

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.
Commissioner Tracy led Pledge.

Ray County Election Clerk, Lyndsey Church, led prayer in Pastor Issacson's absence.

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

Open comments:

- Jack Marrant with the Richmond Special Road District, met with Commissioners to clarify that while he is always willing to prepare and maintain roads that are receiving dust control treatment, Richmond Special Road District will not cover the cost of dust control for individual property owners.
- Ray County Resident Misti McKenzie, a member of the Ray County Library Board, had requested assistance from the Commission in appointing a new member to fill the current vacancy on the board. Board terms are four years, and meetings are held once a month. The Commission acknowledged the request and will discuss it.
- Ray County Resident Jimmy Carter, a member of the Law Enforcement Restitution Fund (LERF) Board, paid a visit to Commissioners to obtain general information regarding the Board's operations. He expressed uncertainty about the Board's meeting schedule. According to state statute, the LERF Board may convene when there is a request for funding. Jimmy had also inquired about the status of the Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ) Board, requesting clarification whether it is still active, as he believes it could provide valuable benefits to the County. He has also stated that Tonya Williams, Richmond City Administrator and a member of the EEZ Board, is willing to offer assistance in identifying potential board members. The Commissioners will look into the matter.
- Bryan Couch from the Eagleton Center, provided updates on the Center's activities and operations. He had also inquired about available grants and funding opportunities that could support the Center and its staff. Additionally, Bryan received an updated breakdown of the financial responsibilities shared between the County and the Eagleton Center.

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

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

Commissioners reviewed the monthly balance report for the month of August from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to accept the bid from Muelle, Oberkfell & Jones, LLC for 2024 financial audit on ARPA funds. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion on the Opioid Settlement Applicant until further notice.

Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

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

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

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Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner
Max Hockemeier, Eastern Commissioner
Heather Maulsby, County Clerk

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

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

Devin Lambeth, Reserve Captain of the Ray County Sheriff's Department, met with Commissioners to present three grant proposals for approval. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve the three grants as submitted by the Ray County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed settlements, approved abatements and approved a surplus bid from Ray County Collector, Julie Chowning.

Wayne Loftin, Project Manager with MTS Contracting, conducted a site tour of the Courthouse property with the Commissioners.

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

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

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

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into session. Commissioner Tracy 2nd the motion. Carried 2-0.

Commissioner Davis was not present for today's Commission meeting.

Election Clerk, Lyndsey Church, led prayer in Pastor Issacson's absence.

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

Open comments:

- Ray County Residents, Christine Case and Mary Ann Holt, had requested if the County would consider installing a stop or yield sign in the area of Bruns Road, Woods Road and W 92nd Street. Vehicles often fail to stop or yield before entering Bruns Road, which has become the primary road entrance with increased traffic. This has led to safety concerns, as drivers coming off Woods Road are not paying attention when merging onto Bruns. The Commissioners will look into these issues and consult with Tim from Road & Bridge.
- Ray County Resident, Dave Donaldson, paid a visit to Commissioners to introduce himself as the newly appointed director of the Ray County Senior Center.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tracy 2nd the motion. Carried 2-0.

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

Commissioners were presented the sale and used tax for the month of September from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioners signed 4 Plats, 3 Rezoning Ordinances, 4 Hardship Permits and a Ray Rocks review from Stacy Wolfe, Planning & Zoning.

Commissioners signed Progress Invoice No. 14 for Bridge No. 10900071 on Christian RD, Project No. BRO-B089 (28).

Commissioners had a Forvis meeting to discuss the following items:

- Work for the Public Water Supply District #1 project began this week. An update on the tentative completion date will be provided at the next meeting.
- There is no update on the Woodrail project, as the engineer has not received any new information. Robert Petrowsky with Ellis, Ellis, Hammons, & Johnson PC (EEHJ), will review the contract and advise on next steps if no progress is made on Woodrail.
- A total \$1,578.68 has been spent from \$100,000 in LATCF funds. Forvis re-confirmed that funds can be used according to the County's internal procurement process. The County also indicated plans to budget \$50,000 for Planning & Zoning.
- Forvis will share the 2024 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Compliance Report with the Commission.
- The next Forvis meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to confirm Doris Cox being appointed to the Ray County Library Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Tracy 2nd the motion. Carried 2-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of session. Commissioner Tracy 2nd the motion. Carried 2-0.

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

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

Open comments:

- Amanda Cringan, Youth Program Associate, and Shelby Jenkins, Livestock Specialist, both with MU Extension, provided the Commission with updates on the various programs and initiatives MU Extension has organized over the summer. These included the Ray County Coalition's Back-to-School Event, 4-H youth camp, the Ray County Library Program (which offered online sessions and workshops on safe food preservation techniques), and livestock shows at the Ray County Fair, among many others that has made a meaningful impact on the community.

Amy Sisson, Captain of the Ray County Sheriff's Department, met with Commissioners to address the status of a boat that was considered abandoned at the Sheriff's Department. The boat was donated years ago to the Sheriff's Department and has no title. The Commissioners intend to include the boat in the upcoming auction.

Other business:

- Commissioners had discussed pursuing the idea of installing cameras around the Courthouse for added security.

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

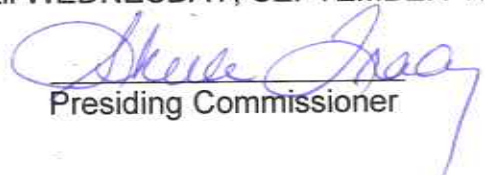
Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into Closed Session Per State Statue Personnel 610.021.3. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of Closed Session Per State Statue Personnel 610.021.3.

Commissioner 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner