

September 3rd, 2024

The Shelby County Board of Supervisors met in 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.

The 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 eliminating two items at this time not being needed. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Schaben to approve the minutes of the August 20th Supervisors meeting. Parkhurst seconded the motion, the motion passed.

It was moved by Schaben, seconded by Parkhurst, to approve the latest claims for processing as listed in the claims register. Motion carried unanimously.

Leo Lapke was then approved to be a Supervisors Compensation Board Representative by unanimous approval after a motion by Parkhurst and a second by Schaben.

The Shelby County Sheriffs Department recently received recognition from The Iowa State Association of Counties for the undertaking of assuming patrol responsibilities for the City of Harlan. The supervisors congratulated Sheriff Neil Gross for this accomplishment and honor.

Neil Gross, Shelby County Sheriff then gave a report of current happenings in his department. Supervisor Kenkel congratulated Gross on the recent award his department received for the law enforcement agreement with the City of Harlan and the smooth transition. The purchasing of new vehicles for his department is becoming a burden as wait times for new vehicles has been extended in recent years. Gross reported that his department is at full staff with one person currently at the academy. Talks are underway with the Elk Horn and Harlan School systems for funding the School Resource Officer currently being funded by Shelby County ARPA funds, not property tax dollars.

Jordon Sanders gave a report on the Shelby County EMS department. Sanders reported that he is researching other counties and how they handle their EMS department finances, the issue being so few similar sized counties have EMS employees and are structured the same as Shelby County. Sanders noted that one employee is in the process of completing a certification process that will allow to this person to instruct EMTs in Shelby County.

The Supervisor committee reports included Steve Kenkel who said the South Dakota Supreme Court recently ruled that eminent domain could not be used by Summit Pipeline in that state. This has delayed the project further.

The Supervisors then considered and discussed an engagement letter for joint representation for a judicial review concerning the final decision concerning the Summit Pipeline. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the needed signature on the document, Schaben seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Shelby County Chamber Director, Todd Valline, gave updates of upcoming events including the ISU Extension offering a course for those in food operations, and the Lions Club offering vision screening at local schools.

Chris Fredericksen, Shelby County Engineer, then asked the Supervisors to approve seven applications for right of way utility permits in various road rights-of-way around Shelby County, by Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the permits, Schaben seconded the motion, the motion passed. Fredericksen updated the Supervisors on the many projects currently taking place in his department.

Supervisor Schaben, after discussion, motioned for the Beaver Bounty to be reapproved this year and to increase the budgeted amount from \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Parkhurst seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The Supervisors then approved an amendment to the sales contract for the County Annex Building, details of the amendment are to be soon available at the Auditors office. Schaben made a motion and a second by Parkhurst to approve the amendment to the agreement, the motion received unanimous approval.

Alex Londo, Shelby County EMA director, announced to the Supervisors that a new State program offering to repay up to \$50,000.00 in interest for tornado victims for rebuilding. The funds are limited and are on a first come first serve basis.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Steve Kenkel, Chairman

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Mark Maxwell  
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors