

The Shelby County Council met on Tuesday August 18,2026, 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).

MINUTES:

Motion to approve Minutes from July 21, 2026, meeting was made by Merrick, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

TRANSFERS & ADDITIONALS:

TRANSFERS:

SHERIFF/JAIL: Request to transfer \$1,559.56 from 1000-12310-0005 (Reserve Deputies) to 1000-12152-0005 (Civil Process Server), \$2,747.96 from 1000-12310-0005 (Reserve Deputies) to 1000-12120-0005 (Sheriff Deputies), \$140.72 from 1000-12310-0005 (Reserve Deputies) to 1000-12360-0005 (Sheriff Deputies), \$4,874.60 from 1000-12440-0005 (Sheriff Deputy) to 1000-12221-0005 (Narcotics Deputy), \$4,874.20 from 1000-12480-0005 (Sheriff Deputy) to 1000-12370-0005 (Sheriff Deputy), \$3,795.16 from 1000-12586-0005 (Sheriff Deputy) to 1000-12504-0005 (Sheriff Deputy), \$37,000.00 from 1000-12540-0005 (Major) to 1000-12592-0005 (Sheriff Deputy Temp#), \$2,983.04 from 1000-12330-0005 (Captain) to 1000-12592-0005 (Sheriff Deputy Temp#), \$848.56 from 1000-12171-0380 (Janitor) to 1000-11270-0380 (Cook), \$3,051.12 from 1000-11460-0380 (Correctional Officer) to 1000-11500-0380 (Correctional Officer), \$3,514.58 from 1000-11490-0380 (Correctional Officer) to 1000-11530-0380 (Correctional Officer), \$5,500.00 from 1000-11370-0380 (Correctional Officer) to 1000-16170-0380 (Overtime), \$4,500.00 from 1000-11380-0380 (Correctional Officer) to 1000-16170-0380 (Overtime), Motion to approve was made by Mohr, seconded by O'Connor, approved 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Correctional Facilities: Request for an additional appropriation in fund 1233-41100-0000 (Equipment), motion to approve was made by Barlow, seconded by Mohr, approved 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

CF-1 / SPEEDWAY SOLAR:

Jeremy Ruble:

The County Council Member Jeremy Rubel advised our biggest question we had regarding your CF1. Your salaries you have 30,000, I'm assuming that's supposed to be 300,000. No, so the one we submitted for Union Township had a typo where it said \$300,000.

Akash Patel:

The original SB1 form that was submitted and executed in 2018, had 1 to 4 employees with salaries ranging \$30,000 to \$80,000. So that number was supposed to read 30,000 on both, because the PDF wouldn't let me put a range in there. So, yeah, that was... that was a typo on the Union township CF1. That's \$30,000 per employee, is what you had estimated back then? Yeah, 1 to 4 employees with salaries ranging \$30,000 to \$80,000 per employee. So, then the actual is \$147,000 per employee? It's 147,000 in total for the two and a half full-time equivalent employees, so roughly \$50,000 per employee. Or, sorry, that math is slightly off. Give me one second. It should be a little bit over \$50,000 per employee. Why in one column did you do the person, and the other one you did the total? Why in the estimated column did you do per person, but then in the actual, you totaled the three

salaries together? Akash advised the PDF wouldn't let me put it in, like, ranges, and I didn't know how else to do it that way, but, you know, I hear you, it could have been clearer. And then I... I guess two and a half, do you have a part-time person then, or is that... Yes, we have two full-times and, like, a manager who spends... who, like, kind of spends roughly half their time, you know, managing the two... the two full-time technicians.

Can we get this amended, then? The \$30,000 like it should be, and not the \$300,000? Akash, we can resubmit it with the correction. Barlow advised he had a few more questions, and I know it's not this board's jurisdiction as far as the trees and the planting, but I've had a lot of people reach out to me about the landscape barriers and the trees, and I drove up there myself, a lot of them are dead. I haven't talked to everyone up there, but I just feel like this needs to be remedied. A lot of these trees are just dead. I'd heard about a tile issue with some trees, and I surely wouldn't want to plug drainage tile with tree roots.

Danny – Speedway:

Yeah, I can address that one.

- I'm not sure which specific landowners... I would love to connect with you outside of this meeting and talk to them specifically. Like, we're in open dialogue with all of them.
- There was an issue with mowing the trees. They've all now been mowed. It was a contractual gap that we've addressed now and shouldn't be an issue going forward.
- As far as replacing the trees that didn't survive the winter, you're right, we did have some drainage questions we were working through with the drainage board. Those have been resolved. You can't really transplant trees during the heat of the summer, or they're not going to survive.
- And honestly, that's how we ended up in this situation. We planted some trees last July, and those are the majority that did not survive the transplant. The rule that they've given me is that you can only plant trees in months that end in an R, so September through December. So, starting next month, they'll be back out there replacing those dead trees, so you should see an improvement here pretty soon.

Kyle Barlow:

So, what's... what's the plan with the drainage? You said that that's being addressed, or has been addressed, because I had somebody reach out to us today. That you had been in contact with them, that there was going to be work done, ask for permission onto the property, and then there's been no other conversation since then and no work, they don't know what the plan is.

Danny – Speedway:

Yeah, I mean, we've been installing drainage since...

- March of this year, more or less non-stop in the project area, both inside and outside the project fence, so I put my email in the chat again. I know I've mentioned it at previous public meetings; folks are more than welcome to reach out to me directly to discuss it.
- Yeah, typically how we've handled it, a landowner will reach out to me, we'll go out, meet with them, evaluate it, and then come up with the best solution, review it with Jeff and Harley from the drainage Board.
- And then go out and implement the solution, and then we'll monitor it with the landowner, and typically the landowner will flag to us, if the solution's not working, we'll go back out there and try something else, and...
- once the water's draining, we kind of count that as complete, but as I've said before.
- We're not going to be able to catch all the issues we're trying to this year so, next spring, when the rain comes again, there probably will be some items

that pop up, and we'll need to get back out there, coordinate with the drainage board, and continue to address them.

Eric Glasgow

- Have the trees planted over the tile been moved? I feel like the issue has been ongoing on since day one.

Danny - Speedway

Yeah, I think back to the origination of the project, when we decided where the screening was going to be in 2019, there was no reconciliation between the drainage plan and the tree plan.

- Which was definitely a miss on the developer's part, and a learning that Desiree's taking forward on future projects. So, we did have to move some trees, where it was feasible to move them. Where it wasn't, we've reallocated those trees, other aspects of the project.

I'm not sure if Jeff is there in the room with you guys, but I think we've addressed and have moved all the trees that are conflicting with drain tile.

Jeremy Ruble

He is not.

- Danny, could you do me a favor and just reach out to the different landowners that you've worked with in the past, and
- Make sure that they're up to speed on what the plan is, because the conversations I've had, there's quite a few that I'm just sitting out in limbo and don't know... What's going on?

Danny - Speedway

Yeah, I... I will reach out to... To all of them, yes.

Kyle Barlow

Thank you.

- And then, Danny, I have a question for you, and are you, your company, any affiliates, are you guys seeking a tax abatement for a battery ordinance?

Danny - Speedway

We haven't had discussions on that yet with this council. I think in the future, we... if we do proceed with adding a battery, I don't really think this is the right avenue to introduce this to...

- the larger public, I think you see the need for power growing with the Shelbyville data center that's going in.
- And a battery can help address some of that draw on the grid.
- So, I could see a future in which we do come to this council with an abatement request, but to answer your question directly, no, there's no open abatement request to y'all.

Jeremy Ruble:

Have you spoke to our commissioners?

Danny - Speedway

About an abatement request? Yes. That would be outside of their jurisdiction. I've talked with them about what, like, how we could get an ordinance

- For a battery, and I think you might see more on that here in the coming months.

Kyle Barlow:

Well, it was said to me, how you wish we would have contacted you earlier, but I am aware that there are negotiations on a battery ordinance, or maybe not the ordinance, but, an abatement and that was brought up at a finance meeting due to a bill that came across our desk, and so I guess I just would ask you, if you want us to call you and talk to you about issues we have, then I think you need to call this board, because we are the board that would approve or deny that abatement.

Danny - Speedway

Yeah, I hear what you're saying. I understand that y'all are the folks that

- would issue an abatement. I've... have not...
- I don't think we're anywhere near that point in a future development of a BES.
- To request an abatement, but I mean... I put my...
- Email in the chat, I can...
- I don't want to put my cell phone number in the chat as well, but if you reach out to me, I'll happily give it to you, and we can talk more about any future questions you have with either Speedway Solar or future development.

Brett Haacker:

- Any more discussions or questions?

Motion to approve abatement was made by O'Connor, seconded by Langkabel, approved 7-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Motion to appoint Brian Fischer to the Economic Development Commission was made by Barlow, seconded by Ruble, approved 7-0.

APPOINTMENT TO THE M.U.S.T (LIT) BOARD:

Motion to appoint Jeremy Ruble to the M.U.S.T (LIT) Board to represent the Council was made by O'Connor, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION FUND:

County Auditor presented the Council with Ordinance 2026-17 to establish the new Building & Construction Fund per statute I.C. 36-7-2.3. Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-17 was made by Mohr, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS INTRODUCTION:

- Adam Sterwold with Barnes & Thornburg, Bountiful for the County. For you today is an introduction of an ordinance authorizing general obligation bonds to be issued to finance the corner and maintenance building. It is in the amount of not to exceed \$6 million.
- If introduced here tonight, you'll have an additional appropriation, public hearing at your next meeting, and would go up for adoption. In between now and then, the commissioners will also have a resolution on their August 24th agenda, for approval of this project as well.
- All the approvals go through, then we'd have a bond sale later in the year, closing, and then we could start construction production.
- We don't walk through anything else or answer any questions?
- Ruble advised wanted to state that I don't know that everybody was able to make the last finance meeting. Commissioners are planning to keep it lower than this. The hope is to be in the 4.5 to 5 range, but just in case incidentals they went ahead and set it to not to exceed 6, so I just want to make sure everyone's aware of that.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Donna advised the Commissioners have approved a \$200.00 a week stipend for Brittany Hampton that will be filling in as Director of E911 until they get this position replaced. They are asking for the Council's approval. Motion to approve was made by O'Connor, seconded by Merrick, approved 7-0.

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

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ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR