

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting-SB Energy
June 15, 2026

Meeting convened at 8:30 A.M. with Jimmy Burnham, Jeff Brugger, and Jayson Farmer present.

Attorney Rick Abell and State’s Attorney Josh Stratemeyer were present, along with several community members.

During Public Comment, Clint Smith read a statement he wrote as an adjoining landowner opposing the project. He states there are too many unanswered questions regarding weather and climate changes, drainage, property values, wildlife impact, among other concerns.

Chairman Farmer read a statement from the drainage district also opposing the project and concerns that their questions sent to SB Energy were unanswered.

Mr. Abell discussed a very recent case from Winnebago County and a decision that ruled that the county did have discretion based on the standards set by the county. Massac County has many of the same standards in our ordinance as Winnebago and Mr. Abell gave several examples. Based on this new case information, Mr. Abell stated he prepared ordinances to approve or deny the Special Use Permit depending on how the commissioners vote.

Mr. Stratemeyer discussed what could happen going forward, including litigation and that the Winnebago case could go to the IL Supreme Court due to conflicting appellate court decisions in IL.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners voted to adopt an Ordinance Denying a Special Use Permit for Siting a Commercial Solar Energy Facility.

Farmer	AYE
Brugger	AYE
Burnham	AYE

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners adjourned at 8:51 A.M.