

MINUTES  
 MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 DECEMBER 10, 2024

Meeting convened at 8:30 A.M. with Jeff Brugger, Jayson Farmer and Jimmy Burnham present.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to appoint Mr. Burnham as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2025.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to appoint Mr. Brugger as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2025.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to appoint Mr. Farmer as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for 2025.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger the commissioners voted to enter closed session at 8:35 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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 9:24 A.M.

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 approved the minutes from 11/26/2024 and 12/05/2024.

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

County Highway Engineers Amy Ferris and Brad Watson attended the meeting with claims to be signed.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to accept the Resolution Accepting Proposals for furnishing materials required for General Maintenance for Massac County Unit Road District from January 1 2025-December 31, 2025.

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 voted to appoint Brad Watson as County Highway Engineer.

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

Amy and Brad went over the County Highway Budget with the commissioners.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 16.2 feet and expected to rise to 18 feet. He also gave an update on his trip to North Carolina for rescue efforts.

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 21. The commissioners went over the 2025 Sheriff's Office Budget with Sheriff Kaylor.

Treasurer Sarah Bremer attended the meeting with claims to be signed. She reports the tax sale is on Tuesday, December 17. She also states she is working with City National Bank to pay off the bond payment for Courthouse Renovations. This will be paid off at least 8 years early.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger the commissioners voted to enter closed session at 10:10 A.M. to discuss employee benefits.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham the commissioners exited closed session at 10:13 A.M.

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

Trish Steckenrider, Director of Tourism attended the meeting. She discussed the Cannabis Tax and how the county can help. Trish states she knows the cannabis shops are bringing in tourism. She also discussed a grant for \$200,000 that she can get and is asking the county for ideas they have. She is asking for 3-5% of the county's cannabis tax dollars to go towards tourism. Mr. Farmer stated they would add it to the next agenda to discuss a percentage.

Rick Abell from Kruger and Abell Law Firm attended the meeting to give an update on a new solar project that they are working on for the county. Rick is asking if the county is open to amending the ordinance regarding insurance requirements. The commissioners are open to the change if that is what he advises is in the best interest of the county. Mr. Abell will draft an amendment and then send it to the State's Attorney for review before it's added to a future agenda for a vote.

Mr. Brugger had to leave the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners adjourned at 11:37 A.M. until the next meeting.