

March 4, 2025

The Shelby County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. at the Therkildsen Center Harlan, Iowa with the following members present: Bryce Schaben, Charles Parkhurst, Mike Kolbe, and Taryn Knapp, Clerk.

Chairman, Bryce Schaben, asked that any conflict of interest be stated concerning any item on the agenda. None were stated.

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

It was moved by Kolbe, seconded by Parkhurst to approve the minutes of February 25th. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Kolbe, seconded by Parkhurst to approve the latest processed claims to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Lonnie Maguire, General Assistance Director was present to give an update on Southwest Iowa MHDS and the plans for the department going forward. After a brief explanation of what MHDS stands for Maquire stated legislation passed to move away from Counties and Regions to Districts across the State. She is unsure of what that currently means for services in Shelby County but hopes to provide another update next month.

Engineer, Chris Frederickson asked the board for consideration of several ROW permits for FMCTC and REC. Kolbe made a motion to approve ROW permits for FMCTC fiber installation and REC projects, Parkhurst seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board then considered approval of Resolution 2025-12 for Project STP-S-CO83(88) – 5E-83 HMA Paving presented by Frederickson. Parkhurst made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12 for the Paving Project and Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Frederickson gave a brief update on the incoming weather and asked the public to be patient with the road crews as they work to remove snow from the roads. He also stated there has been a large number of tires dumped in the southwestern portion of the County. Close to 2,000 tires have been dumped at 8 different locations. Costing the County around \$10,000 to properly dispose of these tires. Frederickson is asking the public to notify the Engineer's Office or Sheriff's Office with any information, or to report suspicious activity.

The Shelby County Chamber report was presented by Todd Valline which included the finalist for the Chamber Awards for the year. The Chamber Banquet is scheduled for March 21st. Valline's report also included dates for the Chamber Legislative Coffee, Vets Blood Drive, and Fish Fry's in Shelby County.

Representatives from the Elk Horn and Irwin libraries were present to give a brief report on where the funding is used and programs offered at their locations. They thanked the Supervisors for their investment and the asset it provides our community.

The planned spending for fiscal year 2026 includes a 2.5% cost-of-living increase for all non-union employees qualified to receive the increase. These employees are also eligible for a 1% increase in pay on January 1st, 2026, if they have the merit pay increase approved by their Department Head. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the 2.5% COLA increase July 1, 2025, and the 1% merit increase January 1, 2026, for those with satisfactory evaluations, Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Parkhurst made a motion to set the stipend wages for fiscal year 2026 for the following:

Budget Director	\$ 6,750.00
GIS Coordinator	\$ 2,625.00
Zoning Director	\$ 8,150.00
Wellness Coordinator	\$1,575.00
Safety Director	\$4,200.00
Dam Inspector	\$3,675.00

Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors then gave committee reports. Kolbe gave an update on the meetings he attended for the Board of Health, Environmental Health, and Iowa HHS Town Hall. Shaben encouraged the public to turn in beaver tails for a bounty of \$25 per tail. Parkhurst attended the SWIPCO meeting in Atlantic.

Resolution 2025-13 was then considered to set the tax levy hearing date and approve the publication. Parkhurst made a motion to set the tax levy hearing date of April 1st at 8:30 a.m. in the Supervisors Chamber, Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There were two Summit Carbon Solutions Representatives present to give a project update and receive public comment and questions. Several Shelby County landowners were present to express their concerns with the pipeline and provide answers to questions landowners and residents have.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Bryce Schaben, Chairman

ATTEST:

Taryn Knapp
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors