

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 18, 2026

Meeting convened at 8:40 A.M. with Commissioners Farmer, Burnham, and Brugger present.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners entered closed session at 8:35 A.M. to discuss a personnel matter concerning a grievance filed by an employee of the Massac County Sheriff's Department pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners exited closed session at 8:43 A.M.

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

The commissioners tabled the vote on the disposition of the grievance filed by an employee of the Massac County Sheriff's Department.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from 3/3/2026.

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.

The Treasurer's office sent a list of accounts totaling \$7,987,317.07.

James Mayer and Dean Payne with Mayer Networks attended the meeting with a contract renewal and to discuss the phone system.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to approve the Mayer Networks phone system contract for 3 years.

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

Mr. Mayer and Mr. Payne explained a few upgrades in regards to cybersecurity.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger the commissioners voted to move forward with the new contract with Mayer Networks, including upgrades.

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

Mike Lowery with the Joppa Sanitary Board attended the meeting to let the board know he is resigning from the Sanitary Board along with Charles (Mike) Shelton. The commissioners asked if he had any recommendations for replacements. Mr. Farmer said they would make some phone calls and they would try to get 2 or 3 new board members appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners entered closed session at 10:20AM to discuss pending litigation.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners exited closed session at 10:45AM.

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

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners approved the written decision and the dismissal of Gary Hamm.

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 declare the position of Supervisor of Assessments vacant.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners appointed Maureen Stafford as the Massac County Supervisor of Assessments until December 2028.

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

Attorney Rick Abell and State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer discussed current solar projects in the county. Mr. Brugger had some questions about the Decommissioning Bond required. The commissioners agreed to have the meeting on April 14, 2026 at 7:00PM for a public hearing on SB Energy Project in the large courtroom at the Massac County Courthouse. April 16, 2026 will be the backup date.

Mr. Abell and Mr. Stratemeyer also discussed amendments that will need to be made to the county's Solar Ordinance beginning June 1, 2026 due to new legislation.

Tunnel Hill Solar, LLC is a project in Johnson County with electrical transmission with overhead utility lines and a substation/switching station in Massac County.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved the zoning letter for electric lines for Tunnel Hill Solar, LLC.

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 approve the ROE21 Quarterly report for Quarter 2.

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 all GLP1 weight loss medication in shot and pill form.

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

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