

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting-July 1, 2024

Meeting convened at 9:00 A.M. with Jeff Brugger, Jimmy Burnham, and Jayson Farmer present.

Jeff May attended the meeting to discuss some property adjacent to Shawnee Community College Metro Center. Kristy Stephenson was also in attendance and discussed the building specs with Mr. May. Ms. Stephenson has reached out to the IL Community College Board's architect to ask them to provide detailed specs. The building would be used for CTE courses like welding, basic heat & air, automotive, etc. Mr. May stated he just needs specs from the architect. Everyone agrees the building needs to be as multi-use as possible. Mr. Burnham showed Mr. Brugger some aerial views of the property in question. Ms. Stephenson is hoping to get the specs this week. Mr. May asked the timeline, Tiffany George responded the grant is for 2 years but could be extended. There was discussion about Mr. May constructing a building and leasing it to the county, but there cannot be any contracts signed until the building is constructed. Mr. May stated he would possibly be willing to sell the county some land if he cannot build. The commissioners thanked Mr. May for attending the meeting.

CEO of Massac Memorial Hospital Don Robbins attended the meeting to discuss the expansion of programs to provide as much for the community as possible. He states staffing is an issue. Mr. Robbins wants to partner with different entities to ensure some of these area needs are being met. He states that the hospital will help however they can with facilitating some type of training. He states the hospital would like some funding for programs at the hospital. Johnna Douglas with MMH was also in attendance and states where the county is struggling is with paramedics and the Paramedic Program. Ms. Stephenson asked Mr. Robbins if the hospital would be willing to participate in a summer camp with Shawnee and he replied that they would.

Kaley McGinnis presented a proposal regarding Broadband. She states they are looking at an Easement Enforcement officer with a salary between \$58,000 and \$74,000. She also suggested the county create a Massac County Broadband Grant Fund in the amount of \$500,000.

There was discussion regarding the EMR and EMT program at Shawnee Community College and the county creating a scholarship.

Tiffany George stated she will be back at the meeting on July 23 and the commissioners will need to make a decision about what the money will be spent on.

Chairman Brugger presented a paper from Superintendent Jason Hayes with Massac Unit 1 stating the High School has space available for new or expanded vocational training opportunities. He also would like to continue to offer it's expanded Pre-K program and partner with Massac Memorial Hospital to offer a paramedic scholarship for high school graduates.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to adjourn at the regular meeting on July 9, 2024.