

MINUTES
MASSAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2026

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

On a motion by Mr. Brugger, 2nd by Mr. Burnham, the commissioners approved the minutes as written from 9/1/2026.

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

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

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

Deputy Harvey Baxter was unable to attend.

EMA Director Brian Horn attended the meeting. He reports the river is at 16.1 ft. and expected to rise to 16.8 He reports the jail count is 23. He also presented his proposed 2027 to the commissioners.

Retired county highway employee Kevin Ferguson attended the meeting to discuss an insurance claim from 2024 that was not paid by Crescent Health. He has contacted Jeremy Billington for assistance with no result. Commissioner Farmer reached out to Mr. Billington to let him know this must be resolved; he will reach out by email today and copy Mr. Ferguson.

Metropolis Mayor Gregg Jeffords, Joppa Village President Scott Hines, and Brookport Mayor Rance Phillips were in attendance to discuss county animal control. Commissioner Burnham reported the population estimates of Metropolis, Brookport, and Joppa and briefed everyone on what he had discussed with current City of Metropolis Animal Control employee, John Roman about the number of calls received from each area. Commissioner Farmer discussed the current county budget for animal control and Mayor Jeffords discussed the city’s budget. Attorney Rick Abell attended and discussed how Johnson County handled animal control on a county level with cities contributing based on population and an intergovernmental agreement. He suggests updating the county ordinance if the county decides to go this route. All parties agreed to reconvene in one month after the legal teams meet and start to structure an agreement.

Treasurer Sarah Bremer attended the meeting and let the commissioners know that the county provided funding assistance to Massac County CASA in the amount of \$11,400 for 2026. The commissioners agreed to provide the same amount for 2027. She brought a list of the county’s accounts totaling \$6,257,464.49. Mrs. Bremer also gave her opinion on county healthcare and whether the county needs a broker. The commissioners will discuss at the next meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Farmer, 2nd by Mr. Brugger, the commissioners adjourned at 10:44 A.M.