

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday June 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., present were council members, Mohr, Merrick, Langkabel, Haacker, O'Connor (Zoom), Barlow, Ruble County Attorney and County Auditor,

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2025 meeting was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0-1 (Merrick).

**TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:**

**TRANSFERS:**

At this time, a motion to approve all transfers as presented was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

**Community Corrections:**

Request to transfer \$2,146.93 from 9470-24101 (food) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$366.92 from 9470-24202 (Cleaning Supplies) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$2,776.97 from 9470-21100 (Office Supplies) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$1,382.02 from 9470-22103 (Misc Supplies) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$1,000.00 from 9470-39900 (Misc Services) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$202.62 from 9470-40130 (Office Equipment) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$2,989.76 from 9470-13100 (Deputy Director) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts), \$9,305.98 from 9470-17000 (Employment Education) to 9470-31401 (Professional Contracts).

**Sheriff / LOIT:**

Request to transfer \$3,500.00 from 1170-24400-0005 (Officer Supplies) to 1170-31000-0005 (Training).

**Sheriff / Cum Cap Development:**

Request to transfer \$10,000.00 from 1138-36400-9620 (Radios) to 1138-41010-9620 (Vehicles).

**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 approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-1 (Ruble).

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**LIT / PUBLIC SAFETY INCREASE VOL FIRE DEPARTMENTS:**

At this time, we have all Vol. Fire Department representatives here to turn in applications to receive money from the increase LIT Public Safety tax. Motion to approve all applications was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

## **LIBRARY / UPDATE:**

Brandy Graves director of the library and Danielle one of the board of trustee members gave the Council an update on all of the facilities and programs offered and up-coming events at the Library. There is the Carnegie East Wing and the Shelbyville Branch, Morristown Branch. We have a genealogy and history department along with a computer lab in Carnegie Wing. Some of the things we offer to the public are faxing, scanning, copying, printing, laminating, wireless printing. We have 3 public meeting rooms for rent. In the youth services area, we have a gaming room and sound room for teens, we offer outreach services, we can get braille and talking books for those that have vision impairment. The outreach department also does school visits and daycare and preschool visits. They also have a library of things which includes cordless drill sets, car diagnostic tools, binoculars, air pumps, and a metal detector. They have programs with community partners, such as Girls Inc., Boys Club and Parks and Rec. Some other programs we offer and book clubs, STEM programs, fanning and D&D nights. The library is currently exploring the issuance of a general obligation bond in the amount of approximately \$2 million. This project would include upgrading and installing a new fire alarm system, upgrade our elevator's mechanical and electrical components. This issuance is structures to align with our existing 2025 debt service fund levy and is not expected to result in any additional tax burden. This was information only, no action was needed.

## **ADVANTAGE SHELBY COUNTY / UPDATE:**

Amber Knopp director for Advantage Shelby county and Megan Davis Executive Director of Cohort Programs and Recruiting for the Columbus Surface Area wanted to give the Council an update on Advantage Shelby County/Ivy Tech Programs. This program is a 2-year program that will provide students with an associate's degree at Ivy Tech. The minimum requirements are they have to have a final high school GPA of 2.0 or higher and graduate from a Shelby County High School. There are some other requirements that are involved in this program such as maintain certain deadlines of attending orientations, new student advising, filling out their FASFA. In 2016 it started with only 4-degree programs and now we accept over 30-degree checks under the Advantage Scholarship. There were a couple questions asked from the Council.

1. Does the student have to attend a Shelby County school for so many years, or can they just attend the school 1 year and are eligible for the scholarship?
  - a. The student only has to graduate from the High School.
2. Can a student live in another County and attend a Shelby County School and receive the scholarship?
  - a. Yes, as long as they graduate from a Shelby County School
3. Can home schooled or Private School students that live in Shelby County receive these scholarships?
  - a. No, they have to graduate from a Shelby County School

This was all information only, no action was taken.

## **ABATEMENT RENEWAL APPROVALS:**

1. Premier AG- Motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.
2. Beaty Construction – Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.
3. Five Below – Motion to approve lack of 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, no vote. Motion to table until next month was made by Ruble, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.
4. Velocity 74/Browning – Motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.
5. Speedway Solar LLC – Their project is not real property only personal property. At this time Jeremy Ruble wanted to read a letter to encourage this abatement be pulled, but President Haacker did not feel this should be done at this time because they are not here to represent themselves and it was not on the Agenda to discuss. Ruble requested to put this on the agenda for July.

## **BROADBAND:**

There was discussion on Broadband tonight. It was the same as all of the other meetings. It was brought up, what do we need to do besides discuss it again. It was decided they are waiting on the contract to be signed. There were things that needed to be changed in the contract, but no one is sure this has been done and reviewed again. Jody Butts said she would take charge of this and will have answers or the contract for the August 19, 2025, meeting. Motion to table until the August meeting was made by Ruble, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

## **SHERIFF – BODY CAM UPDATE:**

Sheriff Koch wanted to get approval for the funding for the Body Cams and Car Cams. It was discussed in the financial meeting, and they agreed with the funding but are not sure where it will come from. The Company they are going with does offer funding for three years, but Greg we could get a little cheaper funding at a bond bank. It was brought up about using the General Fund for this. Motion to approve the funding was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Donna is requesting the Council allow the posting for two jobs that are being vacated.

1. Election Deputy – Jeff Sponsel will be retiring on July 4, 2025, they already have someone to fill his spot, but that will vacate this employees spot. It is a COMOT II position at 35 hours a week. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by Merrick approved 7-0.
2. County Assessor Deputy – Theresa Adams has resigned, and they are requesting to replace her. This is a COMOT II position at 35 hours a week. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick approved 7-0.

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR