

The Shelby County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at 9:00 A.M. in the Supervisors Chamber in the Courthouse with the following members present: Steve Kenkel, Charles Parkhurst, Bryce Schaben, and Mark Maxwell, Clerk.

Chairperson, Steve Kenkel, asked that any conflict of interest be stated concerning any item on the agenda. None were stated.

It was moved by Parkhurst, seconded by Schaben, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Parkhurst moved, seconded by Schaben, to approve the minutes of September 5th. Motion carried unanimously.

The latest claims were then approved unanimously after a motion by Schaben and a second by Parkhurst.

Shelby County Assessor, Tony Buman, explained that the water tower belonging to the City of Portsmouth was inadvertently assessed and taxed and thus, the city of Portsmouth was sent a property tax billing. The Assessor recommended that the taxes charged should be simply abated by Shelby County. The parcel number being 832702000070. Parkhurst made a motion to abate the taxes charged, Schaben seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brent Scheve from The Agency, the Shelby County Insurance carrier, was on the agenda to provide information about the upcoming policies and answer any questions that the Supervisors have about the information. It was noted that the expected increase in premiums may equal or possibly exceed last years increases.

Alex Londo, Shelby County EMA Coordinator discussed with the Supervisors the EMS public measure on the ballots this fall in Shelby County Informational meetings will be held throughout Shelby County.

Kyle Lindberg, Shelby County Jail Administrator, reported that the Jail has been very busy and it is on pace to break records in the number of bookings in a calendar year. This is being done with a seven person Jail staff. A meeting to discuss a five or ten year Jail planning session will be held after the business portion of the November 21st, 2023 meeting.

Shelby County Sheriff, Neil Gross, was present to advise the Supervisors that an upgrade is required for the body cams currently used by his department. The additional cost of the technology will be \$44,000.00 over a three-year period.

Luke Wolken, Shelby County Environmental Health Director, informed the Supervisors that because of water restrictions, the public needs to know that certain grants are available for well plugging, well rehabilitation and private well testing.

The Supervisors then reported current activities on the boards and committees that they are members of, representing Shelby County. Steve Kenkel reported on the current developments at the Iowa Utility Board hearings in Fort Dodge.

Todd Valline reported on the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry to the Supervisors. The report included the Myrtue Medical Center walk for Suicide Prevention will be held this Thursday and the Rosa Blanda Farm Event Center will be opening on September 29th. Hotel/Motel grants are still being accepted for the October Hotel/Motel Board meeting.

Brandon Burmeister gave a Secondary Roads report and progress on many projects throughout Shelby County.

Shelby County has had a public farm land rent auction annually to lease the land owned by both the County and the Solid Waste Board. The bidder attendance has dropped in recent years and new formats were discussed at prior meetings. It was decided after a motion by Parkhurst and a second by Schaben that a sealed bid auction will be used this year. Notices will be published and broadcasted with instructions on the deadlines to submit bids and the date that the bids will be opened, and the two land rental contracts to be awarded. The bids will be opened at the November 21st meeting. The Auditors office will accept bids for both the Solid Waste farm ground and the County owned farm ground, once fertilizer costs are finalized publication will be made of the procedure and deadlines involved.

The City of Irwin has an ordinance that allows a person living in the unincorporated area serviced by the Irwin Library to be a member of the City of Irwin's Library Board. The County Supervisors must approve the nomination. The Irwin City Council has recommended Deb Burton to be approved by the Supervisors as a member of the Board. Schaben made a motion to approve the nomination of Deb Burton, Parkhurst seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The Shelby County Conservation Department has requested that the Shelby County Supervisors act as Fiscal agent for a grant submitted by the Conservation Board. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the fiscal sponsorship, Schaben seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Steve Kenkel, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Mark Maxwell
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors