

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday January 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., present were council members, Mohr, Merrick, Langkabel, Haacker, O'Connor, Barlow, Ruble County Council Attorney (Zoom), and the County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve Minutes from December 17, 2024 meeting was made by Langkabel, seconded by O'Connor, approved 4-0-3 (Ruble, Mohr, Merrick).

REORGANIZATION:

At this time, the floor was opened for motion for President and Vice President of the Council, motion to appoint Barlow & Haacker to President was made motion to close the nomination was made by Haacker, seconded by Barlow approved 7-0. At this time, a hand ballot vote was done and read by the County Auditor. Vote of 4-3 Haacker will be the President of the Council Board. The floor was opened for nominations for Vice President, motion to appoint Langkabel to Vice President was made and this was the only nomination at this time a motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

MEETING DATES & TIMES:

Motion to schedule the Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0. There was some discussion of moving the March meeting to March 25, 2025, but the auditor was notified that that March 25 was the Plan Commission meeting. And the 18th is the BZA meeting, so the council decided to talk about it at the February meeting.

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

TRANSFERS:

N/A

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

N/A

TOURISM/INNKEEPERS UPDATE:

Rachel Ackley gave an update on everything that happened in 2024 with Tourism. She spoke about the events, grants, upcoming events. Handed out a power point presentation to the Council members. This was information only; no action was needed.

RECORDER/ 2025 PERPETUATION ORDINANCE:

At this time, the Council was presented with Ordinance 2025-01. This Ordinance is an annual ordinance that sets the amount of money that can be spent out of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund during the 2025 budget cycle. The amount presented was \$284,042.00. Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-01 was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

ANIMAL SHELTER INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT:

At this time, a motion to take the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Shelbyville and Shelby County off of the table, motion was made by Langkabel, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0. Haacker advised the Council should have had time to review the interlocal agreement and asked for questions. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by O'Connor, approved 7-0.

2025 MILEAGE RATE:

County Auditor presented the Council with the new rate the IRS will use for 2025. The IRS Mileage rate will be going from .67 cents in 2024 to .70 cents in 2025. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

ENCUMBRANCES:

The County Auditor presented the Council with the 2024 Encumbrance request. They are as follows:

Court House Maintenance – 1138-46200-0000 (Maintenance Operations) \$29,496.00
American Rescue Plan – 8960-41102-0000 (Special Projects) \$198,614.03
Surveyor’s Cornerstone – 1202-41100-0000 (Equipment) \$30,000.00
Superior Court 1 – 1000-21100-0201 (Office Supplies) \$342.25
Human Resources – 1000-31101-0309 (Consultant) \$8,608.75
Highway Dept. – 1176-44044-0531 (Other Road Equipment) \$69,024.00
Edit – 1112-32670-0000 (Intelliplex Park) \$125,000.00
Cum Bridge – 1135-33021-9609 (Bridge Inspection) \$7,901.00
Cum Bridge – 1135-33140-9700 (Bridge 30 / Construction) \$36,262.25
Cum Bridge – 1135-33140-9701 (Bridge 58 / Construction) \$264,785.28

Motion to approve all encumbrances as presented was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

At this time, the County Council will make their yearly Board Appointments that are needed:

ABC BOARD:

Motion to approve Martin Zinzer in was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

PTABOA:

This is a one-year appointment: Motion to reappoint Mary Ann Wethington, and DeeDee Freeman and Jenny Whipple to the PTABOA Board was made by O’Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD:

Motion to appoint Greg Gerline and Kyle Baker to the board was made by Langkabel, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

LIAISONS:

Haacker request to table the liaisons until next month, so everyone has time to talk and request the boards they would like. Motion to table until February was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

PLAN COMMISSION:

At this time, the floor was opened for nominations to Plan Commission. Motion to approve Merrick was made by Langkabel, motion to approve Mohr was made by Barlow. At this time, a motion was made to close the floor was made by O’Connor, seconded by

Merrick, approved 7-0. Votes were casted and counted, Merrick 4, Mohr 3 – Merrick will be on the Plan Commission.

WAGE COMMITTEE:

Donna asked the Council to replace Terry Smith seats on the Wage Committee, because they need to start meeting before the February Council Meeting. Haacker asked at this time if anyone has any interest and Ruble said he would do it. Motion to appoint Ruble to the Wage Committee was made by Barlow, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

At this time, the Council has discussed having the monthly Financial Committee Meetings open door or closed door, so they need to discuss who will be attending the meetings. There was interest of more than three members being there. Motion to approve advertised for open door meeting was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ENCUMBRANCE:

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE:

Jose is requesting to encumber \$34,354.67 from his 2023 budget to his 2024 budget for the continuing upgrade for the HVAC in the Courthouse and Annex I. Motion to approve was made by Barlow, seconded by Haacker, approved 5-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Donna requested to post two job replacements:

1. Health Department – They currently have a fulltime position open, and they have a part-time person that will be taking the full-time position, so they need to post the part-time position. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.
2. Assessor's Office – They are requesting to have a temporary part-time person, while they have to employees dealing with health issues and will be out 6-8 weeks. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by O'Connor, approved 7-0.

NEW LEGAL COUNCIL:

Haacker asked Jason Clark about new council. Clark will be stepping down from the Council Attorney in last month's meeting he suggested Jacob Antrim with Bose, McKinney & Evans LLP. Haacker asked what he thought the steps are they need to get this involved. Clark advised you can invite them to a meeting and then ask someone on the Council to do a follow-up with them. O'Connor advised he would take on the task. Ruble asked if the Council has ever looked at the money spent on attorney fees that the county has spent on outside vs hiring a County Attorney full-time. Donna asked this was in the talks a couple of years ago but had to put an IT department together, so this got on the back burner. She advised she thought it would be a wash in cost.

SHERIFF / ANNUAL JAIL REPORT:

Sheriff Koch advised his Annual Jail Report is done and on record at the Clerks Office for anyone that would like to review it. Koch advised he would email the report to the Council and Auditor. This was information only; no action was needed.

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

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR