

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

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

IN RAY COUNTY COURT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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

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.

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

Joe Hegman and Brian Jeffers with United Fiber introduced their company to the Commission and Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson.

The Commission approve payables for Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson.

The Commission approved minutes for November 14 & 15, 2023.

The Commission signed checks.

Road & Bridge Supervisors, Elvis Silkwood and Tim Syphert met with the Commission in regard to the status on the F550 truck bed bids and dump truck bids. They asked if the county insurance has settled on the claim for the tractor and mower that burnt on August 30, 2023 so the county can get a replacement. The Commission agreed to go ahead and go through Sourcewell for a bid.

The Commission was to open Homestead engineer bids at 11:00 a.m. but no bids were submitted.

Stacy Wolfe and Paula Patchett with Planning & Zoning discussed with the Commission Road Vacate and county surveyor.

Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway updated the Commission on the Monthly Uses and Sales Tax and the October Monthly Balance.

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 22, 2023

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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: A Ray County resident attend the Commission open session and took notes.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept a four-year lease agreement with the Ray County Fairboard dating December 1, 2023 through January 31, 2027. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Andria Davis with Global Life Family Heritage Insurance met with the Commission and Ray County Clerk, Heather Maulsby to introduce her company. She will meet with the county employees on February 3, 2024 to give quotes.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to reappoint Rebecca Adams to the Ray County Board of Services. This is a three-year term and will expire December 31, 2027. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to appoint Phil Powers to fill the expire term of Jean Schmidt on the Ray County Board of Service. This is a three-year term and will expire December 31, 2027. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The Commission signed checks.

The Courthouse will be closed November 23 & 24, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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 28, 2023

IN RAY COUNTY COURT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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: Ray County resident attended and took notes.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to issue Court Order 2023-11-03 to accept Senate Bill 190. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

The Commission approved payables for Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson.

The Commission attended a virtual Forvis meeting for updates on PWSD#1, Woodrail, City of Homestead and Road & Bridge equipment. Attending: Attorney, Travis Elliott, Kim Swain and Cecilla Farris with Forvis, County Clerk, Heather Maulsby and Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

The Commission signed the GIS Agreement for Lamp Ryhearsen for Assessor, Linda Coleman.

The Commission approved minutes for November 21 & 22, 2023.

The Commission approved Returning Tax Surplus Funds for Collector, Julie Chowning.

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 29, 2023

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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: A Ray County resident attended and took notes. Janet Aldrich with the Ray County Planning & Zoning Board met with the Commission with updates on the visit the board made to Ray Rocks concerning the loud noise complaints. They decided to allow Ray Rocks to hold special events.

John Hic with HIC Agency Insurance presented the Commission, County Clerk, Heather Maulsby and Payroll Clerk, Kathy Dugger with county employee health insures quote/prices/plans. Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept HIC Agency for the county insurance for 2024. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Ben Aldrich with Murphy Tractor submitted paperwork for the purchase of an excavator that the Road & Bridge has been renting since July 2023. The rent payment will go towards the price of the excavator. Paperwork for the purchase to replace the tractor 6130M and mower that burnt August 2023. It was a total loss and county is waiting for insurance reimbursement. This was bought through Sourcewell.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to purchase the excavator, model 2023 John Deer 210 P-Tier Excavator, for \$243,513.55 plus the last two weeks rent of \$4,200.00 totaling \$247,713.55 and to be paid out of the Road & Bridge funds. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Carried 2-0.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to purchase a Massey Ferguson 6S.145 and Diamond mower for \$189,501.00 to replace the John Deere Tractor 6130M and mower to be paid for through the insurance reimbursement and the remainder through the Noxious Weed funds totaling.

Misti McKenzie with the Ray County Library Board discussed needing two more members on the board. The Commission and County Clerk will try to find someone for these positions.

The Commission signed checks.

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