

The Shelby County Commissioners met on Monday January 23, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., present were Commissioners Nigh, Parker, Abel, County Attorney and County Auditor.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve January 17, 2023, minutes was made by Abel, seconded by Nigh, approved 3-0.

ADA/ Title VI Implementation Resolution:

Jody Butts presented the Commissioners with Resolution 2023-02 adopting Shelby County Title VI Implementation Plan. This Resolution is all part of the ADA compliance that the County must have to received grant money from INDOT. Motion to approve was made by Nigh, seconded by Abel, approved 3-0.

FACILITIES MANAGER/ ADA UPDATE:

Jose updated the Commissioners with a list of items off the ADA compliance list that he is working on. There are 5 of the counties buildings that need to have things fixed. Annex II, Annex I, Courthouse, Community Corrections and the Jail. The most expense with be fixing the courts windows to lower them to 36 inches and the automatic doors in the Annex I building. No action needed this was information only.

ELECTION OFFICER / HOLDOVER CANDIDATES:

Jeff advised they had 4 townships that had board members not file and no other candidate filed to run so we need to consider them as holdovers. The Townships were Brandywine, Union, Noble and Marion. Motion to hold these township board members over was made by Abel, seconded by Nigh, approved 3-0.

GALLAHUE MENTAL HEALTH/ ANNUAL REPORT:

Jennifer Weimer, Allison Bordeaux, Zonda Stead and George Hurd with Gallahue Mental Health presented the Commissioners with their Annual Report update. They went over the different illnesses and programs they have offered over the past year. They have requested that the Commissioners help advocate SB01 with their State Representative. This bill is very important to the Mental Health, this will allow the State to draw down more Federal money. Currently there is a \$80,000,000.00 short fall for Mental Health. George also advised there are a couple of other bills that could limit some of the cost of programs if these are passed. One thing Gallahue is wanting to do is put a Mobile Crisis Response Program in place instead of putting a Police Officer in the position we would send one of our people out. This is all part of a 988 call center that is Federally Funded. This was all information, no action needed.

SHERIFF:

N/A

HIGHWAY:

N/A

CLAIMS:

TRANSFER / ADDITIONALS:

N/A

MISCELLANEOUS:

HUMAN RESOURCES/ EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATE:

Donna presented the Commissioners with an update to the Employee Handbook, Article 22, Section 3. This will put the new Business and Travel rates in the Handbook. Motion to approve was made by Nigh, seconded by Abel, approved 3-0.

KYLE BARLOW / SOLAR UPDATE:

Kyle presented the Commissioners with a folder with 4 packets in it for the Commissioners to review. Kyle advised there were 4 things he wanted to point out.

1. SB 390 – authored by Senator Mesmer, this bill will bring in the \$1.00 per MW hour karat. This is an incentive to the County to adopt the State Siting Standards Industrial Solar and Wind Projects. Our Ordinance can't be any restricted than the States to received the \$1.00 per MW generated electricity karate. This is all overseen by the IEDC. They will decide if we are a solar ready community. They also have the power over the 10 year program to revoke your solar ready community also revoke any money given to the county and you would have to pay it back. The problem with IEDC is that it is not an elected board it is appointed body.
2. SB 33 – This bill talks about de-commission of the solar panels and wind turbines. They are wanting to do a study. This could be a burden to the taxpayers to clean up.
3. There is an article on Fire Fighting in reference to Solar Panels and Battery Storage. The type of solar we are talking about in the county are going to require batteries. There is no way around it. They contain lithium and a lot of other stuff. We currently have nothing in our Ordinance about battery storage.
4. Cover letter to our Shelby County Drainage Ordinance. This hasn't been changed since 2001. Barlow feels this needs to be looked at ad updated.

Barlow is asking the Commissioners to do a 6 month moratorium, see how State Bills shake out work on our County Ordinances and Safety Issues and fix our approval process.

This was information only, no action needed.

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

AYE:

NAYE:

ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN

SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR