

MINUTES  
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 28, 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. Burnham, the commissioners and State's Attorney Josh Stratemeyer entered closed session at 8:45 A.M. 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 9:50 A.M.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Massac County and IL Federal Order of Police Labor Council.

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

The Treasurer's Office dropped off a list of accounts totaling \$5,332,697.83.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved the minutes from 4/14/2026.

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.

County Highway Engineer Brad Watson attended the meeting with claims to be signed. He also presented the board with a Contract Bond for a project on Mt. Sterling Rd. to be signed by Chairman Farmer and Clerk Miles. He also presented a Federal Funding Agreement for paving a portion of Grand Chain Rd.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners passed a Resolution by County Highway Department for paving Grand Chain Road.

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

Deputy Harvey Baxter attended the meeting and reports the jail count is at 23. He also reported the tower at Hohman Lake has been repaired. He also commended the dispatchers on how hard they work.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting and reports the river is at 15.2 expected to rise to 19.5. He gave an update on last night's weather.

ROE21 Superintendent Lorie LeQuatte attended the meeting to give a quarterly report.

The commissioners discussed the dental and vision insurance quotes.

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners approved the MetLife quote.

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

Hailey Miles will email all office holders regarding the change and possible lapse in coverage.

On a motion by Mr. Burnham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners approved the agreement with U of I Extension.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Farmer, the commissioners reappointed Maxine Russell to the Massac Memorial Hospital Board for a term ending May 1, 2027.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners reappointed Cheryl Vanderford to the Massac Memorial Hospital Board for a term ending May 1, 2027.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners reappointed Larry Sommer to the Massac Memorial Hospital Board for a term ending May 1, 2027.

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

The commissioners tabled the discussion/vote on contract services with Kristy Stephenson.

Chairman Farmer signed Trustee Resolution Quit Claim Deed for 09-14-200-048 and County Resolution for 08-01-133-002.

Lisa Bremer attended the meeting during public comment to express her opinions that the meetings should be recorded and posted for the public to see. Chairman Farmer stated she had a valid point. She also suggested working with the city and sharing certain employees, mainly HR. Ms. Bremer had some concerns with contractual services being outsourced and not utilizing current employees.

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