

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

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.

Pastor Issacson led Pledge and prayer.

Miranda Jamison, 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 were presented with the 6-month settlement from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioners signed final Progress Invoice No. 17 for Christian Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-B089 (28).

Kenneth Kenyon with Emergency Management, met with the Commissioners to discuss Eagleton Center becoming an official Red Cross shelter now that the generator at the Center is now operational. Commissioners were presented with documents to review as the next step toward Red Cross certification.

Major Tom Noon with the Ray County Sheriff's Department and Director of Ray County Emergency Management, stated that he believes this would be beneficial for the County and that he will assist the Commissioners with any documentation needed for the next steps. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion regarding the Eagleton Center becoming an official Red Cross shelter for three weeks to allow for further review.

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

Ray County Resident, Chris Crowley, met with Commissioners to present and read a petition to vacate a portion of Vroom Road located in Ray County. Per State Statue, Chris publicly presented the petition on the first day of the term, which included twelve signatures from the neighboring property owners and landowners adjacent to Vroom Road. He will be returning in April to receive a decision from the Commissioners and will be posting the petition in three public places 20 days prior to meeting with Commissioners again.

John Hartman, Executive Director of the Ray County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled, met with Commissioners to discuss approval of a member to fill a vacancy on the board. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve Brogan Galaradia as the recommended member for a three-year term on the Ray County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Major Tom Noon with the Ray County Sheriff's Department, met with Commissioners to discuss the possibility of installing an ATM at the Sheriff's Department to streamline the process for public when depositing funds into inmate commissary accounts. Surrounding counties would also be able to use the ATM, as it would be a secure machine, and the company that owns the machine would handle all aspects of operation, including maintenance, repairs, and stocking. The Commissioners will discuss the matter further.

Commissioners opened snow removal bids. Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the bid from Tim Leach of Leach Trucking for snow removal services in the amount of \$950 for service per location and \$350 for ice removal. 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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

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.

Open comments:

- Ray County Resident, Kirk Bellis, inquired about updates on the bridge at 84th Street and Bruns Road. Commissioners stated that they have spoken with Road & Bridge, who reported that the wing walls on the bridge are deteriorating and recommended a full bridge replacement. Great River Engineering has also been assisting the County by providing additional information and options for the bridge.

- Stacey Steffens, Shelby Jenkins, Kaitlyn Rowen, and Debbie Green, all with MU Extension, met with Commissioners to present additional information regarding their budget. The Commissioners will review all provided information prior to making budget decisions.

Evan Allen, owner of Victory Technology Company, and Deputy David Francken of the Ray County Sheriff's Department met with the Commissioners to present a proposal for security cameras at the Ray County Courthouse, Ray County Museum, Eagleton Center, Ray County Public Administrator's Office, and the Ray County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Discussion included researching grants to help offset some of the costs, and Major Tom Noon expressed that he is comfortable working with Victory Technology. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the discussion on security cameras until the first week of February to allow time to gather additional information. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioners opened real estate proposals for the former Humane Society building located at 200 South College Street in Richmond. A proposal was received from Wrisinger Online Auctions. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the proposal for two weeks. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to accept Planning & Zoning's rezoning recommendation for B-2 zoning for Ray Rocks. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0. Commissioners signed 7 Plats, 1 Vacate, and 3 Zoning Ordinances from Stacy Wolfe, Planning & Zoning.

Commissioners briefly discussed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. They are currently gathering additional information and plan to discuss the program further with County superintendents.

Other business:

- Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve Great River Engineering's proposal for Option 1, a No-Rise Certificate for Buffalo Road Bridge. 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, JANUARY 14, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

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 Davis led Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Miranda Jamison, a recorder with the Richmond News, announced at the start of the Commission meeting that she was recording.

Commissioners signed Court Order 2026-1-1 for petition to vacate a part of Iris Avenue located at the NE corner of Lot 15, Valley Estates in Ray County.

Open comments:

- Many community residents in the County met with Commissioners to voice their support for continued funding of MU Extension and 4-H. Parents attended with their children, and several individuals shared personal experiences about their involvement in 4-H and how it helped shape who they were today. Speakers emphasized the importance of MU Extension and 4-H not only for the youth, but also for the County as a whole. Residents highlighted how their children involved in 4-H gain confidence and valuable life skills, expressing their desire to see the program continue to receive funding due to its significant impact on the community and how it has influenced countless lives. The Commissioners praised the County for standing together in support of a shared belief and thanked everyone who attended and spoke about the impact of MU Extension. They stated that all input would be carefully considered ahead of budget decisions and affirmed the importance of community involvement. The Commissioners reiterated their commitment to doing what is best for the County and the Community.

Commissioner Davis needed to leave the Commission meeting early.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Work session - Commissioners were presented with the budget from an Office Holder at 11:00 a.m.

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

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

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:

- Community residents attended the meeting again in support of Missouri Extension and 4-H. Commissioners thanked the community for their continued support and stated they have the information needed as they move into the budget process.

Commissioners were presented with the use and sales tax report for the month of January from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

The County Special Road Districts of Richmond, Camden, Orrick, Lawson, Hardin and Henrietta, presented their budgets and participated in general discussion on how Special Road Districts operate, including clarification on various processes and responsibilities. Updates were also provided by Planning & Zoning regarding driveway entrances, which are now required to go through a permitting process.

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

Work session - Office Holders met with Commissioners to present their budget from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Court Adjourned

Until WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

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 of Allegiance.

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

Miranda Jamison, a recorder 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.

Commissioners signed amendments to Senate Bill 190 Ordinance from Ray County Collector, Julie Chowning.

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

Commissioners had a Forvis meeting with the following updates:

- Public Water Supply District #1 – the project has been completed, and an invoice will be submitted to the County for review, approval, and payment.
- Woodrail – Documentation has been prepared and submitted to Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnston, P.C. for review. Once finalized, the documentation will be forwarded to the County so payment for Earthworks may be reviewed, approved, and issued.
- City of Homestead – Great River Engineering reported that the Homestead Village project is moving forward this month now that subconsultant contract has been finalized. They are awaiting revised electrical drawings and will then issue the updated bid package.
- The next Forvis meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Court Adjourned

Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

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.
Heather Pugh, Executive Director with Ideal Industries, and John Hartman, Executive Director of the Ray County Board of Services, met with Commissioners to provide updates on Ideal Industries and to discuss 2026 State legislative issues, including pending bills that could impact local taxing jurisdictions. There was consensus that both legislators and local taxing jurisdiction boards should address the potential impact it could have on the County.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve and sign Final Payment Voucher No. 2 for ARPA project from Public Water Supply District #2 in the amount of \$106,826.90. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to approve and sign the purchase of inmate van out of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) in the amount of \$11,550.00. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

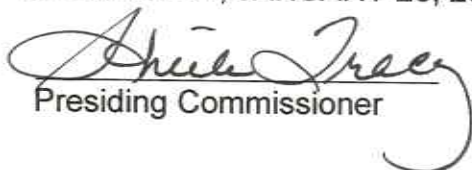
Other business:

- Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to purchase a vehicle from the Sheriff's Department for the Public Administrator in the amount of \$19,000.00. 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, JANUARY 28, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

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.

Miranda Jamison, 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 the following payables as presented by Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway:

- Homefeld Welding, Verdin Company and FM Electric for Capital Improvement
- Scott's Bargain Barn for Noxious Weed
- Forvis Mazars and Great River Engineering for ARPA

Commissioners were also presented with the monthly report for sales tax and used tax from Ray County Treasurer, Melissa Holloway.

Commissioners opened bids for HVAC, Plumbing and Auto Repair. Commissioner Hockemeier made a motion to table the bids for HVAC, Plumbing and Auto Repair until further review. Commissioner Davis 2nd the motion. Carried 3-0.

Tobias Steffensmeier, Field Representative with Senator Josh Hawley's office, met with Commissioners for an introduction and to gather information on any County needs that he could research and potentially help assist with. The Commissioners discussed several priorities for the County, including funding needs for transportation infrastructure such as highways, county roads, and bridges in need of repair, to determine any additional grants the County could be eligible for. They also discussed potential grants for Law Enforcement and Emergency Management, as floods and tornadoes pose a risk to the County. Additional topics included the hospital in Richmond, W 216th Bridge that was knocked down by the railroad in July of 2024, and the possibility of grants for the Richmond Cemetery that would be beneficial for the owner of the Richmond Cemetery who is working with the State on getting grants. Tobias will follow up on all the topics that were discussed with the Commissioners as these are all important needs for the County and will work to identify any resources or funding opportunities that may be available for the County.

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

Court Adjourned
Until THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner

IN RAY COUNTY COURT THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

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 Hockemeier made a motion to approve and sign Revised Progress Invoice No. 17 for Christian Road Bridge No. 10900071, Project No. BRO-B089 (28). The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot), revised the final invoice for Christian Road Bridge by removing a construction change order in the amount of \$84.00 to match the remaining federal funds for the project.

Ray County Resident, Kurt Croix, met with Commissioners to discuss and present a built-in navigation tool called "GitHub", a tool that can be used for Planning & Zoning. The tool is free, open source, and does not require operating costs or post security vulnerabilities. Kurt has been a software developer for 10 years and has stated that he uses the tool daily. It was discussed that the tool could integrate into the existing Planning & Zoning process to improve efficiency and allow them to comment on proposed changes and share those items to the board during meetings. He believes this would benefit both Planning & Zoning and the residents of the County, who would also be able to access it. The Commissioners requested if Kurt could provide all related information and the navigation tool demonstration that he presented so they can review it with legal counsel.

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 emergency 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 emergency Closed Session Per State Statue Legal 610.021.1.

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

Court Adjourned
Until WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026


Presiding Commissioner


Associate Commissioner