

The Board of Supervisors of Shelby County, Iowa, met pursuant to law and rules of said board in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers of the Shelby County Courthouse with the following members present: Charles Parkhurst, Chairman; Roger Schmitz, Vice-Chairperson, Steve Kenkel and Mark Maxwell, Clerk.

The Chair asked that any Conflict of Interest be stated concerning any item on the agenda. No conflicts were stated.

A motion was made by Kenkel and seconded by Schmitz to approve the agenda with no additions. AYES: Unanimous NAYES: None

A motion was made by Schmitz with a second by Kenkel to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting as well as the canvass of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Now being the time for the auction for the cash rent of the County Farm ground, the Chairman opened the bidding at \$200/acre, with bids increased by \$5 increments. There were four bidders present with the final bid at \$335/acre. It was moved by Kenkel, seconded by Parkhurst, to accept Brandon Weis's high bid of \$335/acre for the 145 acres of farm ground at the County Farm for the 2019 year and order the County Attorney to draw up the agreement to include payment of one fourth of the lime plus fall fertilizer costs.

Now being the time for the auction for the cash rent of the Shelby County Solid Waste Farm ground, the Chairman opened the bidding at \$200/acre, with bids increased by \$5 increments. The bidders present began bidding with the final bid at \$250/acre. Brandon Weis's high bid of \$250/acre was accepted for the 108 acres of farm ground at the Shelby County Landfill for the 2019 year and order the County Attorney to draw up the agreement to include payment of one fourth of the lime plus fall fertilizer costs.

The Shelby County Fair Board representative Chris Schweiso was on hand to thank the board for their continued financial support to the Shelby County Fair. Improvements are made every year and he mentioned the free admission. Casual license plate inspections indicated, 36 Iowa counties and 14 states were on hand last year. The 2019 event will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shelby County Fair. The Board of Supervisors also thanked Schweiso for the fine job the Fair Board does for Shelby County.

Todd Valline representing the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce informed the board of the Christmas lighting event at the courthouse this Saturday night, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Valline also noted that the Shelby County Trails Board was notified that Panama Transfer will match all donations to the Trails Board until December 28<sup>th</sup>, up to \$10,000.00. Grants are being awarded and applied for to rehabilitate a Harlan Building the process has just begun.

Denny Seimers representing the Harlan Christmas decorations group, addressed the board as he requested funding for outside lighting on the square. Seimers made several suggestions to beautify the courthouse as well as adding security cameras and more outlets on the outside of the Courthouse for their use. He also wants to try to leave the lights in the trees for the summer and see how it works. Mark Maxwell, head Custodian of the Courthouse said he would agree to leaving them up all summer and to calling him when and if they begin to fall down. No motions were made to fund Christmas lights.

Steve Holt and Jason Schultz, State Representative and State Senator respectively, represent Shelby County which is included in their representative districts. They were both on hand to answer questions from the Board of Supervisors. Questions about not having any local control, water quality issues, residency, roads and tax base demands put on counties, as well as confinements being put up with animal populations just under master matrix thresholds. The two Legislatures agreed to take a look at the Boards' comments. The BOS support the Master Matrix concept, but have concerns under the current system. The below suggestions are a few areas they feel need to be addressed to improve upon the current system, to make it more workable for both sides of the issue.

1. WHY NO LOCAL CONTROL - BOS hold public hearings, listen to public concerns, obligated by State to score the matrix and vote unanimously for or against the master matrix proposal. Should local control mean something? **\*\*POSSIBLE SOLUTION\*\*** Supervisors vote included in the scoring system - Add or subtract points.

2. WATER QUALITY ISSUES – Presently, private conservation water sheds, which were state and federally funded water sheds, are not included on the “major water source” list, but they fall under the definition set in 567 – chapter 56. **\*\*POSSIBLE SOLUTION\*\*** Add private watersheds listed with NRCS.
3. RESIDENCY – A real issue with neighbors where producer lives. Should it be a factor in scoring the matrix?  
**\*\*POSSIBLE SOLUTION\*\*** Add or subtract points for residency.
4. ROADS & TAX BASE – Ag buildings add no additional tax base to the county; therefore provide an added hardship to our county road system, with added traffic and loads. Addressing the additional costs placed on our road system needs to be addressed. **\*POSSIBLE SOLUTION\*\*** A – Add or subtract points based on distance from hard surfaced roads. B – Allow Ag buildings taxes to increase tax base. (Farmers pay the tax now, allow county to receive it.)
5. SMALL CONFINEMENTS - Small confinements which do not fall under the master matrix scoring limits, should still have minimum guidelines to follow. Such as addressing water quality, distance and setbacks, manure management and odor issues. **\*\*\*POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS\*\*** Set minimum standards under the master matrix formula that they must meet.

The meeting was then recessed to hold the posted hearing for the Urban Renewal amendment proposed by Shelby County. No public comment has been received in the Auditors office and no comment was made at the hearing. The hearing was then completed and the regular session was resumed.

No action was taken on the Urban Renewal resolutions or ordinance. This will be considered at the December 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Mark Maxwell Shelby County Auditor advised that the election laptops will need to be replaced next fiscal year with an estimated cost of replacing at \$750.00 each for the 27 units now being used, the total cost being around \$21,000.00. Maxwell then presented and asked for approval of the annual TIF indebtedness certification Shelby County currently has \$203,000 of certified TIF debt. \$200,000 dollars was borrowed from the General Fund and \$3,000.00 is legal fees. This money is available to reimburse Secondary Roads for dollars spent on projects in Shelby County urban renewal areas. Captured tax dollars within urban renewal areas will be used to pay back the debt as needed. Annually, the unused portion of the borrowing from the General fund will be paid back and the remainder from the tax increments collected. And new debt will be borrowed as needed.

Shelby County Engineer, Brandon Burmeister, addressed the board about current activities and projects his department is focusing on finishing up several projects before the ground freezes. The project on Linden Road has been completed. Employee retirement has created a job shuffle in the Secondary Roads Department. Burmeister has been filling positions from within and hiring the position that is left when the shuffle of positions ends.

There being no further business appearing, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Charles Parkhurst, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Mark L. Maxwell  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.