the amount of \$8,177.00. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

E-911

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1222-41100-0000 (Equipment) in the amount of \$355,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Barlow, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

PUBLIC SAFETY TAX RATE INCREASE:

Haacker asked Jody to explain the process of the LIT increase. Jody explained in order to start the increase process; the Council will need to notify the DLGF of the proposed increase by June 1, 2025. At this point Auditor Glackman explained a little more about the tax. The County will be asking for a .05% increase in the Public Safety Tax. With the new law, counties are aloud to adopt up to .05 and this money that comes in through an income tax is to be split between the County Fire Departments. Chief Lutes of Shelbyville Fire Department asked if the county had received projections from the DLGF, Auditor Glackman advised it would be around \$75,000.00 per department per year. Glackman advised it had to be equal between fire departments. Lutes advised he thought it had to be done per assessed value. He advised he thinks the city should receive a little more because of everything they offer to the County Vol. Fire Department, they respond on calls, swift water rescue, the training facility, Lutes advised he know all the departments need more money, he is just advocating for his Department. Langkabel advised it is in the hands of the chiefs of the volunteer fire departments as to what the council does coming up in 2028 and leading us in the right directions. Lutes advised he did not think they needed to do this at this point. Lutes advised these guys do a great job and we have a mutual aid agreement, and they will go where they are needed. If one of the departments know they aren't going to have coverage, they know to dispatch the city. Barlow would like to mirror what Leigh said but does not want to put people where they do not want to be. Barlow would just like for them to tell us what works. Lutes advised they looked into a Territory, but did not want to tax the people. But they need a station up north eventually. Lutes said the problem is manpower and you gotta pay people to be in stations, and I do not think we can afford it the county yet. Ruble advised if we keep our tax rates down that will draw people to the county and bring more taxes, but we cannot let the fire departments suffer and hates that the departments depend on their Fish Frys to fund their departments. Moral Township Fire Chief spoke and advised this is going to be helpful and allow us to hire staff for daytime, pay his salary along with his deputy. As you know all prices are going up. At this time, a motion was made to go ahead and advertise for the .05% increase to Public Safety was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

COUNTY CLERK/ SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Jill Taylor County Clerk advised they found an error in the Salary Ordinance that did not allow payment to the Election Board to be paid this year. The Ordinance currently states per election and there is no election this year. So, we would like to have this to be read bi-annual. This money is already budgeted. Mohr advised the Auditor clarified this should be paid annually even on nonelection years. Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-11 was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

SHERIFF – BODY CAM UPDATE:

Sheriff Koch wanted to give an update on the purchasing of body cams and new car cams. Most Insurance companies are demanding body cams for the officers and jail officers. He has received quotes for cameras. They just met with Bliss McNight the other day and they inquired about both the body cams and the in-care cams. The 1.st quote we did we test three cameras, Axon, and Bright which has a Getac camera, and they guys like the Getac better. Koch advised the quote from Axon for 5 years and 50 body cams, the jail would share their \$395,491.80 and they did not get him quotes for car cams. The quote from Bright was \$175,127.60 for 50 body cams and all f the necessary equipment to go along with it. This is actually the one everyone seemed to like the most, very user friendly and the in-car quote and the high side which seemed to be \$370,000.00 for all of the in-car videos. Barlow asked if you have body cameras, do you need car cameras as well. Koch advised the car camera captures everything will you are driving. If you go with just the body cams, most of the footage you will see is the steering wheel, because they wear them on their chest. The only reason they are asking for new car cams is because they are currently down 8 car cams. It was asked if this is budgeted this

year and Koch advised no, this kind of just cam up that we need them per the Insurance company. Koch advised this is Cloud based, and body cams get up to 60 gb and the car cams are unlimited. O'Connor asked what the next step would be. He was advised the Council needs to come up with funding and then he could take it to the Commissioners to sign the contract. Koch would recommend going with Bliss and the Getac brand. Auditor Glackman asked Koch if he could find out if the company will do payment plans then she could take it to Greg and find out what he thinks the best way to pay for these is. Koch advised he would talk to them tomorrow and let me know. No action was taken; this was information only.

COUNTY AUDITOR/ ABATEMENT APPROVALS:

Auditor Glackman advised the County Council that they will need to approve abatements next month in the meeting. They will have the chance to continue the abatement according to their promises or stop their abatements. Glackman asked if they council wanted the companies to have a representative at the meeting or just go by the reports they must file with the county every year. The Council asked the auditor to ask the companies to be here for the meetings. No action was taken; this was information only.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Donna is requesting the Council to approve the promotion of Ben Taylor from Asst. Highway Superintendent to Superintendent. Ben's promotion will be in effect starting May 25, 2025, and will be hired in at an EXE II. 10-year rate of \$90,088.00. Motion to approve was made by Barlow, seconded by Ruble, approved 6-0.

Donna is requesting the Council to approve the promotion of Brittany Hampton to Asst. Director in E-911. Brittany's promotion will be in effect starting May 25, 2025, as an EXE III. 1-year rate of \$71,299.00. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

Donna is requesting the Council to advertise the position for the Recorder's Office as First Deputy. This is due to the previous First Deputy retiring. This is a COMOT I position, and she is asking to hire in at a 1-year rate of \$24.637 per hour. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by O'Connor, approved 6-0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by O’Connor, seconded by Ruble approved 6-0.

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR