

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

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.

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.

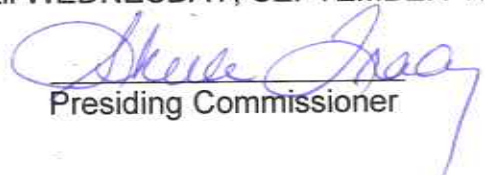
Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go into Closed Session Per State Statue Personnel 610.021.3. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

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

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

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

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:

- Ray County Resident, Kirk Bellis, inquired about an update regarding the potential replacement of the bridge at W 84th Street and Bruns Road, noting its importance to local farmers and residents that live there. An inspection report pertaining to the bridge was also shared with Kirk. Commissioner Hockemeier stated he would follow up with Tim from Road and Bridge regarding the issue and that Kirk would hear back with an update soon.
- Suzan Breen, Executive Director with Special Needs Services of Ray County, expressed interest in scheduling a presentation with the Commissioners to discuss adding a community garden in the County. The Commission will check on upcoming availability and will follow up with Suzan to confirm a date.

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.

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Development at Mid-America Regional Council, met with Commissioners to deliver a thorough presentation on the metro area's economy. Frank leads the Research Services department, which monitors the economic, demographic and social trends affecting the region, and is responsible for collecting, maintaining, and analyzing real-time economic data to identify areas of growth and potential vulnerabilities in metro regions. During his presentation, Frank outlined several factors influencing the Kansas City economy, using economic performance data to highlight significant shifts over time. One key point he expanded on was the region's vulnerability to potential federal layoffs, noting that the federal government has a larger presence in Kansas City than in most other metropolitan areas. The KC economy has a higher concentration of federal workers than most metro areas, noting where employment is 35% larger than average, ranking 8th among the 50 largest metros. However, a larger presence means layoffs will have a larger impact. Job losses in the federal sector can lead to declines in economic output, population, and labor force participation. Frank also noted that federal spending has an even greater impact than federal employment alone, with federal funds supporting both individuals and key sectors. This contributes to both regional and economic growth and plays a crucial role in disaster recovery and resilience. He concluded his presentation by expressing his belief that through regional collaboration and working together, Kansas City can become a place where opportunities grow for everyone who lives and works here.

The Commissioners opened and reviewed two bids for a Ford Explorer and two bids for a Ford Escape, submitted by Stacy Wolfe, Planning & Zoning. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to accept the highest bid for both vehicles: \$800 for the Ford Explorer and \$800 for the Ford Escape. 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 18, 2025



Presiding Commissioner



Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner
Bobby Don Davis, Western Commissioner

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

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

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

Open comments:

- Linda Coleman, Ray County Assessor, along with Janet Crowley from the Assessor's office, met with the Commissioners to express their desire for retaining the current health insurance plan. They had heard that bids for new health insurance would be opened soon and wanted to share that they are happy with the existing coverage. The Commission appreciated their input and assured them that employee health care coverage is a top priority for them. The Commissioners will take their feedback into consideration as they review options to ensure the best possible health plan for employees at the Courthouse.

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

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025



Presiding Commissioner



Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 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.

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 received two health insurance bids, one from HIC Agency and one from USI Insurance. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the health insurance bids until further discussion is had. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Regina Lindell, Fleet Manager at Enterprise, met with the Commissioners along with Sheriff Blackwell, Captain Amy Sission, and Major Tom Noon of the Ray County Sheriff's Department to discuss the potential addition of fleet vehicles for the department. Regina provided a detailed presentation outlining the cost breakdown of vehicles, with a particular focus on the Dodge Durango, the department's preferred option. She shared her interest in helping make the process smoother and finding effective ways to manage vehicle expenses as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible for the County. Along with presenting a 10-year fleet planning analysis, she highlighted potential long-term savings for the County if they choose to go through Enterprise. The company offers full financial transparency and helps with lowering costs for clients, improving efficiency, and ensuring safety and compliance throughout the entire vehicle lifecycle. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion on the fleet vehicles to allow more time to review the information. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Other business:

- Commissioners discussed that there was a current vacancy on the Ray County Hospital Board. Resumes are now being accepted to fill the position until Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Commissioners will be appointing a candidate on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

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

Work session - Commissioners conducted a final walk-through of Christian Road Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-089 (28), at the bridge site at 11 a.m.

Court Adjourned
Until THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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:

- Donnie Fowler with Fowler Bus Company in Richmond, expressed concerns regarding the condition of several roads – Rabbit Farm Road, W 108th Street, and Stewart Road. The rough road conditions have caused issues for their buses, including parts of the bus coming loose or falling off during transit. Commissioner Hockemeier will follow up with Tim from Road & Bridge to address these issues.

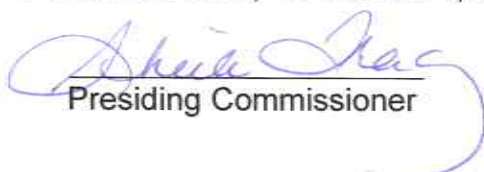
Charles Day, Mayor of Henrietta, and Margie Long, Financial Officer for the City of Henrietta, met with Commissioners to address concerns regarding the deteriorating condition of W 84th Street. The road is a safety concern for residents, with potholes reported to be as deep as six inches. The discussion on who is responsible for maintaining and fixing the road was also had, with parts potentially falling under Henrietta Special Road District, Richmond Special Road District, and the County. Jack Marant from Richmond Special had also attended to speak on the issues. It was noted that state maintenance ends at the highway off-ramp, and from there, the County is supposed to take over maintenance. Since different portions of the road are maintained by different departments, they have explored possible ways that everyone could work together on the repairs and look into fixing the damaged concrete. The first step that was discussed was obtaining cost estimates and collaborating among everyone to find the best solution for repairing the road. Commissioners will speak with Tim from Road & Bridge to identify possible repair options for the potholes. Additionally, there were also concerns regarding the Henrietta overpass, where large chunks of concrete have been falling off. Great River Engineering will be sharing their formal report on the Henrietta overpass at the upcoming Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

Kenneth O'Dell, Scott Fifer, along with other members from Hardin Special Road District met with Commissioners to express concerns regarding the smaller bridge on Buffalo Road. One of the main questions they needed clarification on was who was responsible for fixing or replacing the bridge - whether it falls under County Jurisdiction or Hardin Special Road District. While the County is not financially obligated to fund the repair, as the bridge does fall under the responsibility of Hardin Special, the Commissioners are willing to work together on repairing it. Their primary concern is that the bridge is in urgent need of repair, as it is a vital access point for farmers and could be critical in emergency situations. One proposed solution discussed among everyone was the possibility of installing a tube to replace the bridge and make sure it would be safe to travel on. A floodplain permit would need to be in place prior to starting any repairs. The Commissioners plan to contact MoDot to inquire about the process for obtaining a floodplain permit, to ensure that the project will stay in compliance with all regulations.

Commissioner Davis made a motion to sign Court Order 2025-09-01 for Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway to disperse Tax Sales Surplus for County Schools. Commissioner Hockemeier 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 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner