

MINUTES  
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 14, 2026

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners and State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer entered closed session to discuss a personnel matter concerning a grievance filed by an employee of the Massac County Sheriff's Department pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(1).

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 9:00 A.M.

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

The commissioners tabled the vote on disposition until they get the correct paperwork.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners voted to enter closed session at 9:00 A.M. to discuss pending litigation.

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

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to exit closed session at 9:05 A.M.

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

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to approve the minutes as written from 3/31/2026.

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

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

Linda Wetzel with the Highway Dept attended the meeting with claims to be signed.

Deputy Harvey Baxter attended the meeting in place of Sheriff Kaylor. Dep. Baxter reports the jail count is at 25. He also reported they had an informal squad meeting last week.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting. He reports the river is at 16.9. He presented the commissioners with warning siren activation guidelines.

Jody Johnson with U of I Extension office attended the meeting with the agreement between Massac County and the Board of Trustees of the University of IL to be signed by Chairman Farmer. He also brought an IL Extension Impact Report to share with the commissioners. The agreement will be put on the next agenda for Chairman Farmer to sign.

The commissioners were presented with 3 quotes for dental and vision insurance. They decided to have the clerk send to quotes to all offices to get employee feedback before voting.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners appointed Jim Haney to the Board of Review to replace Maureen Stafford for a term ending May 31, 2030.

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

Attorney Rick Abell attended the meeting to discuss the Solar Project meeting tonight. While he was in attendance, Mr. Farmer returned a call to IDNR regarding their letter they initially sent approving the project, but they have received new information so they are re-opening the consultation process.

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