

MINUTES  
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 4, 2025

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved the minutes from 2/18/2025 as written.

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 approved the minutes from 2/24/2025 as written.

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

GA Administrator Lorie Walters sent a check register sheet to be signed.

County Treasurer Sarah Bremer attended the meeting with claims to be signed and a list of balances totaling \$5,239,652.28. She briefly discussed the importance of office holders filling out claim forms correctly using the correct accounts.

County Highway Engineer Brad Watson attended the meeting with claims to be signed.

Mr. Windhorst with So. IL Co-op attended the meeting to let the commissioners know they are in the process of correcting old easements to show the proper access for work being done. County Highway owns a small piece of property with an affected easement. Chairman Burnham signed the updated easement so that fiber cable can be installed.

Mr. Watson mentioned a grievance being filed with AFSCME that will be on the next agenda for closed session discussion. He also brought in a corrected Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Engineer's Salary correcting a typo for the yearly salary.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to approve the Corrected Resolution Appropriating Funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary correcting the yearly amount to \$122,004.

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

Mr. Watson also brought in a Certificate of Authority by Vote allowing him to purchase rock salt for the county.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to approve the Certificate of Authority by Vote to purchase rock salt.

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

Mr. Watson updated the commissioners of the Country Club Road culvert and states he is obtaining additional information from the landowner and additional bids.

EMA Director Brian Horn was unable to attend the meeting.

Sheriff Kaylor attended the meeting with claims to be signed and a list of the weeks bills. Two people were sent to academy which resulted in a larger than usual bill. He updated them on the groundwork being done for an SR Officer.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger the commissioners voted to enter closed session to discuss the Purchase of Real Estate at 10:10.

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 10:46 A.M.

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

During public comment, Harvey and Rosemary Baxter attended the meeting along with Brenda Carter to discuss the Christian based after school program they currently run that provides after school care for 48 local K-6 children. They have an opportunity to purchase a larger space and inquired if any of the county grant funds could be used to assist. Chairman Burnham is going to consult with the State's Attorney on the requirements to be eligible for these funds and if this would meet the requirements for any county grant assistance. Mrs. Baxter states that even if this isn't eligible, she believes there is a strong need for child care in Massac County and would like to see a county run child care center.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners adjourned until the next regular meeting.