

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 15, 2025

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday July 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., present were council members, Merrick, Langkabel, Haacker, O'Connor, Barlow, Ruble, County Attorney and County Auditor

PUBLIC MEETING LIT RATE:

The County Auditor advised the Council the Ordinance that they passed last month will need to be done again in September. Glackman advised the council they wanted to have the new rate go into effect in 2026, but she was informed by the DLGF that anything adopted before September was take effect in October 2025. So Glackman is requesting the Council rescind Ordinance 2025-15. Motion to rescind Ordinance 2025-15 was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

It was also discussed to go ahead and add a Jail tax with the Fire Department Public Safety in the amount of .05 for Jail. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

MINUTES:

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

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

TRANSFERS:

At this time, a motion to approve all transfers as presented was made by O'Connor, seconded by Ruble, approved 6-0.

IT requests to transfer \$6,920.00 from 1138-46503-9621 (Barracuda Essential Email) to 1138-46600-9621 (Offsite Backup Subscription).

Extension Office is requesting to transfer \$1,00.00 from 1000-15190-0011 (Interpret/Translator) to 1138-15180-0011 (Program Assistant).

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

GAL:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1211-31102-0000 (GAL) in the amount of \$1,209.00. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1161-36101-0000 (Copier Maintenance) in the amount of \$8,500.00, 1161-31600-00 (Mental Health) in the amount of \$52.35, fund 1161-31221-0000 (Gas & Truck Repair) in the amount of \$8,000.00, fund 1161-31123-0000 (Clinic Monitoring & Scheduling) in the amount of \$2,500.00, fund 1161-31103-0000 (Legal Services) in the amount of \$15,000.00, fund 1161-39311-0000 (Program/Partner Support) in the amount of \$74,810.96, fund 1161-24300-0000 (uniforms) in the amount of \$5,000.00, fund 1161-22131-0000 (Personal Health) in the amount of \$3,000.00, fund 1161-21113-0000 (School Supplies) in the amount of \$4,000.00, fund 1161-21112-0000 (TB Testing Supplies) in the amount of \$5,250.00,

fund 1161-21111-0000 (Maternal Supplies) in the amount of \$5,000.00, fund 1161-21110-0000 (training supplies) in the amount of \$4,000.00, fund 1161-21109-0000 (HIV/Help Clinic) in the amount of \$8,126.00, fund 1161-21107-0000 (Immunization Supplies) in the amount of \$5,000.00, fund 1161-21106-0000 (Env. Health Supplies) in the amount of \$1,576.55, Motion to approve was made by Merrick seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1206-32300-0000 (Postage) in the amount of \$337.80, motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

TINDALL FARM:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 4907-39309-0000 (Poor Relief) in the amount of \$100,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ABATEMENT / FIVE BELOW:

Chris Giannini, Antonio Johnson, and Sarah Dallin with Five Below are here to answer questions the Council had about their abatement. They advised they were here in 2021 when we decided to get different locations within Indiana and decided to bring the building to Shelby County. The building opened in 2022 and they have been continuing to grow along with the company. They advised this year when they submitted their CF1, they realized they made a mistake. They had put the wrong number of full-time employees. They wanted to be here to answer any questions the council might have. Ruble had a question regarding employment numbers, are there a considerable number of employees that are just seasonal. They advised there are a lot of seasonal employees but are still full-time employees. Ruble asked in the beginning you put down you would be hiring around 470 employees, is this something you see your company working up to and at what point do you see this happening? They advised the 470 was based on by the end of 2026. As of 24 they were about 350-360. We are going to be in a similar place probably this year. They are one of the fastest growing companies in the country, we opened around 160 stores last year and things are starting to ramp up. O'Connor asked if they are struggling filling those roles, finding full time? They advised they do have problems finding employees and they constantly have a big banner on front of the building. Motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by O'Connor, approved 6-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES/ HIRING CHILL/POSITION REPLACE REQUEST:

Donna advised at the last financial meeting you discussed a hiring chill and advised we are currently under a hiring chill which includes the following department listed at Mission Critical Probation, Community Corrections, Dispatch, Sheriff's Department, and dispatch. Are we keeping all these departments or do you want to narrow it down? This just allow these departments to go ahead and hire a replacement without having to come to the council for approval. Motion to make only Sheriff's Department, Jail and Dispatch mission critical. Everyone else will need to come before the Council for approval before the job can be posted and position filled, was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 6-0.

Donna presented the Council with a request to replace two employees that have resigned.

1. Assessor – this is a full-time position hired in at a COMOT II starting at \$21.22 per hour. Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.
2. Youth Assistance- This is a part-time position will work 25 hours a week and starting pay will be \$19.21 to \$21.22 an hour. Motion to approve was made by Langkabel, seconded by O'Connor, approved 6-0.

BROADBAND UPDATE:

Council member Haacker advised that in the budget meetings last month the status of the broadband was discussed. And a decision was made not to fund any additional money to this project. He advised expansion using county dollars was not necessary with what is already happening in the Southwest part of the county with comcast. They are going to connect more residents then the loop that has been talked about and with no county money. These companies are going to eventually come to the county, if they county pitches in some money it would be sooner than that is the only difference. Barlow added that there are companies out in the county surveying options. Just last week he had a survey company come down his road and they are advised they are just looking at routes to go in the ground or on the polls. O'Connor wanted to commend Commissioner Abel on all of the work and effort he has done on this. O'Connor stated he thinks with the restrictions and Senate Bill 1 in the loom, we need to watch what we are doing a little closer. This was information only, no action was needed.

SHERIFF/ CAMERA UPDATE:

Sheriff Koch wanted to update the Council on the Body & Car Cams. Koch advised the price has gone up a little. They have decided to go with unlimited storage. They have been seen other departments their size are using more storage and having to pay for each overage they use. Auditor Glackman advised they were able to put this increase in the bond. No action was taken.

MIKE CARPENTER / QUESTION:

Mike Carpenter just has one question. He was asking how much money has been spent on the broadband project already. County Auditor said she would get this information to him.

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

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR

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