

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved the minutes as written from the 9/16/2025 meeting.

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

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

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

Sheriff Kaylor attended the meeting with claims to be signed and a list of the week’s bills. He updated the commissioners on the insurance claim from the lightning strike.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He reports the river is at 15.9 ft.

Pam Barbee with Southern 14 attended the meeting to give their yearly report. She explained a bit about how their workforce program works and how it could be an option for the county to utilize the program.

On a motion by Brugger, 2nd by Burnham, the commissioners voted to re-appoint Jayson Farmer to the Southern 7 Health Department Board for a 3-year term.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to approve the revised 2025 Budget.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners appointed Dr. Staton to the Massac Memorial Hospital Board for a term through 5/1/2028.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners appointed Mary Smith to the Massac Memorial Hospital Board for a term through 5/1/2026.

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

Chairman Burnham opened the two bids received for the county demolition project. Quint Utilities bid \$29,800 to demolish the three county owned properties. Littleton Storm and Timber bid \$68,000 to demolish the properties.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners voted to accept the bid from Quint Utilities Excavating for \$29,800.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to enter closed session to discuss a personnel complaint at 10:16 AM.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 10:42 AM.

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

Community member Brian Jones attended the meeting to speak about the Safe T Act. He had some concerns about this act being followed in Metropolis, and stated he has seen recent improvement after meeting with the city police chief. He provided a copy of the law regarding the release of repeat offenders and gave some examples of cases where he believes the law was not followed and a more recent case where he believes it was. The commissioners suggested he speak directly with Sheriff Kaylor about his concerns. Mr. Jones states he is going to collect more data and follow up in the future.

Brookport resident Betty Taylor attended the meeting regarding letters she received from the State’s Attorney regarding the condition of her property. State’s Attorney Stratemeyer was in attendance and explained the ordinance to her. Mr. Farmer explained the process if the county had to hire someone to clean the property rather than her taking care of it.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to enter closed session at 11:05 to discuss pending litigation.

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

Mr. Farmer had to leave for work at 11:30 AM during closing session.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to exit closed session.

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

After executive session, Chairman Burnham made the following statement on behalf of the board:

“The lawsuit filed by Massac County and the City of Metropolis against Honeywell is scheduled to go to trial on December 8th in federal court in Benton Illinois. We think that the citizens have a right to know what is at stake in the litigation. There is too much cancer here. Your local government is seeking the following relief:

- Thorough testing for radiation at public properties within three miles of the Honeywell Plant. The City and the County own properties throughout the area. Gridding out those properties and testing them will show what areas of our community may be in need of remediation and identify areas that do not.
- Cancer screening and upgrades to the hospital so it can provide chemo infusion here in Massac without our citizens driving to Paducah, St. Louis or Nashville for their frequent treatments.
- State-of-the-art air sampling network operated by the City of Metropolis and Massac County independent of Honeywell or any state or federal agency through 2058.
- A full accounting of all of the radioactive synthetic calcium fluoride that Honeywell illegally stored, deposited and transported throughout Metropolis, Massac County, and southern Illinois.
- Engineering improvements to the plant to lower emissions.

To increase the probability of Honeywell securing indemnity in an amount that would protect the public health of Massac citizens, the Massac County Commission has authorized its litigation counsel to initiate contact with the appropriate government officials in the DOE.”

The commissioners adjourned at 11:38AM.