

THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 4, 2025

The Shelby County Commissioners met on Monday August 4, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., and present were Commissioners Abel, Lawson, Runnebohm, County Attorney & County Deputy Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from July 28, 2025, was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, motion passes 3-0.

BLUE RIVER FOUNDATION / TINDALL FARM DOLLARS:

Jennifer Jones with Blue River Foundation is requesting funding that can be used from the Tindall Farm. Jennifer explained this would be a field of interest fund that would not be endowed. Most of our funds that are utilized are endowed, but because this lot of time, this funding is emergency needs. We wanted to be able to have access to any time. We wanted to be able to have access to any time. So, we discussed a non-permanent fund. So, this will still be in the pool and be invested and be able to grow, but we will have access to as much of it as is needed in any given year instead of the money being tied to a spending policy. This is like the RACINO grant money. We already have an evaluation plan, and you know staffing to take care of that reporting and distributing. So, you all do not have to be in the grant making business as well as all the other things that you do. Abel wanted to give a little bit of background on this we have been looking for ways to one do more with less and two better deliver services to the area nonprofits that request funding for services they provide to the community like food pantries, the upcoming nonprofit center. Blue River Foundation is a tremendous asset in the county. Runnebohm asked what kind of interest rate they can get on this money. Jones advised she is unable to get that number off the top of her head, but she will get that to you. He advised we are investing of the future forever. This would just be more conservative in the short term. Motion to approve \$100,000.00 to Blue River Community Foundation was made by Abel, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

SHELBY GO/ 2ND QTR. INVOICE:

Easter Beyer with Shelby County Senior Services came before the Commissioners for approval of the 2nd qtr. 2025 billing to the state. It is in the amount of \$43,633.00. Motion to approve was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

TRUCK PARKING ORDINANCE:

Abel presented Ordinance 2025-16, this is a truck parking ordinance regulating the parking of trucks and trailers and providing enforcement and penalties. Some of the highlights are as presented. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allowed to be parking truck trailer, semi-trailer, having a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of 10,000 pounds on a public property or roadway with in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County, excepts for the length of time necessary for expeditious floating or unloading of goods and materials, further, shall be unlawful to park any such truck train, semi-trailer in a residential area, except as provided in Section 3, shall be unlawful for any person to allow any truck engine, auxiliary engine or any truck trailer, semi-trailer to idle continuously for more than 15 minutes in any residential area. Vehicles that are actively engaged in agricultural operations, included but are not limited to loading or unloading agricultural goods. Livestock feed, equipment shall be exempt from the parking restrictions provided above provide such operations are conducted in a reasonable amount of time limited manner directly related to the ongoing agricultural activity. Shelby County, Sheriff's Department, is authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. Any person found to be in violation of the ordinance may be issued, a civil citation shall be subject to a fine in the amount of \$250.00 per violation in lieu of issuing a citation.

PLAN COMMISSION/ REZONE:

Dagley rezone – Adjoining 7619 E 300 S, Waldron, Liberty Township is requesting to rezone 3 acres from A1 to RE. This was heard on July 22, 2025, and was voted 7-1 to present this to the Commissioners for approval. Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-17 was made by Abel, seconded by Lawson, approved 2-0-1 (Runnebohm).

SHERIFF:

N/A

HIGHWAY:

Taylor advised last week we finished up 15 miles of Chip Sealing and Fogging in the Northwest part of the county.

CLAIMS:

MONTHLY CLAIMS – Motion to approve Monthly Claims was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

REFUND – Motion to approve a refund in the amount of \$1,322.79 was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

TRANSFER / ADDITIONALS:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:**SOLAR UPDATE:**

Danny Norris project with Speedway Solar Project Solar Project to give another update. There are really 3 things to go over. The first one is the county roads. We have completed our post construction Road Survey. We have compiled that together with the pre-construction roadway and shared it with USI. We have executed a contract with them; they are in the process of comparing the two and are going to make a recommendation on what we need to fix. Norris advised he requested that be back by next Friday, so they could talk about it on Monday. He is not sure how that is going. Ben has already shared the contractors list with me and so we align on scope, we will bid it out to the contractors, and then the project with issue the payment for that. Ben advised he is meeting with USI this week to go over things. They also asked USI to look at culverts and under things. Next one is the landscaping, he advised they still have a couple things for the August 12, 2025, meeting, but we should get that wrapped up this morning we are working to get the landowner's consents. The main outstanding issue is we need nonparticipating landowner consent where we are trying to waive the screen requirements or move it off of drain tile or under transmission lines. They have received about ½ of them. The last is the drain tile. So, our contractors were out there last week. We did make the last major tie in into our substation that required the outage with Duke. Mr. Powell was out there kind of providing some direction, talking with the contractor. Norris advised he is going to catch up with him later this morning to make sure that our notes are the same. They should be done by the end of the week, but he wants to make sure we are the same before they start demobilizing. Abel wanted to touch upon item 2 that if you are trying to get in contact with nonparticipating landowners in particular, he does not want nonparticipating landowners to think that the outreach is because of a desire to skimp on the landscaping in areas that does not make the drainage. This does not affect drainage by placing trees or landscaping berms on top of drainage tiles that are already in existence or replaced as a result of the project, so he would encourage nonparticipating landowners to get a hold of Danny. This was information only, no action was needed.

There being no further business to come before board. A motion to adjourn was made by
Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

AYE:

NAYE:

ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR