

The Shelby County Commissioners met on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., and the present were Commissioners Abel, Lawson, Runnebohm, County Attorney and County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve September 14, 2026, minutes was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

UTILITY REQUESTS:

ITG for TDS is requesting to install fiber optic cable across S 775 E (north of SR 244) & along S 750 E (south of SR 244), motion to approve was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

ITG for TDS is requesting to install fiber optic cable along E 300 S and S 600 E, starting near 6737 E 300 S, Waldron, motion to approve was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

Rush Shelby Energy is requesting to place a pole and bore at 10875 N 600 W, motion to approve was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

SHERIFF:

Sheriff Holder advised the county should be getting the Insurance Check for the contents of the jail basement this week. This was only information; no action is needed.

HIGHWAY:

Ben request the Financial Commitment letter for the CCMG 2027 Bridge 79 rehabilitation be approved. The Counties portion of the project will be \$372,924.02 and we will use the lane mileage money we received for a portion of this; the rest will come out of Cum Bridge. The state portion will be \$516,753.48. Motion to table until next week was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

Ben is also requesting approval on the Title Sheet for the Plans, motion to approve was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

Ben advised they will be doing a hard closure tomorrow Tuesday, September 22, 2026, to do two replacement culvers on Smithland Road. They are hoping to do some potholing for utilities & gas as long as the weather holds off.

CLAIMS:

PAYROLL: Motion to approve payroll was made by Lawson, seconded by Runnebohm, approved 3-0.

TRANSFER / ADDITIONALS:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:**EMA:**

Denis advised he is waiting on one more quote for the carpet and the contractor should be coming out to test the drywall for mold. No action was needed.

HOUSE KEEPING:

Jason reminded everyone there is a Plan Commission Meeting tomorrow night.

MIKE CARPENTER:

Mike Carpenter of 400 S had a couple questions about the Van Pelt & S M Thompson ditch. He would like to know the balances of these ditches, the auditor advised the Van Pelt & S M Thompson had been combined into one and the balance was currently \$80,000.00. He was wondering how that would be affected by the contributories to the Flat Rock water issues of now. Runnebohm asked if he was talking about the numbers that were given to them last week. He explained this is more of a drainage board issue.

Concerning the Data Center Ordinance that you passed. If the goal were to stop data centers from locating in Shelby County unincorporated, Could you please explain the reasoning for allowing them to locate here with condition instead of banning them from locating here at all.

Commissioner Abel asked if he had read the Ordinance and asked what his thoughts were. Mike advised he thinks they did a good job of placing restrictions and limitations. He does not think that it is enough to stop them from locating here and dealing with those restrictions after they are built and operational. Mike asked if any of the Commissioners instruct or tell the members of the data center advisory group not to discuss or consider a ban ordinance or any other communication to that effect, Abel advised no. Carpenter then asked how much this cost. Abel advised \$10,000.00.

POET BIOFUELS/ CARBON SEQUESTRATION FACILITY:

Miranda Henry, Michelle Miller, and Gena Jackson all came before the Commissioners with concerns about the Carbon Sequestration that POET is getting ready to put in. They advised this will affect their homes, their wells and cause the value of our homes to go down. They are already dealing with the smell and pollution that POET is already putting off and settling all over their homes. They advised they do not feel they have done the proper testing. They asked the Commissioners to do a moratorium on Carbon Sequestrations, to get some safety issues addressed. Commissioner Abel advised this project is not in the County; therefore, they have no say in this. They could put a moratorium on Carbon Sequestration projects, but it will not stop the one at POET. This is in the city jurisdiction, and the county has no say on it. They asked if they would fight for the county residents around this project. Abel advised this would be more of a civil matter and would have to go thru the courts. Abel asked if they had been to the City to voice their concerns, they advised they are going to the meeting tonight. Abel advised this is a State and IDEM call. The Commissioners agreed to try and set up a meeting for them with people from POET and IDEM. This was information only, no action was needed or taken.

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