

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 20, 2024

Meeting convened at 8:45 A.M. with Jeff Brugger, Jayson Farmer, and Jimmy Burnham present.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from the August 6, 2024 meeting.

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

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 reports the Highway Dept is finished with oil and chip for the year. She gave updates on the bucket truck and compared costs of repair vs buying a used truck. The commissioners agreed 75K in ARPA funds could be designated for Highway Equipment that is needed.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 15.9 ft. He brought in a budget amendment, which the commissioners signed. He also reported work on the weather station will start next week.

Sheriff Chad Kaylor attended the meeting with a list of this week's bills and claims to be signed. The jail count is at 20. Sheriff Kaylor reported that they recently contracted a back up juvenile detention center in Edwardsville IL to house juveniles. He explained this is a rare occurrence for Massac County but they did have need for it recently. He also reported a break in to the court house two weeks ago. After reviewing security footage, they confirmed that the person did not enter the court house, but broke the front door and it was repaired that same day.

Treasurer Sarah Bremer could not attend the meeting, but sent a list of account balances totaling \$6,377,556.06.

Chairman Brugger signed the Resolution for 10-17-200-061-B.

The Right of Way Grant and Easement for Strawberry Rd was tabled so State's Attorney Stratemeyer and the commissioners could further review the property.

Chairman Brugger signed the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board CEO Acknowledgement.

State's Attorney Stratemeyer was not on the agenda but attended the meeting and gave updates on a Cedar Ln property that has had multiple complaints due to violation of the county's Nuisance Ordinance. It appears the tenant is cleaning up the property and the home owner is working with the county to comply with the ordinance. The commissioners also discussed a county owned property with deed restrictions to see if it can be sold. Mr. Stratemeyer is going to look into the restrictions.

The commissioners discussed helicopter coverage for county employees and would like to meet with a provider in a future meeting to see what the options and cost are.

The commissioners discussed a credit card for county officeholder use and the pros and cons. They are going to reach out to some other counties and see if and how they handle credit card useage and stated this is something that would have to be very closely monitored.

Josh Reagor attended the meeting and discussed the Economic Development Grant and updated the commissioners that City of Metropolis approved a budget of 75K. He discussed how the city and county sharing an Economic Developer might work. He and other interested parties agreed to draft some bullet points on what the goals would be and present at a future meeting.

Mr. Burnham discussed adding fencing and dog houses in Brookport. He spoke with county animal control and they would agree to take calls there if Brookport had their own facility to house the dogs. Brookport employees would then be responsible for upkeep and to feed and water. Mr. Farmer suggested that Mr. Burnham check with the State of IL on the regulations before they discuss funding for the project.

The commissioners discussed two recent vacancies on the Massac County Housing Authority Board and they will be reaching out to potential candidates they may be willing to serve.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Burnham, the commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. until the next regular meeting.

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