

Shelby County Commission Meeting

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Readable Speaker Transcript

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00:00:00 Joy Stritikus

Good evening. My name is Joy Stritikus, and I'm in Ward Williams' District 4, Shelby County.

Thank you for the opportunity to share issues that we, as concerned citizens, have found with the Alabama election system rolls that we believe you will be concerned about, as the conscientious commission that you are.

Four of these areas are:

One, our voting system is broken.

Two, we don't comply with Alabama law.

Three, we don't comply with federal law.

And four, there's a question of the best stewardship of our taxpayer dollars for a system that doesn't work.

The voter registration system paid for by Alabama taxpayers has your and my voter information and voting history hosted on servers in Omaha, Nebraska.

Even our probate judge, Allison Boyd, has to request the voter rolls from ES&S.

We have given away local control of our elections, and there is no meaningful audit capability to provide assurance of the accuracy of post-election results, and there is zero audit function for our voter rolls.

The voter rolls are the responsibility of the Board of Registrars, who are very conscientious and are doing a young man's job working in the broken system that we have.

In a recent two-hour conversation with Kenneth Paschal, they expressed their concerns and frustrations, like wasting time with duplicate applications from the DMV and the benefit programs. And, well, at the same time, they don't have the tools that they need to do the job that they're legally responsible for, which is to have current and accurate voter rolls.

The system does not help them identify deceased individuals, individuals who have not voted in the required number of years, sex offenders, non-citizens, and individuals who have moved.

The findings are not easy to come by because, for voters—average people—we have to purchase the rolls at an outrageous price.

And then the lack of transparency is exacerbated by the passage of House Bill 67, which removed us from VoteRef. And let me give you this to look at with the explanation of what VoteRef's role is.

And I have to ask the question: Why would Alabama not want to provide public access to official government data to elections, including voter registration rolls?

Section 8 of the NVRA says that we are supposed to have public inspection of our rolls.

The lack of transparency raises questions and further erodes the public trust.

We respectfully give you these findings, as your legal obligation carries the weight of budgets and the responsibility of allocating monies in the best interest of taxpayers.

Thank you.

00:03:49 Mike Rector

My name is Mike Rector, and I live in Robbie Hayes' District 9.

I want to thank the commissioners for the opportunity to report some specific examples of anomalies that we have found regarding the Shelby County voter rolls.

I'd like to address two of the categories that Joy mentioned previously: deceased individuals and individuals who have moved.

In the deceased category, a document recently posted on WhiteHouse.gov from Homeland Security states DHS has worked with Alabama to identify 33,165 deceased registrants.

The following case is one of many examples of deceased individuals who are still active on the current voting rolls as of August 21, 2026.

Partial voter ID 3510. This individual lived in a nursing home in Pelham. She was registered in Shelby County on October 21, 2002.

Going back to 2014, she voted in every general election from 2014 to 2020.

Her Legacy.com, she died on December 3, 2023, at the age of 97.

In addition, while being active on the current voting rolls, this case also violates Alabama Code 17-4-9 because she failed to vote for four years, spanning the '22 and '24 elections.

It's apparent when finding voters on our voter rolls, like this one, who are using a voter system that is not working.

In the moving category, the following two cases are examples of 64 individuals who voted in Shelby County after they moved from Shelby County.

Case number one, partial voter ID 7303.

This individual moved from Alabaster to Daphne, Alabama, as of January 1, 2023. She voted with an absentee ballot in 2024, with a registration date of August 12, 1988.

This case also violates Alabama Code 17-4-9, as she was active on the voter rolls while not shown to have voted at least 10 years prior to voting in 2024.

Her status was just recently changed to inactive, pending the confirmation mailing process.

Case number two, partial voter ID 9078.

This individual moved from Maylene to Bronx, New York, as of August 1, 2022. With a registration date of August 10, 2012, he voted in every general election from 2018 to 2024.

He did not vote absentee in 2022 or 2024 after moving.

He is still active on the current voting rolls as of August 21, 2026.

Why are individuals still on the voting rolls, whether inactive or active, three to four years after they moved from Shelby County?

How did case number two vote in 2022 and 2024 after moving if it was not by an absentee ballot?

These are recurring questions that emphasize, again, the system being imposed on Shelby County is not working.

These are questions which cause concern and lack of trust for the public.

Thank you for your consideration. I have a copy attached. The second page is the Homeland Security report.

Thank you.

00:07:34 Phaedra Galloway

Jon Parker and members of the Shelby County Commission, my name is Phaedra Galloway, and I live in Commissioner Robbie Hayes' district now.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Concerned citizens recently reviewed our county's voter rolls, records we had to purchase at a strikingly high cost compared to many other states. Many other states provide these lists for free or nominal fees.

That difference alone raises questions about accessibility and transparency.

We are not here to assign blame. We recognize that election officials work within the tools and procedures that are imposed upon them by the state.

Still, Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act requires that every state maintain an accurate and current voter registration list, for which the county is particularly responsible.

With that standard in mind, there are just several findings specific to Shelby County.

One, we identified 181 voters still active and registered in 2014. They did not vote in 2014 or since.

Alabama Code 17-4-9 requires that any voter who fails to vote for four years be placed on an inactive list.

These individuals have remained active for more than eight years.

Two, we found seven individuals convicted of sex crimes listed under the moral turpitude provisions of Alabama Code 17-3-30.1.

They're not only still registered, but they voted after their convictions.

Four of the seven were convicted out of state, but regardless of where the conviction occurred, they should not have remained eligible.

Three, records of adjudications of mental incapacity, which is another disqualifying category. They do not appear on Shelby County's probate public records, even though other Alabama counties do make this information available.

Four, our Secretary of State has reported there are five non-U.S. citizens that are found registered in Shelby County.

Five, on a positive note, we found no underage registrants.

Why does all this matter?

Well, accurate voter rolls are the basic foundation of free and fair and transparent elections.

When registration lists contain ineligible voters or fail to reflect required status changes, public confidence breaks.

As one of our founding principles reminds us, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

We respectfully ask the Commission to examine these issues and ensure that Shelby County's procedures fully comply with the state and federal requirements.

Thank you.

00:10:19 Dr. Douglas G. Frank

She beat y'all.

00:10:22 Phaedra Galloway

I talk fast.

00:10:25 Dr. Douglas G. Frank

How are we doing on the three minutes?

We practiced.

Thank you for having me.

I'm kind of at the root of some of this, so I wanted to give you some explanation. It's an honor to be with you.

I've been here three times now, Shelby County last year. I've been forming teams all over the state of Alabama doing exactly what these teams are doing.

They're studying their voter rolls. They're finding fraud in your elections. They're finding illegal people in your rolls, finding a whole bunch of problems.

And the reason I'm coming to Shelby so much is because I think you guys have a reputation for being one of the lead counties in the state.

You are proud of being upright and being the kind of forerunners, and we think that you guys are a perfect candidate to be a county in the state of Alabama and join a few others that will tell the state, "We're not going to use your bad system anymore."

Your system is illegal. It's out of compliance even with our own state voter rules, as well as the DOJ.

And we're headed towards a really interesting time in November.

It's going to be a massive moment in this country's history when the DOJ has already tipped its hand on this.

They have already notified all the clerks around the country that if they allow anybody, a non-citizen, to vote on their rolls, they're going to prosecute.

So, from a commissioner point of view, you guys are vulnerable from a liability suspect situation, since you are using an illegal system.

So my advice to you is that you bring back local control of your rolls and clean your rolls yourself.

Now, when I say that to you, what's going to happen is Kirk is going to say, "Well, how do we do that? We don't know how to do that. All we have is the state system."

Believe me, I've been doing this all over the country. We have all the tools you need to have a clean copy of the voter rolls in a day from now.

I can give you a beautiful copy. It'll be about 30% smaller than the one you have now.

So not only will you be legal and in compliance with state and federal law, you'll also save 30% on your elections. A worthwhile thing to do.

So, in summary, I'm kind of showing you a future.

What we're doing is we're going to bring this to a head. We're going to start, week by week, or meeting by meeting, we're going to start reporting actual cases of fraud, like you heard today, actual cases of illegal voting into the public record so that you know we're not just waving our hands.

I'm a scientist. I'm a physicist. I have a Ph.D. in surface electroanalytical chemistry, 60 scientific publications, cover articles on the leading journals in the world.

I'm a real scientist.

So what matters to me is evidence and hard documentation of what we're doing.

So that's what we're going to be doing.

We're going to bring that to you because we need to empower you so that you're not sticking your neck out.

We're going to give you the actual evidence that empowers you to take the stand that you need to take and perhaps join with other counties to tell the state, "We're not going to comply with an illegal system anymore."

We're going to combine with our neighboring counties, and we are going to run our own voter rolls legally and properly and save a bunch of money at the same time.

So I'm offering you my service.

I don't charge anything.

But what I do, I do this all around the country. Commissioners invite me back all the time.

"Hey, Dr. Frank, come in. Help us do this. Would you please?"

I'd be happy to do it free of charge.

So thank you for having me.

I think I went over three minutes.

Thanks for having me.