

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

**REORGANIZATION:**

At this time, the floor was opened for motion for President and Vice President of the Council, motion to appoint Haacker to President was made by Merrick, seconded by O'Connor. Motion to appoint Ruble to President was made by Mohr, seconded by Barlow. 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 by O'Connor seconded by Merrick, motion to appoint Barlow to Vice President was made by Ruble, seconded by Mohr. At this time, a hand ballot vote was done and read by the County Auditor. Vote of 4-3 Langkabel will be the Vice President of the Council Board.

At this time, the Auditor left the meeting and joined on Zoom.

Discussion was made about if the Council could proceed and the county attorney advised he thought they could proceed because the meeting was advertised, being recorded and the minutes to be done from the recording. Motion to continue with the meeting was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**MEETING DATES & TIMES:**

Motion to schedule the Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. except the March Meeting was changed to Wednesday, March 25, 2026 @ 6:30 was made by O'Connor, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve Minutes from December 16, 2025, meeting was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

**TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:**

**TRANSFERS:**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

N/A

**SHELBYVILLE FIRE CHIEF / INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EDINBURGH:**

Chief Lutes wanted to come and talk to the Council regarding the Interlocal Agreement with Edinburgh Ambulance Service. There have been many questions and concerns with this agreement. Lutes explained that he has entered a agreement with Edinburgh for faster response to the southwest part of the county, mainly I-65 and Flat Rock. Barlow asked a couple questions. Does Edinburgh have the same kind of staff that Shelbyville carries as far as the BLS and ALS, Lutes advised yes. If they do not have a ALS and it is a trauma, they will advised Shelbyville to continue to respond, but if they have a ALS just like Morristown and Fountaintown they will disregard Shelbyville. Barlow also asked if the patient could request to go to any hospital or do they have to go to Johnson County. Lutes advised most of the time patients can request to go where they want and they will take them there. But the ambulance likes to make that call, because if you have

a broken hip, you probably do not want to go to Shelbyville, because they do not have the surgeons for that so they will probably just take you to St. Francis same with heart issues. Or if it is trauma they will probably take you to Methodist. Lutes advised they has a total of 6,300 runs last year and there were probably on 50 runs in this area we are talking about. This has been approved by Dr. Roth, our medical director from the hospital.

**PROSECUTOR/ DATA STORAGE PROGRAM:**

Landwerlen advised they have found a data storage company that will store all of the prosecutor's files and make it a lot easier for the prosecutor to find statements within the files when needed. If an attorney or officer calls and needs a certain part of the transcript they will be able to type in what part they are looking for and this program will go right to it. This has unlimited storage and when talking with John in IT we as a county do not have that kind of storage and this would be cheaper. John has advised he has money in his budget to pay for half of the yearly contract which is \$12,783.00 that is due in April. Landwerlen advised he has already signed the contract and they have been getting things together for training, this is a 10-year contract with an annual payment due in April of each year of \$25,566.00. Landwerlen advised that if the Council does not fund the other half or they get down the road and find the program is not what they thought it was going to be they can just drop the program at any time. Motion to approve pending advertising was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**RESOLUTION/ PUBLIC SAFETY LIT SPLIT:**

President Haacker presented Resolution 2026-01 addressing the additional Public Safety LIT money and how it is to be split evenly between the Shelby County Fire Departments. Motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 was made by O'Connor, seconded by Ruble, approved 7-0.

**ORDINANCE / ESTABLISH NEW FUND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:**

President Haacker presented Ordinance 2026-02 to establish the new Correctional Facility Fund number 1233. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

**2026 MILEAGE RATE:**

The IRS Mileage rate will be going from .70 cents in 2025 to .725 in 2026. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

**ENCUMBRANCES:**

Extension Office – 1000-39200-0011 (Conference/ Dues) \$4,551.54, motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Barlow, approved 7-0.

Cum Cap Development – 1138-46200-0000 (Maintenance Operations) \$99,477.16, motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

Cum Bridge – 1135-33140-9702 (Bridge #146 Construction) \$19,267.52, motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

Cum Bridge – 1135-33021-9609 (Bridge Inspections) \$236,827.86, motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

Cum Bridge – 1135-33140-9658 (Bridge #128 Construction) \$249,538.85, motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by O'Connor, approved, 7-0.

**COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD:**

Motion to appoint Greg Gerline and Randy Phares to the board was made by Ruble,

seconded by Merrick, 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.

**SIRPC:**

Motion to appoint Jeremy Ruble to the board was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

**LIAISONS:**

Haacker presented the Council with the Liaisons and there was one change request, Merrick asked to come off of the Plan Commission. Ruble stepped up and said he would do it. Motion to appoint Ruble to the Plan Commission was made by Barlow, seconded by O'Connor, approved 7-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**N/A**

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

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ATTEST:

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AMY L. GLACKMAN  
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR