

MINUTES  
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024

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

State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer attended the meeting with claims to be signed and explained the Road Use Agreement for the Solar Sommer Project, which the commissioners then signed.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from the November 12, 2024 meeting.

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

County Highway Engineer Amy Ferris attended the meeting with claims to be signed. She updated the commissioners on her last day and the schedule for the end of the year with the new engineer.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger to enter closed session at 9:06 A.M. to discuss County Highway personnel.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners exited closed session at 9:13 A.M.

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

EMA Director Brian Horn was unable to attend. He sent the river stage report ahead of the meeting showing river at 16.6 ft. Mr. Horn also left Mutual Aid Agreements with Massac County and the City of Brookport and one between Massac County and Honeywell. Chairman Brugger signed both agreements.

Sheriff Chad Kaylor attended the meeting with a list of this week's bills and claims to be signed. He reports the jail count is at 18. Sheriff Kaylor reports that a deputy for the county is going to work for City of Metropolis. He has a replacement lined up to send to the academy and will have a jailer position to fill. He briefly discussed how this could affect his budget for 2025.

Treasurer Sarah Bremer was unable to attend, but sent a list of funds totaling \$7,304,921.58.

James Mayer with Mayer Networks attended the meeting and discussed migration to Microsoft 365 Email Hosting and AUVIK.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to accept the proposal from Mayer for M365 for \$5180 per year.

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

Chairman Brugger signed Resolutions for 04-23-207-010, 08-12-200-010A, 08-01-199-005, 09-14-282-007, 10-17-100-051, and 10-17-100-055.

Amanda Joiner with Gower Agency attended the meeting to discuss claims filed in 2024 and increases and policy changes to the county's policy renewal for 2025. Per the commissioners request, she is going to draft a document explaining coverage for all county owned vehicles.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham the commissioners voted to accept the policy changes and new premium with Gower Agency.

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

During public comment, a Massac County citizen spoke about his concerns with the Supervisor of Assessments and an ongoing issue he's had since 2022. He states the acreage reported on his tax bill is less than it should be and that he has brought it to the attention of the assessor's office multiple times. He states that twice, the assessor has left the office when he's come in to try and correct the issue. He was there again this morning, and the two employees in the office were going to look into it and call him this week. He is concerned there could be a future issue because of the incorrect acreage and just wants to pay his fair share of taxes on the land he owns. Commissioner Farmer let him know the Board of Review would be meeting in the near future and let him know how he could get on the agenda.

Ralph Steele with the Metropolis Country Club, along with 3 other members attended the meeting to discuss the service they provide to the community, including the Massac Golf Team and resulting golf scholarships some students have received over the years. They also discussed the tournaments and fundraisers they participate in and the Summer Junior Golf program. The Country Club is in need of funds for equipment and wanted to inquire if any of these items qualified for county grant funds.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer the commissioners voted to accept the bid by Caldwell Mechanical for HVAC Maintenance for the Massac County Courthouse for November 2024-August 2025.

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

State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer and Sheriff Chad Kaylor came back into the meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to enter closed session at At 11:04 A.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(1)

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

Commissioner Brugger had to leave the meeting early during closed session.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners exited closed session at 11:43A.M.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners appointed Phil Sublet and Amanda Hansen to open seats on the County Housing Board to serve terms from 11/26/2024-11/01/2029.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burnham, the commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:49 A.M.