

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Ray Country Courthouse is closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in Observance of New Year's Day.

The Ray County Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Have a wonderful & safe New Years!

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

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IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Tracy led pledge.

Ray County resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Commissioners sign and approve minutes.

Commissioners approve payables from Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

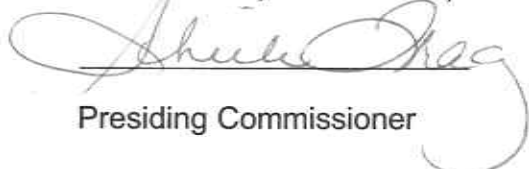
Commissioner Tracy sign Change Order No.1 contract on Bridge No. 25700161: BRO-R089 (32) for Howe Company, LLC.

Sherriff Blackwell discusses with commissioners his decision to shut down Henrietta Jail temporarily until an audit is done by a detention facility consultant for the safety and security of the employees and inmates there. Due to the horrible conditions at the jail, such as: sanitary plumbing issues that include water lines that freeze in the cold, electrical issues, and a lack of proper lighting and damages from escape attempts determined the jail not safe at the moment. Inmates will be sent to jails in Harrison and Lafayette counties, as well as the Daviess-Dekalb Regional Jail. Sheriff Blackwell will draw up contracts for the commissioners to review in the upcoming week.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Tracy led Pledge.

Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she is recording.

Commissioners sign and approve minutes.

Commissioners sign payables from Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson and Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioners approve Meraki Equipment Renewal for 3 years with PC Net.

Commissioners approve Surplus funds from tax sale for County Collector, Julie Chowning.

Commissioners had a Forvis meeting to discuss ongoing updates that include:

- Public Water Supply District #1 confirmed contract had been executed on 12/26/24, which also includes ARPA amendments.
- Reeca Underwood with Woodrail, will be providing a copy of contract between Earthworks and Woodrail.
- Commissioners are requesting an email explanation of invoices that are coming in for City of Homestead.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025



Presiding Commissioner



Associate Commissioner

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IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Commissioners approve monthly sales and used tax from County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Heather Pugh, Executive Director of Ideal Industries, and John Hartman, SB40 Director, updated the commissioners on an important issue that will affect their workshops and employees. It is proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor that there will be a phase out eliminating employment options and opportunities for employees with severe disabilities nationwide. Many will lose their certificates in 2026 because of this and it would greatly impact employees across the nation that very much enjoy working in the workshops that have created such a positive space and environment for them. Commissioner Davis made a motion to support Ideal Industries efforts in keeping the 14(c)-program going and will reach out to the DC Legislators as well as the Commission to write letters to Federal Senators in hopes that it reaches them. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025



Presiding Commissioner



Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.  
Commissioner Tracy led Pledge.

Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.  
Open comments:

- Chelsea Corkins, Extension Engagement Specialist with University of Missouri Extension, introduces Shelby Jenkins, their new Livestock Specialist, to the Commission. Shelby gave a brief background about herself and what her new position at MU Extension involves.

Commissioners sign and approve minutes.

Commissioners approve payables from Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson and Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Mark Huck with Burns & McDonnell, discuss the next steps that will need to be taken in order for construction of Christian Road Bridge (BRO-B089028) to begin soon. A bid for Christian Road Bridge will need to be approved through MoDot and then advertised in the newspaper for the public before it is opened up. It is anticipated that if everything is on the right track and with good weather in standing, that construction should begin in mid-April. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion for bids to be open on February 19, 2025 at 11:00a.m.

Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve Bryan Couch and Debby Gill, to fill in the vacant spots on the Ray County Board of Services. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Public Administrator, Shannon Morris, discusses her office vehicle needing repairs. The 2008 Ford Explorer that is used for transportation for attending work meetings has a fuel pump that needs to be replaced in the amount of \$1,168.76. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to move forward with the repair in the amount of \$1,168.76. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners discuss the process for addressing issues that are related to outside of a Commission session and what that motion would entail. The Commission will write out a motion and get in touch with Travis Elliott to review it before it is made at the next Commission meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Closed Session Per State Statue Personnel 610.021.3.

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into session. Commission Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.  
Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve the use of a vibratory screed to be used on the deck of the New Morton Bridge, Project No. BRO-B089 (32). Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.  
Pastor Issacson led Pledge and prayer.

Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners approve payables from Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson and Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.


Commissioner Tracy signs Diesel Fuel Usage Form for the month of November.

Commissioner Tracy signs Progress Invoice No. 16 for Bridge No. 25700161 on CR 235/Landing RD – Project No. BRO-B089 (32) from Howe Company, LCC.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve a 2019 Peterbilt 348 fuel truck being repaired for Road & Bridge in the amount of 15,731.82. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Sheriff Blackwell, Amy Sisson, Randy Miller, and Sheriff Will Akin along with several deputies from Clay County, give the Commission an inspection report on Henrietta Jail. As it is the goal to have a long-term plan to restore the jail completely, it was discussed the importance of starting a short-term plan to fix the most urgent conditions right away in order to have a safe and clean facility that is legal for employees and inmates there. Sheriff Blackwell, Amy Sisson, Randy Miller, and a deputy from Clay County will be present at the next Commission meeting on January 30, 2025 to review with Commissioners phase 1 of the plan for the jail that they are constructing in hopes to take the next positive steps forward. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned  
Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.  
Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the vote on approving the process for addressing issues related to outside of a Commission session until legal has reviewed it and got back in touch with the Commission. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Jon Dana, Chair member on the Ray County Soil and Water Conservation District, expresses appreciation to the Commissioners for the past support in helping to improve the natural resources of Ray County and kindly requests the opportunity to continue their partnership in working together to better serve the County. A positive thing for the County through working together is that it would help the roads in having less run-off water. That in return, creates less sediment and debris along the roads, ditches, and road tubes. This would also mean less water over the road, and with their conservation practices applied, less maintenance and expenses for the County. Additionally, the Soil and Water Conservation District helps Ray County Road and Bridge with culvert sizing and under roadways. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to support the Ray County Soil and Water Conservation District and its request. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

David Warm, Executive Director with Mid-America Regional Council, and Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services with Mid-America Regional Council, present an overview to the Commissioners that highlights all the wonderful work that comes together through Mid-America Regional Council or MARC for short. The Mid-America Regional Council is a non-profit organization for the Kansas City region that works to help support many of our residents with services and resources available. MARC works to provide a wide range of programs for the region that include: strengthening a healthy environment, enhancing public safety to create secure communities, emergency services, efficient transportation system, quality early learning for all young children, effective local government, stronger workforce system, advocating and providing services to help older adults and individuals with disabilities live a healthy and happy life, and many more amazing programs that aid in support of building a stronger region for the greater good of Kansas City and the residents that live here.

Commissioners approve monthly abatements and review collector's settlement from County Collector, Julie Chowning. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned  
Until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner



IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

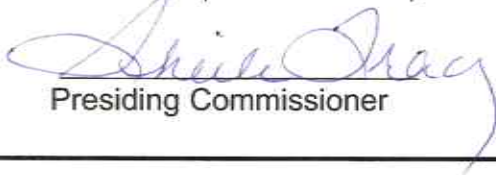
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**There will be no Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 due to the Commission having meetings.**

**The Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 30, 2025.**

**Thank you!**

Court Adjourned  
Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

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IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner  
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner  
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner  
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Pastor Issacson led Pledge and prayer.

Ray County Resident, Rhonda York, announced at the start of the Commission meeting she was recording.

Open Comments:

- Bill Quietmeier, President of Quietmeier Law Firm, speaks briefly with the Commission on a public road in the County named Clossen Road, that hasn't been maintained for some time now. He will be here on the next Commission meeting on February 19, 2025 to discuss Clossen Road more extensively with the Commission.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners approve payables from Payables Clerk, Trina Hudson and Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioner Tracy signs Diesel Fuel Usage Form for the month of December.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve a septic repair at Eagleton Center. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Sheriff Blackwell, Chief Deputy Randy Miller, and Will Atkin from Clay County, discuss and review phase 1 remodel scope plan with the Commissioners on the Ray County Jail. It was reviewed in depth to the Commission on what the most urgent conditions are to be fixed and outlined in the Phase 1 plan on the necessary steps to be taken to bring a safe and clean facility for employees and inmates there. As it is still a long-term goal down the line for the jail to be completely remodeled one day, the Phase 1 plan is identifying the conditions that are important to fix now in order to bring employees and inmates back to an improved facility that is in compliance with safety and security standards in a legal manner. The Sheriff's Department will be in touch with the Commission very soon on what should be bid in order to start the necessary steps forward for Henrietta Jail.

Judge Walden spoke with the Commissioners on the budget and approved 14 full-time deputies.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned  
Until WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner