MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 27, 2026

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

Treasurer Sarah Bremer attended the meeting with a list of accounts totaling $6,552,189.52.

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

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners approved the minutes as written from 10/13/2026.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners entered into closed session @ 9:08 to discuss personnel.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners came out of closed session @ 9:15.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved a leave of absence for a County Highway employee through 11/19/2026.

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

Deputy Harvey Baxter attended the meeting and he reports the jail count is 19. He stated he had a squad meeting with the deputies last week and is planning on meeting with the dispatchers and jailers separately.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting. He reports the river is at 15.7 ft. Mr. Horn gave the Commissioners a proposal for Text My Gov which is a texting platform for citizens.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved the Annual Resolution for State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor.

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

Regional Superintendent Lorie LeQuate attended the meeting with a quarterly report.

The commissioners received a letter from Ben Dummitt resigning from the Joppa Sanitation Board.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners appointed Karl McGill to the Joppa Sanitation Board for a 3-year term.

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

Supervisor of Assessments Maureen Stafford attended the meeting to discuss the switch of GIS data software & sharing of GIS data with the city. She also brought in some findings in her office of a drastic reduction in fair market value for an individual that was previously done by Gary Hamm. She just wanted the commissioners to be aware of it.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners appointed Tiffany Korte to the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority to replace Stewart Weisenberger.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners adjourned.

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