

## IN RAY COUNTY COURT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Gary Wilhite, Western Commissioner  
Dave Powell, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The Commission opened the Tuesday meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Isaacson the prayer.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open comments: Devin Wilmoth and Marianne D'Amato with Ray Rocks discussed the Conditional Use question concerning the hours, 30' set back and special events that will be on the Planning & Zoning agenda for November 6, 2023. The Commission will contact Prosecuting Attorney, Camille Johnston and put on the Commissioners agenda for more discussion. A Ray County resident attended the Commissioners open session and took notes. Devin Wilmoth asked if he could take pictures in the Commissioner Office. The Commission said yes. Devin Wilmoth turned to the Ray County resident and took her picture.

Connie Walden with Great River Engineering updated the Commission on the City of Homestead waste water treatment and collection project. Great River will get estimates to the Commission by November 28, 2023.

Commissioner Gaines signed the July Off Road Diesel Refund.

Commissioner Gaines signed the Progress # 10 for CR235/Morton Road Bridge on Landing Road NO. 25700161 (32).

The Commission spoke with Doug O'Dell in regard to the Closson Road only abandoned for maintenance letter.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to donate County Clerk, Heather Maulsby's old records from 1917- 1980 to the Ray County Museum. The museum is not to destroy and they are to return back to the clerk's office when they no longer want them. Papers donated were: General Legal Opinion 1935, Newspaper- Reference to Jesse James's father, Comprehensive Plan Ray Co. 1980, Abstract of Bank Assessment 1917 and Sample War ballot 1946. These papers were approved by Becky Carlson, Local Records of the Records Field Archivist. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Missouri State Treasurer, Vivek Malek met with the Commission for a courtesy call and to discuss MO Back Program. State Representative, Terry Thompson opened the meeting. Attending: State Representative, Peggy McGaugh, Sophia Bales with the Richmond News, County Clerk, Heather Maulsby, Public Administrator, Shannon Morris, Payroll Clerk, Kathy Dugger, Assessor, Linda Coleman, Treasurer, Melissa Holloway and Stephanie Landwehr with Community Bank of Richmond, MO.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go out of session at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until Wednesday, November 01, 2023

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## IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Gary Wilhite, Western Commissioner  
Dave Powell, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open Comments: No one attended.

The Commission returned a phone call to a Ray County resident who had a question on the Tuesday, October 31, 2023 open comment discussion. The resident was questioning Ray Rock taking a picture of his wife and what the county's policy was on this.

Lindsey Chaffin with great River Engineering updated the Commission on the Meyers Road Bridge NO. 1370006.

Ben McCabe and Deloris Goetz with MODOT, Jayne Taylor, State Representative, Peggy McGaugh and State Representative, Terry Thompson met with the Commission with updates on the State Highway project and funding.

Many Ray County residents met in the Commissioner's Office to address the road conditions on A Highway. State Representative, Peggy McGaugh and State Representative, Terry Thompson was present to answer questions and discuss the steps to get this highway repaired.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go out session at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

IN RAY COUNTY COURT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Gary Wilhite, Western Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Wilhite made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The Commission opened the Tuesday meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Issacson the prayer.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open comments: A Ray County resident discussed water entering her home. She lived on Morningside Circle in Richmond, MO. The Commission suggested she talk to Tonya Willim, Richmond City Administrator.

The Commission signed the Planning & Zoning sole source justification letter for LATCF, Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Funds for mapping.

The Commission approved /signed (6) Plats from the November Planning & Zoning meeting and (4) Rezoning Ordinances from the October meeting for Administrator, Stacy Wolfe.

The Commission approved payables for Payable Clerk, Trina Hudson.

The Commission discussed county phones for the Office Holders and Road & Bridge Supervisors. The county will get bids after getting count on the total needed.

Commissioner Wilhite made a motion to go out of session at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Court Adjourned

Until Wednesday, November 08, 2023

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Gary Wilhite, Western Commissioner  
Dave Powell, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open Comments: No one attended.

Ray County residents discussed Ray Rock concerns regarding Conditional Use, rules and DNR report.

Shane Cashion with RX Outreach introduced his company to the Commission. RX Outreach is a low-cost on-line discount brand and generic medicine company out of St. Louis, MO.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to continue funding as prior years to House of Hope and Synergy. House of Hope will collect from marriage and divorce \$1,645.45 from November 2022 through October 2023. Synergy will receive \$2.00 a case collected by the Circuit Clerk from January 2024 through December 2024. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Prosecuting Attorney, Camille Johnston discussed miscellaneous expense put in her 2023 budget. She asked that it be moved to general revenue. Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjust line item 01-07-90000 to line 0124 with a new line expense line, additional payout over deductible, description should only have initials and name of law firm. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Commissioner Wilhite voted no.

The Commission signed checks.

The Commission approved Tax Abatements for Collector, Julie Chowning.

The Ray County Courthouse will be closed Friday November 10, 2023 In Observance of Veterans Day.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go out of session at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Wilhite seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Court Adjourned

## IN RAY COUNTY COURT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Dave Powell, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The commission opened the Tuesday meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Isaacson the prayer.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open comments: Two Ray County residents attend the Commissioner meeting and took notes.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the 2024 County Holidays. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The Commission approved payables for Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson.

The Commission approved minutes for October 31, 2023 and November 1, 7 and 8, 2023.

The Commission signed the Synergy Service and House of Hope request for funds letters.

The Commission issued Court Order 2023-11-01 to direct the Ray County Treasurer to disburse the funds by the Circuit Clerk of \$2.00 per case provided by Section 488.607 RSMo to Synergy Services effective January 2024 through December 2024.

The Commission issues Court Order 2023-11-2 to direct the Ray County Treasurer to disburse to House of Hope the funds collected from marriage and divorce fees pursuant to Section 445-215 RSMo funds collected from November 2022 through October 2023 totaling \$1,645.54 and will disburse in two payments, \$822.77 in January 2024 and \$822.77 in July 2024.

Commissioner Powell approved the Salary Commission minutes held Thursday, November, 9, 2023. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Attending: Commissioner Gaines, Commissioner Powell, County Clerk Maulsby, Public Administrator Morris, Sheriff Childers, Prosecuting Attorney Johnston, Recorder Kinnison, Collector Chowning, Assessor Coleman, Treasurer Holloway and Circuit Clerk, Woods.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the 7% Cola raise for all full-time employees starting January 1, 2024. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go out of session at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

**Court Adjourned**

**Until Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

## IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Present in Ray County Court today were: Billy Gaines, Presiding Commissioner  
Dave Powell, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go into session at 9:00 am. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Citizens open Comments: Many Ray County residents met with the Commission to voice their concerns on the Conditional Use on the 22 areas on the North West corner portion of Ray Rocks that was on the agenda for vote at 9:30 Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Topics discussed included the original business plan. There is no advertising for the horse back riding, walking trails etc. its all about advertising the ATV riding. One resident said in all the years that he has lived in Ray County he has never had problems with ATVs riding through his fields until now. They can hear the loud ATV noises at their property and it is interfering with the sleep and family time. Planning & Zoning Office Manager, Paula Patchett said complaints are being addressed. Commissioner Gaines said there is a Statue on noise ordinance. It was questioned if there is security to check for alcohol because Facebook showed alcohol being on the property. Commissioner Powell made a motion to push back the vote for 3 months until Planning & Zoning could give the Commission a report on the noise from different locations surrounding the park area. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The Commission signed checks.

The Commission, County Clerk, Maulsby and Payables Clerk, Hudson attended a virtual meeting with Katie Garner and Andria Kenslow with AT&T concerning the county phone service issues. The issues didn't get resoled so Ms. Garner and Ms. Kenslow will meet with the Commission, Clerk Maulsby and Payables Clerk Hudson on December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to work on the phone problems.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to go out of session at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

**Court Adjourned**

**Until Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

