

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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

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 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 Resident, Kurt Croix, expressed concerns about the condition of his road on W 141<sup>st</sup> Street in Rayville. He reported that water is not properly flowing into the culvert due to a ditch in front of his driveway and added that vehicles are shaking from the wash boarded road surface. Commissioners will get in touch with Road & Bridge to bring these concerns.

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

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

Commissioners signed Progress Invoice No. 15 for Christian Road Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-B089 (28).

Zachary Olivas, Project Manager, and Lindsey Chaffin, Vice President, both with Great River Engineering, met with Commissioners to present a formal report for Bridge No. 4020015, over the Henrietta overpass. The report included two proposed alternatives for replacement of the bridge and a third option consisting solely of removal. The proposed alternative with cost estimates are as follows:

1. Prestressed concrete girder bridge with a pedestrian sidewalk – estimated cost: \$9 million
2. Prestressed concrete girder bridge without a pedestrian sidewalk – estimated cost: \$8 million
3. Removal of the existing bridge without constructing replacement (demolition plan) – estimated cost: \$572,150.00.

Great River Engineering has expressed their willingness to work with the Commission on whichever option is determined to be in the County's best interest, and to assist in identifying the most cost-effective solution. The Commission will continue to explore all available avenues, including potential national grant opportunities, and will thoroughly review all information to determine the option that best aligns with the County's long-term goals and needs for bridges with Great River's support. Zachary also provided an update on the Myers Bridge project, which has been extended due to a delay in receiving the Railroad's reviews of the bridge layout. Final design work cannot proceed until that review is completed. MoDot has been aware of the delays and has approved.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to appoint Tammy Summers for the Ray County Hospital Board. Commissioner Hockemeier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 2-0. Commissioner Tracy recused herself from voting on the motion.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to pass a Proclamation recognizing the month of November as Family Caregivers Month as presented from AARP. Commissioner Davis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-0.

Other business:

- Commissioner Hockemeier provided an update regarding the smaller bridge on Buffalo Road, which was previously discussed from the Commission meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2025. He contacted MoDot about the process for obtaining a floodplain permit and was informed that someone would need to be designated as a FEMA floodplain agent. Commissioner Hockemeier volunteered for the role. Commissioner Davis made a motion to designate Commissioner Hockemeier as a FEMA floodplain administrator for the County. Commissioner Tracy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 2-0.
- Commissioner Tracy read a letter of appreciation from Clinton County that recognized the Ray County Clerk's office and Deputy Clerk Kathy Dugger for all of their help and guidance with payroll last week, ensuring that Clinton County employees were paid on time during a challenging period. Clinton County expressed their sincere gratitude for the support and help provided by Kathy and the Clerk's office.

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

Work session - Commissioners had a budget work session with Office Holders from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner

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

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

Kim Williams with the Kansas City Police Department (KCPD), along with Sheriff Blackwell and Major Tom Noon from the Ray County Sheriff's Department, met with Commissioners to discuss and introduce Rowdy, a 5-year-old K-9 who will be transferred from KCPD to Ray County Sheriff's Department as their newest therapy dog. Rowdy previously served with KCPD and was handled by Kim Williams, a member of KCPD's support team. She has been partnered with Rowdy for over five years and felt he would be an excellent addition for Ray County and Major Noon, who will take over as his handler. Although Rowdy was initially trained for drug detection, he lacked the drive to be a full-time narcotics dog. However, he still retains his ability to detect drugs and gets along really well with the Department's other K-9. His primary role will be providing emotional support, helping individuals during times of stress and anxiety, and fostering community engagement. He is especially good with children and is able to sense stress in individuals almost immediately. Rowdy will remain federally certified each year, and his veterinary care will be either free or come at a minimal cost to the department. With his loving, warm, and playful personality, excellent health, and years of experience, Rowdy can be expected to serve the department and community for many years to come.

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

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Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Associate Commissioner