

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

**PUBLIC MEETING LIT RATE:**

At this time Brett Haacker opened the floor for comments on the raising of the Public Safety LIT tax. There were no comments, Motion to close public meeting was made by Barlow seconded by O'Connor, approved 7-0.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 to approve the LIT Public Safety Tax was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2025 meeting was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

**TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:**

**TRANSFERS:**

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

Recorder request to transfer \$10,375.00 from 1189-15000-0000-0000 (Parttime) to 1189 12010-0000.0000.

Sheriff's Department is requesting to transfer \$200.00 from 9127-18221-0000.0000 (Sheriff Retirement) to 9127-18220-00000-0000 (PERF).

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

**EDIT:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1112-33070-0000 (Mainstreet Façade) in the amount of \$50,000.00. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**CUM BRIDGE:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1135-33140-9658 (Bridge #128 construction) in the amount of \$450,000.00 and 1135-33140-9695 (Bridge #146 construction) in the amount of \$530,000.00, motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**GAL:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1211-31102-0000 (GAL) in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

**SHERIFF / JAIL INTERVENTION:**

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 9175-34110-0000 (Contractual Labor) in the amount of \$2,400.00. Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

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

At this time, we have all Vol. Fire Department representatives her 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 / NEW DEBT RESOLUTION:**

Brandy Graves, director of the library and Gayle Wiley, one of the boards of trustee members and Sarah Carrell council to the library are requesting the Council Adopt a Resolution to allow the Library to adopt a new bond. The library wants issuance of a general obligation bond in the amount of approximately \$2 million. At this time, the Council opened up the floor for the Public Hearing. No comments were made at this time, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0. 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. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 was made by Mohr seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**SOIL & WATER – LETTER OF SUPPORT SUGAR CREEK WATERSHED:**

Cindy Scales & Jean Adams with Shelby County Soil & Water are requesting the council for a letter of support for the Sugar Creek Watershed. Scales advised the County has done this before for the Big Blue River Watershed. They are not asking for money but instead in-kind match. This is a IDEM 319 Grant thru NRCS and will support Buck Creek, Sugar Creek, and Little Sugar Creek. Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

**EQUINE CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY:**

Dr. Bret Marsh from Purdue University appeared before the County Council to request funding for a Marketing Feasibility Study for the Equine Center. They are wanting to see if Shelbyville would be a good fit for a new Veterinarian School and Hospital. This study would take about a year to complete. The total cost of the study will be \$55,500.00 and they are asking the City of Shelbyville and the County split the cost. Motion to approve the funding of \$27,750.00 out of RACINO was made by Barlow, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0-1 (Ruble).

**ABATEMENT LETTER FROM COUNCILMAN:**

Jeremy Ruble had a letter prepared to read, but he advised after listening to the Commissioner's Meeting yesterday and listening to Danny Norris with Speedway Solar a lot of questions were answered and he would not be requesting the pull of the abatement at this time.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

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

1. Court Services – they had an employee leave employment and is requesting to post the replacement. This is a full-time position starting at \$23.82 per hour. Motion to approve the posting was made by Merrick, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.
2. County Prosecutor- Brad is requesting to replace the Victim's Assistant Coordinator. This is a grant position, full-time position with a salary up to \$65,211.00 per year. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Ruble, 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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SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR