

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

MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from March 24, 2025 meeting was made by Mohr, seconded by O'Connor, approved 6-0-1 (Ruble).

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

TRANSFERS:

N/A

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

TOURISM - UPDATE:

Rachael Ackley with Tourism wanted to give the new Council Members an update on what is going on in the County. She is reporting on their 2023 Rockport Report on the State of Tourism. She handed out two sheets with numbers. These reports are a year behind. Shelby County Tourism had 7.1% growth, and Racheal feels we will be at the same rate for next year, but if we get the hotels here it will be higher. Shelby County is 34 out of 92 counties in the State of Indiana.

COUNTY AUDITOR/ 2026 BUDGET HEARING DATES:

County Auditor Amy Glackman wanted to get the Budget hearing dates set for the 2026 budgets. Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m. will be the 1st & 2nd reading of the budget and Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. will be the 3rd reading and adoption. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Donna is requesting the Council to approve the reclassification of the 911 dispatcher positions to a 911 Asst. Director and an EXE III Position. Donna advised the Commissioners support the position. Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by Ruble, approved 7-0.

Donna advised the EMA deputy has resigned and his last day will be 5/30/2025 and would like permission to post the position. Motion to approve was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY TAX RATE INCREASE:

Leigh Langkabel wanted to mention that the Vol. Fire Departments are on the agenda for next month and would like the Council consider increasing the Public Safety Tax so that they could start giving them to the Volunteer Fire Departments. Auditor Glackman asked Jody if they should vote on this today to start discussing things with Greg? Jody advised that they could go ahead and discuss this with Greg. They will discuss this with Greg Guerretaz to get things started. This was information only, no action was needed. Mohr

wanted to clarify and check that if she is to vote on the Public Safety Tax would that be a conflict of interest since her husband is on the Shelbyville Fire Department, because he would not benefit from the money? Jody Butts advised that there would not be a conflict of interest for Charity to vote on.

MIKE CARPENTER/ MISC:

Mike Carpenter of 429 W 400 S, Shelbyville had a few questions. First, he would like to urge the Council with the Commissioners to coordinate a Town Hall Meeting together to discuss the Broadband Project.

Mike advised he has a copy of the minutes from December 17, 2024, and January 21, 2025. and he was at this meeting and advised there were some things left out of the minutes, concerning the County Attorney, Conflict of Interest, and connections with broadband. Plus, the hiring of Boise, McKenny & Evans to look over the Broadband contract and the first thing they said because there was no 7-day notification, and it would be illegal for the vote to take place, and this was not in the minutes. He wondered why. Haacker explained that the minutes only reflect the actions taken and there were no action taken. Carpenter advised there was a motion to table this until the next month and felt this should have been in the minutes. Glackman advised that it would be her fault for not getting this information put in the minutes. Carpenter asked if there was any attempt to correct this information and Glackman advised no one brought it up, so it did not get corrected. This was information only, no action was taken.

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

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR