

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 25, 2024

Meeting convened at 8:45 A.M. with Jeff Brugger and Jimmy Burnham present. Jayson Farmer arrived later at 9:13 A.M.

Chairman Brugger signed the Resolution for 09-14-144-001.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from the June 11, 2024 meeting.

Jeff Brugger	Votes	AYE
Jimmy Burnham	Votes	AYE
Jayson Farmer	Votes	Absent

GA Administrator Lorie Walters attended the meeting with check register to be signed.

County Highway Engineer Amy Ferris attended the meeting with claims to be signed. She gave updates on Highway projects in process and upcoming. Chairman Brugger complimented the two roads that were recently chipped.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved the minutes from the Special Meeting on June 20, 2024

Jeff Brugger	Votes	AYE
Jimmy Burnham	Votes	Abstain
Jayson Farmer	Votes	AYE

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 16 feet. Sheriff Kaylor could not attend, so Brian also brought in claims for the Sheriff's Office and their list of weekly bills. The jail is currently at 28.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved using ARPA funds in the amount of \$8,498 for the purchase of a cyclonePort for the county.

Jeff Brugger	Votes	AYE
Jimmy Burnham	Votes	AYE
Jayson Farmer	Votes	AYE

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, second by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners reappointed Josh Reagor to the Board of Review through February 23, 2025.

Jeff Brugger	Votes	AYE
Jimmy Burnham	Votes	AYE
Jayson Farmer	Votes	AYE

Kassy Horstman from the Treasurer's office brought in a list of accounts with a balance totalling \$6,344,223.78 and a PTAX form to be signed by Chairman Brugger and County Clerk Hailey Miles.

Brookport Mayor Rance Phillips and Jack Anderson attended the meeting to discuss animal control in Brookport. Rance states they did away with all ordinances regarding animal control due to not being able to enforce the rules. Jack wants to know what can be done before someone gets hurt. Mayor Phillips states he has spoken with Metropolis Mayor Don Canada, who once said they could house dogs from Brookport, but has since said they do not have room. Jayson asked approximately how many calls they get per month and Rance stated around 12 per year. Jeff and Jimmy both suggest giving some sort of incentive to Quentin Hillebrand to answer the calls. Jayson stated that regardless, they had to come to an agreement with Mayor Canada. Rance stated they would pay for any costs associated with animal control calls.

Tom Caldwell attended the meeting to discuss work on the old jail in the courthouse. Tom states it will have to be done in phases and two rooms would have to be emptied at a time. Jayson asked the cost and said if it is above a certain amount, it would have to be bid out. The commissioners also asked about insurance coverage, which Tom confirmed he has.

It was suggested to have some trustees from the jail to help move things out before the work can be done. Jeff stated he would talk to Sheriff Kaylor first to see if it could be done. Jeff suggested that Tom give the county an estimate with cleaning it out and without cleaning it out.

Dean Payne and Stacy Goodlow with Mayer Networks attended the meeting to give a quarterly update. They presented a quote for Microsoft 365 Email hosting. Jayson suggested they send the quote to the officeholders to get input, then get back to Mayer.

Tiffany George with Southern Five RPC attended the meeting to discuss the Special Meeting that was held the previous Thursday evening. The only category they didn't reach was anyone from an organization representing workers. Jeff made the comment about not being able to find a building. He went on a tour of the High School last night and there is some space that could be utilized for CTE Programs and the school board agrees. Dr. Vicki Artman sent an email with her opinions on what she would like to see the grant money used for, specifically in Joppa. The application is due by July 31st, so the commissioners need to decide how they are going to spend the money. Tiffany states she has to give more details on what the money will be used for. Jimmy asked Tiffany what she needs from the commissioners and she stated to know what the county wants to spend the grant money on.

Kristy Stephenson with Shawnee College attended the meeting. Tiffany does have the Memorandum of Understanding with updated information. Jeff asked Kristy if she knew of any buildings available to purchase. She does not. There was discussion about property adjacent to Shawnee College Metro Center. Kristy states they have posted the Welding Instructor position, and to send any interested candidates to them. Jeff suggested to offer a scholarship of some sort for paramedics to entice more students.

Tiffany stated again, that the county needs to decide where to spend the money.

Kristy is going to meet with the hospital and Jimmy is going to reach out to land owners.

On a motion by Jayson, 2nd by Jimmy, the commissioners voted to adjourn until a Special Meeting being held on July 1, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.