

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from the September 3, 2024 meeting.

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

GA Administrator Lorie Walters was unable to attend the meeting.

County Highway Engineer Amy Ferris attended the meeting with claims to be signed. She discussed increased funding for bridges that now requires no match and also discussed the timelines to use these funds. She has compiled a list of 10 bridges and ranked them based on need. The first ones needing attention are 1. New Columbia, 2. Orchard Road over Massac Creek, 3. Staton Ridge Road, and 4. Dry Ridge Road.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for local funds with Bacon, Farmer, & Workman in the amount of \$50,000 for FAS 929 (Columbia Road) 064-3092 Deck Replacement, Phase I & II design services to deliver design plans to replace the existing bridge deck beams on 064-3092.

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

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Local Funds with Bacon, Farmer & Workman in the amount of \$40,000 for TR 104 (Orchard Road) Bridge Replacement Phase I & II design services to deliver design plans to replace an existing single span bridge located in Northeastern Massac County with a new NBIS Structure.

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

Ms. Ferris discussed purchase of a new mini excavator and options for new and used and will be purchasing one of the used options. She also discussed times for a special meeting for the commissioners to meet with an applicant for the Highway Engineer position. They will schedule a special meeting for either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of next week. She updated the commissioners on two accidents involving two different guardrails and let them know a claim will be filed.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 16.5 ft. He reports a new AED battery was purchased and will arrive today. He also stated they received a grant from Honeywell and the commissioners signed off on that.

Sheriff Chad Kaylor attended the meeting with a list of this week's bills and claims to be signed. He reports the jail is at 23.

Kassy Horstman with the treasurer's office attended the meeting with a list of account balances totaling \$7, 554, 314.24. She reports the first tax disbursement was issued on 9/10/2024 for \$10,416,176.18.

James Mayer was unable to attend and will attend the meeting on 10/1/2024.

Ryan Travis with Fort Massac Water attended the meeting. He reports the water district had unexpected expenses totaling roughly \$250,000 and they have paid approximately half and are requesting

assistance from the county. They have approximately \$80,000 of projects that need to be completed this year. The commissioners discussed and will write a claim to assist with the remaining projects.

There were representatives in attendance for Massac County Youth Baseball, Soccer, Youth Football, and Harry Stratham Youth Basketball leagues.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to donate \$7,500 to each of these Youth Sport Organizations using ARPA Funds.

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

Kevin Fear with AirMedCare Network attended the meeting with information about membership for Massac County employees. The commissioner will vote on this at the October 1, 2024 Meeting.

Alan Burk attended the meeting and introduced himself as the compliance manager for High Profile.

State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer attended the meeting to discuss the Right of Way Vacation for Strawberry Road and the steps that need to be taken to ensure the property owners have access to their property.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer the commissioners conditionally approved the Right of Way Grant and Easement beginning at the intersection of Township Road 131A with Township Road 110 (Strawberry Road) and extending west approximately 1800 feet to the termination of the existing public right of way. The conditions are that the Right of Way is approved by all parties, and upon proper notification and publication.

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

During Public Comment several people attended the meeting and spoke. First there were two Massac County residents that live on Country Club Road with concerns about traffic and speeding on Country Club Rd past Airport Rd. They inquired about a flashing light or 4-way stop. The commissioners explained a study with IDOT has to be completed to add a 4-way stop, but that flashing lights could be a quicker solution. They requested that EMA Director Brian Horn move the mobile signs on both sides of Country Club Rd to alert traffic and he confirmed that will be done Friday.

Another group of 4 volunteers for the United Sovereign Americans attended the meeting and read a Resolution for a Legally Valid 2024 General Election and read a statement detailing their concerns about the accuracy of the 2022 federal election.

The commissioners signed claims for the donations to Massac County Youth Sports and the Fort Massac Water District.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger the commissioners voted to enter closed session at 11:42am to discuss pending litigation.

Re-entered Open Session at 11:57am.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Burnham, the commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. until the special meeting next week.