

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday February 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., present were council members, Merrick, Langkabel, Haacker, O'Connor, Barlow, Ruble County Council Attorney, and the County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve Minutes from January 20, 2026, meeting was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

TRANSFERS:

N/A

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

PROSECUTOR:

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1000-12165-0000 (Case Worker) in the amount of \$1,472.00. Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1000-41100-0009 (Equipment) in the amount of \$12,783.00. Motion to approve was made by Ruble, seconded by Merrick, approved 6-0.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE – YEARLY UPDATE:

Melissa O'Connor – Director came to give a yearly update. Melissa advised since they started the program in 2016, they have had 1307 referrals, they currently have 168 active and had 172 new referrals in 2025. They offer tutoring, mentoring, lunch buddies, Scholarships for Summer Programs. They had 70 applications for Summer Camps and were able to send 50 children to summer camps. They were able to do Christmas for 20 children. This was information only; no action was taken.

SHERIFF – MATRON OVERTIME/MAJORS GAP TIME:

Sheriff Koch is requesting for the Salary Ordinance be amended to add language that will allow his Jail Matron to receive straight overtime for the time he fills in for the kitchen. It was brought to our attention by SBOA, that because this position is appointed, they are supposed to be exempt from overtime. This position currently fills in for the kitchen if they are short staffed. This cannot be helped if they are short, it is hard to keep employees in the kitchen. If the Salary Ordinance is amended to say he can be paid straight time to work in there, this will allow us to pay him.

Sheriff Koch also brought up that when Major Holder became the Major, he was not paid out his GAP pay from when he was a Sargent. It will amount to under 80 hours and will be paid at the Sargent pay rate he was making back in 2018. No concrete numbers were given to let the council know exact amount of hours or pay. Motion to approve the Major's GAP pay was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 4-2 (Ruble & Barlow).

Koch also advised he is waiting on a quote for the boiler replacement, the sales rep is on vacation, so hopefully he will get something for me next week.

Koch also advised this will be his last meeting, he is retiring at the end of the month, his last day will be February 28, 2026.

COURT SERVICES – BILINGUAL OFFICEER:

Alison Everhart is requesting to have the Bilingual Position in the Probation Office be moved to Community Corrections Field Officer with a stipend of \$3,000.00. The reason for this is if you are a Probation Officer you must hold a degree and to be a Community Corrections Officer you do not. We are having a challenging time finding a Probation Officer. This position has been posted on many employment websites and our county website, and we have received zero applications. We are hoping that if we move it into the Community Correction side where it is not mandated that you have a degree, we can get it filled. We currently have an employee in Community Corrections that is able to be moved over to Probation, which will leave a Field Officer position open in Community Corrections and will hopefully get this position filled. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Ruble, approved 6-0.

COUNT CLERK – ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Clerk Lacy is requesting that the 2026 Salary Ordinance be amended to reflect the new rates for the election. Lacy advised she put it in her budget but did not get the new numbers to Donna to put in the Ordinance.

The following changes are requested:

Board Member from \$1,500 to \$1,750 twice a year.
Early Voting from \$150 to \$175 per day
Precent Board from \$150-175 per election.
Precent Inspectors from \$200-\$225 per election.

Motion to approve was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 6-0.

HR – SALARY AMENDMENT ORDINANCE:

Donna presented the Council with amended Ordinance 2026-03. This Ordinance reflects all request from tonight from the Sheriff, Probation, and the Clerk. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03 was made by Ruble, seconded by Barlow, approved 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion to table the resolutions for the Maintenance Building/Coroner Building and the resolution for the Minimum Fund Balances was made by O'Connor seconded by Merrick, approved 6-0.

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:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR