

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 27, 2024

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from the May 14, 2024 meeting.

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

County Highway Engineer Amy Ferris attended the meeting with claims to be signed. She discussed the bridge project on Crestwood Road over Barnes Creek and the timelines for bids. She gave updates on Highway projects in process and upcoming.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to accept and have recorded a temporary construction easement donated by Mike Bakehouse for the construction of a new bridge on Crestwood Road over Barnes Creek.

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

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 24 feet and expected to rise to 30 ft. He reported on some flooding and limbs down due to the recent storms.

Sheriff Chad Kaylor attended the meeting with claims to be signed and a list of this week's bills. He reports the jail numbers have been in the upper 20s.

Kassy Horstman from the Treasurer's office attended the meeting with amounts in accounts totaling \$6,306,793.58.

Representatives from Heroes of Massac County Endeavors attended the meeting to propose the monument of John Marvin Steele be placed on the courthouse lawn. They are going to get a proposal together and send to State's Attorney Stratemeyer for review so the commissioners can vote on it.

The commissioners decided to table the Memorandums of Understanding and Contract for Professional Services with Southern 5 Regional Planning District & Development Commission again until Chairman Brugger can meet with Tiffany Korte and SCC regarding the property. They discussed additional funding received and how to best use the funds.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, second by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners reappointed Andy Stewart to the Fire Protection District Board for another 3 year term.

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

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Farmer the commissioners voted to approve the bid from US Imaging for Media Conversion for the County Clerk records.

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

Supervisor of Assessments, Gary Hamm attended the meeting to discuss re-appointment of his position until December 1. He states he would also like them to discuss the salary that was set for the Supervisor of Assessment and raise it. He states his office is always under budget and he has saved the tax payers money. He listed the qualifications for other office holders and states the Assessor is required to have qualifications other office holders do not and he thinks the Assessor salary should reflect this. He states if they don't care about him, then he doesn't care about the county or office. He also states he thinks he is owed money for vacation not taken in the past.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to reappoint Gary Hamm to Supervisor of Assessments through December 1, 2024.

Jeff Brugger	Votes	AYE
Jimmy Burnham	Votes	AYE
Jayson Farmer	Votes	NO

Mr. Farmer stated that he could not vote yes on the reappointment of Gary Hamm due to several reasons, including how Mr. Hamm has treated other elected officials, courthouse employees and tax payers, as well as having a 50K lawsuit against the county. Mr. Brugger states he agrees with Mr. Farmer and is only voting Yes to ensure the county is reimbursed for half of the salary.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, commissioners voted to enter into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 10:36 AM.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 10:50 AM.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to adjourn until the next regular meeting.