

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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.

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

Commissioners approved a payable to FM Electric from Capital Improvement that was presented from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

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

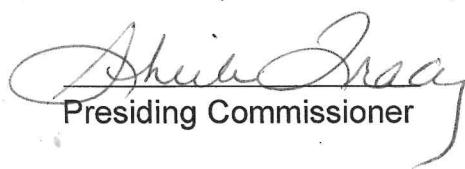
Justin Wrisinger and Rob Swafford, both with Wrisinger Online Auction, met with Commissioners to present a proposal for management of the County's Surplus Auction that will be happening soon. They provided documents outlining their auction process and how it could be tailored to meet the County's specific needs. Discussion was held regarding what items would be included in the auction, advertising and promotional plans, and the next steps to move the process forward. Wrisinger Online Auction will handle phone inquiries, auction previews, and advertising efforts. After reviewing the proposed contract by Wrisinger, Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve and sign the contract from Wrisinger Online Auction to manage the County's Surplus Auction. Commissioner Hockemeier 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Jeff Chronister and Bill Budnick, both with Ollis/Acres/Arney Insurance, met with Commissioners to discuss the upcoming mid-term renewal that they will be presenting soon. They inquired about any changes or updates from the County that should be reflected in the renewal. No new updates. Claims remain favorable for County facilities and properties, and the County will continue with Ollis/Acres/Arney for employee dental and vision coverage at the Courthouse. Both Jeff and Bill will be returning soon to present the renewal proposal to the Commissioners. Lindsey Chaffin, Vice President of Great River Engineering, met with Commissioners to provide updates on ongoing projects in the County. Lindsey also gave an update on the Myers Bridge project, where Great River is still waiting to hear from Union Pacific Railroad regarding the bridge layout approval before moving into its final design. Commissioners reviewed the Collector's settlement and approved abatements from Ray County Collector, Julie Chowning. Commissioners were also notified about the Senior Tax credit program for 2025 from Ray County Collector, Julie Chowning.

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

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025


Sheila Tracy
Presiding Commissioner


Max Hockemeier
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Present in Ray County Court today were: Sheila Tracy, Presiding Commissioner
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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.

John Hartman, Executive Director of the Ray County Board of Services, met with Commissioners to discuss board member renewals. He stated that a board member had recently resigned and presented a recommendation to fill the vacant position. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to appoint Stacy Nolker to a three-year term on the Ray County Board of Services and to approve Kenny Goetz and Allen Dale for additional three-year terms. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners signed 2 Subdivision Plats, 1 Subdivision Plat with partial Road Vacate on Iris Ave, 1 Conditional Use for Shooting Range Expansion, and 8 Rezoning Ordinances from Stacy Wolfe, Planning & Zoning.

Commissioners signed Progress Invoice. No 16 for Christian Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-B089 (28).

Commissioners signed Court Order 2025-11-1 for House of Hope and Court Order 2025-11-2 for Synergy Services directing the Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway, to disperse domestic violence funds.

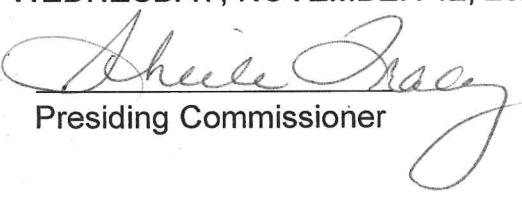
Commissioners signed letters to House of Hope and Synergy Services for the approved funds.

Commissioners discussed healthcare options for Courthouse employees. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to accept the health insurance proposal for Aethers that was submitted by John Hickman and to stay with Ollis/Akers/Arney for vision and dental. 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 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025


Sheila Tracy
Presiding Commissioner


Bobby Don Davis
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 Closed Session Per State Statue Legal 610.021.1. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of Closed Session Per State Statue Legal 610.021.1. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

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

A reporter with the Richmond News announced at the start of the Commission meeting that they were 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 approved a payable to the Historical Society and reviewed the monthly use and sales tax report from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion of the LERF Board until further notice. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

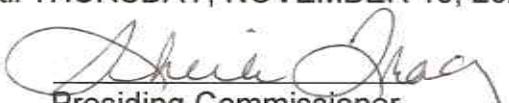
Commissioners had a Forvis meeting and received the following updates:

- Public Water Supply District #1 project is progressing as planned, with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2026.
- All-State Engineers requested clarification on the scope of work for the Woodrail project, expressing concerns about their responsibilities. Tammy Williams with Woodrail was provided a copy of the agreement between Ray County and Woodrail, along with the ARPA requirements and a list of items to be submitted to the County.
- Connie Walden with Great River Engineering, provided an update on the engineering change order and the City of Homestead project, which is continuing to move forward.
- The next Forvis meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2026.

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

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025



Sheila Tracy
Presiding Commissioner



Bobby Don Davis
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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.
Miranda Jamison, a reporter with the Richmond News, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Open Comments:

- Ray County resident, Cindy Hewitt, requested that an ordinance be established to regulate towing within the County. Concerns were raised regarding towing practices, specifically referencing Shoemaker Tow LLC, a company operating in Ray County. The commissioners will look into this matter.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to appoint Major Tom Noon of the Sheriff's Department as the Director of Ray County Emergency Management. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

The Commissioners will be requesting proposals for services from realtors for the potential sale of the Humane Society building located at 200 South College Street in Richmond.

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 Legal 610.021.1.
Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to go out of Closed Session Per State Statue Legal 610.021.1.
Carried 3-0.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025



Sheila Tracy
Presiding Commissioner



Max Hockemeier
Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.
Pastor Issacson led Pledge and prayer.

Sharon Donat, a reporter with the Richmond News, 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 approved a payable to FM Electric for Capital Improvement and a payable to Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. for ARPA, as presented by Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the approval of Contractor's Invoice No. 2 for the ARPA project from Public Water Supply District #1 pending further discussion. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners opened bids for HVAC, Auto & Plumbing. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion on bids until they can be reviewed with legal counsel. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

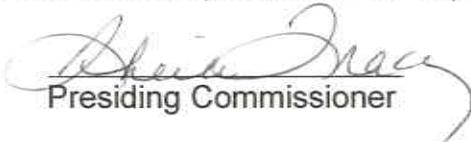
Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve the 2026 RCSSB budget for the Ray County Senior Services Board.

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

Commissioners discussed the County surplus auction, which will be conducted by Wrisinger Auction. The online sale will run for four weeks, and items will be available for viewing starting tomorrow. The auction will be advertised in the Richmond News as well for additional information.

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

Court Adjourned
Until THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Commissioners signed close-out documents for Christian Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-B089 (28).

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve and sign the amendment to the contract with Rapid Financial Solutions, LLC, for juror payment cards, presented by Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway and Ray County Circuit Clerk, Michelle Woods.

Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0. The contract was extended for an additional three years, locking in the price of \$0.73 per juror card load. Juror payment cards help the courts accurately track and issue payments to jurors.

Commissioners and Major Tom Noon of the Sheriff's Department, discussed the proposed battery plant facility in Orrick. Significant concerns have been raised by both the County and local residents. Many Orrick residents have expressed serious concern about the battery storage facility and its proposed location adjacent to the City of Orrick, noting that it would represent a major change and disruption to the community of Orrick. To address these concerns, Major Tom Noon, who also serves as the Director of Ray County Emergency Management, recommended sending a letter of objection to the Orrick City Council regarding the project and the proposed annexation. His intent is to allow time for further research and to give the residents additional opportunity to voice their opinions and obtain answers. The Commissioners had also encouraged all residents to share their views directly with the Orrick City Council, as the Council may ultimately make the final decision. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to send the objection letter as presented by Major Tom Noon. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Major Tom Noon of the Sheriff's Department discussed the purchase of two higher-mileage fleet vehicles to replace two older Ford Explorers at the Sheriff's Department. He also presented a proposal to purchase a V8 Durango from Enterprise for the Ray County Public Administrator's office as their vehicle is no longer working.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to purchase two higher-mileage Durangos from Enterprise for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to purchase a V8 Durango from Enterprise for the Ray County Public Administrator and to sell her current Ford Explorer. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to lease two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department to replace two existing leased vehicles from Enterprise. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

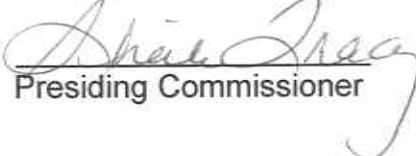
Other business:

- Commissioner Davis made an emergency motion to replace a prisoner inmate van for the Sheriff's Department due to severe safety issues, at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. 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.

Commissioners held a work session at 1 p.m.

Court Adjourned
Until WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner