

THE RALLS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

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Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables.

The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge FY 2026 Budget, maintenance, discussed options & repairs on the other side of the low water crossing on Brush Creek, Centenary Road wing walls in front of trailer are needed, Wolf Drive, and Denny Lewellen, Road & Bridge operator will be working on the Monroe City side of Ralls County.

Glen Wiley, Road & Bridge Supervisor called Rachel Hess, Ralls County Citizen, about a complaint he received from her. Mrs. Hess voiced her concerns about New London Gravel Road needing attention. That her car needs an alignment that nothing has been done for 3 weeks. Mr. Wiley informed Mrs. Hess that the road graders are currently out there working on her road. Mrs. Hess said pushing gravel in the holes does nothing when the next vehicle goes over it.

The Ralls County Commission called Shane McClelland regarding a phone call Commissioner Muehring received from Todd Akright about moving his building. Mr. Clelland said he had received multiple complaints from two of his neighbors across the street and next to him. With the Convenances in place the building can't be in the front. The building was almost in the front yard. County had nothing to do with it. Shane said he told Mr. Akright he was with Planning & Zoning. Mr. Wiley said that is where the conflict comes in when Shane said he was with Planning & Zoning. By him saying that even if he didn't mean to. Mr. Muehring said that Mr. Akright wanted clarification.

John Wieczorek, Western District Commissioner attended the Center City Council meeting. City of Center voiced concerns about the handicap area outside of city hall holding water becoming a safety hazard. Asked if Road & Bridge Supervisor could look at and advise what to do. Commissioner Muehring said they need to reach out to MODOT.

Sheriff Allen & Chief Deputy Coates stopped by the Commission meeting.

The Ralls County Clerk presented the additional Sales & Use Tax Distribution Deposit Notice for July 2022 – December 2022.

I, Junior Muehring move to accept the bid from Hawk Creek Construction, LLC submitted August 21st, 2025, for the New Stone Columns on the sign in front courtyard for \$11,986.00. John Lake seconded the move. John Lake asked if there's any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

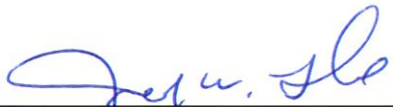
John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

Junior Muehring moved to dismiss at 12:00 pm, John Lake seconded the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

In NOTE: The Ralls County Commission will be attending a By-Pass meeting at MODOT, 1711 Highway 61 South, Hannibal, MO 63401, in the Salt River Room from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The Commission will meet again on January 8th, 2026, unless convened by court.



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Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables & Payroll.

The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance and New London Gravel Road.

I, John Lake move to at 9:30 am on January 8th, 2026, to go into Closed Session per RSMo 610.021.1, at the Ralls County Courthouse, 311 S. Main St., New London, MO, 63459, in the Commissioner's Office. Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek – Yes

At 09:50 am – I, Junior Muehring move to reconvene to Open Session. John Lake seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek – Yes

10:00 am – Sealed Fuel Bids for Road & Bridge were opened. I, John Lake, move to accept Warrenton Oil Company's bid for bulk fuel for the Ralls County Road & Bridge Department. John Wieczorek seconded the move. John Lake asked if there's any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

Sheriff Allen stopped by the Commission meeting.

The Ralls County Clerk will reach out to Anna Hudson with Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments to see if there are any grants for flag poles.

John Lake, Ralls County Presiding Commissioner signed form 5060 – Project Exemption Certificate for BRO – 087 (023) Sharp Excavating, LLC.

Lynn Hodges, RCEC stopped by the Commission meeting to discuss the possibility of an Ordinance for Utility companies to require proof of County permits before installing their utilities.

10:47 am Evan & Bobby with Scout Energy called into the Commission meeting with concerns regarding the upcoming Planning & Zoning Public Hearing – on the Fee Schedule and Chapter 29 Article 6 of the Ralls County Planning and Zoning Ordinance. They asked why the increase in fee and the background behind the proposed rate increase.

Josh Ketsenburg, Ralls County Citizen, stopped by the Commission meeting to speak with the Commission regarding the upcoming Planning & Zoning Public Hearing – on the Fee Schedule and Chapter 29 Article 6 of the Ralls County Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Asked about the fee increase. The Commission said Other Counties are receiving more per megawatt than Ralls County and proposed legislation is \$6,000 per megawatt.

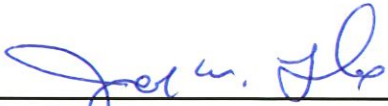
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John Wieczorek- Yes





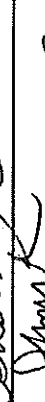
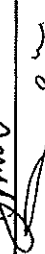
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Presiding Commissioner

BID OPENING FOR ROAD & BRIDGE FUEL

JANUARY 8TH, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Print Name	Signature	Position
Brandy Flynn		County Clerk
Kristal Hiner		Road and Bridge
John W. Wiley		R-B
John Wiczorek		West Dist Commissioner
John W. Wiley		Commissioner
Jared Murkins		Commission

Bid Notice

The Ralls County Commission will be accepting sealed bids for bulk fuel for the Ralls County Road and Bridge Department.

For information and a copy of the spec sheet call 573-985-2011, request via email at roadbridgesec@rallscountymo.gov, view at (www.rallscountymo.gov) or view on our Facebook page, Ralls County Missouri Road and Bridge.

Sealed bids are due by 9 am on January 8th, 2026, emailed bids will not be accepted; bids will be opened @ 10 am in the Ralls County Commissioners office located in the courthouse. Please submit your sealed bids to:

Ralls County Commission
1000 Ginny Belle Lane
New London, MO 63459

The Ralls County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SPECS

The Ralls County Road and Bridge Department is requesting bid proposals for 40,000 gallons of bulk diesel fuel and 4000 gallons unleaded gasoline grade 87 as follows:

1. The bidder must have a facility within 40 miles of Ralls County Road & Bridge Shop
2. Product and tank to be delivered: #2 ULS Dyed Diesel with additive (winter months); to these locations:
 - a. 1000 Ginny Belle Lane, New London, MO 63459
 - b. 10682 State Highway DD, Monroe City MO 63456
 - c. 53768 Kingbird Lane, Center MO 63436
 - d. 21058 Brush Creek Road, New London MO 63459
 - e. 15101 Seminole Lane, New London MO 63459
 - f. 42916 Highway D, Perry MO 63462
3. Product and tank to be delivered: **Grade 87 Unleaded Gasoline**; to this location:
 - a. 1000 Ginny Belle Lane, New London, MO 63459
4. Please submit the bid in this format:
 - a. Set contract fuel price with any and all fees and taxes in this price in the following format for **Diesel**:

i. Fuel Price:	<u>2.24693</u>
ii. Add any taxes/fees	<u>0.012326</u>
iii. TOTAL:	<u>2.259256</u>
 - b. Lowest rate rack price for the day, based off January 6th, 2026, rate to include any and all fees and taxes. Please submit in the following format for **Unleaded**:

i. Rack Price for the Day:	<u>1.5409</u>
ii. Amount above Rack Price:	<u>0.15</u>
iii. Add any fees/taxes:	<u>0.304757</u>
iv. TOTAL:	<u>1.995657</u>
5. Contract date from February 1st, 2026 – January 31st, 2027.

Thanks!
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Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed accounts payable & capital improvement invoices.

The Ralls County Commission signed the Federal Surplus Application and Hutchison Engineering Reimbursement Request for BRO – 087 (023).

The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.

10:00 am – Planning & Zoning Public Hearing – Fee Schedule and Chapter 29 Article 6 of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance. In attendance; the Ralls Commissioners, County Clerk, Shane McClelland, Ralls County Planning & Zoning Administrator, Brian Hodges, Ralls County Citizen, Kristal Hiner, P&Z and RB secretary, Glen Wiley, P&Z and R/B, Brian Allen, Ralls County Sheriff, Kevin Coates, Ralls County Chief Deputy, and Tom Souders with Ameren (Renewable Dev). Oliver Chag, Ranger Power Development Manager, called into the meeting and was placed on speaker.

Talking Points from meeting

Commission - \$6,000.00 new figure across the board – want same as others – tax to stay local and not go across the state – taking care of our citizens – asked Evan if they carry insurance – Henry County \$3,000.00 a megawatt – Asked Mr. Chag about kick back in Henry County – Commissioner Wieczorek said citizens – everyone done with Solar, Grain Belt, By-Pass tired of tax. – Commissioner Lake asked about tax credit and what it is. – Chapter 100 helps keep tax local & transfers when sold to AMEREN.

Evan Mallett – Scout Clean Energy – fairly large increase over other Counties – concerns with the economics of the project – discussed incentives – not using batteries, they generate too much power, data centers & generators set online price and peak demand times – insurance is carried – Panels out of US production are thick 2 sheets of glass – metals do go anywhere if damaged – batteries have lithium and different regulations – Tax credit depends on the low cost power to put in. Landowners benefit because we pay more for land and we get Tax Credits from Bank. – Tax Credits are a one-time thing.

Oliver Chag – Ranger Power Development Manager – called into the meeting on speaker phone – Asked if Commission seen other Counties doing this? – In Henry County folks don't agree what others do with their property.

Brian Hodges – Ralls County Citizen – Asked how far away from batteries? Then selling the stored backed up power from batteries. – How many locked in?

Shane McClelland, Ralls County Planning & Zoning Administrator - Asked if there is a tax credit for landowners? – Have you thought about paying homeowners with tax credits?

I, John Lake, move to adopt the amended Chapter 29 Article 6 and Fee Schedule of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance effectively immediately. John Wieczorek seconded the move. John Lake asked if there's any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

County Clerk asked Tom Souders, with Ameren (Renewable Dev) representative why the lines of miles didn't increase after they purchased the Huck Finn Solar project? He said he didn't know. Mr. Clelland said, "Could have depreciated and they are not taxed on lines underground." Clerk said, "depreciated \$294 million?"

The Ralls County Commission reached out to Allen Paren.

Commissioner Wieczorek asked "Is solar farm in Vandalia part of Ameren? – Mr. Souders said "Yes."

Meeting with Evan Mallet with Scout Energy – MOU – no edits before this meeting – looking at it regarding roads & adjust to megawatts- continue to be

a collaborative approach - getting to their attorney – Per Commission remove Labor from 75% American made because all labor should be American. – Kristal Hiner, Planning & Zoning Secretary asked, “Is Chapter 100 not always listed?” Mr. Mallett replied, “Clarification that is Chapter 100.” – Transmission lines about set up – not on county easement but mirrored Ameren – set back 80ft – need to be 120ft set back. Shane said he misunderstood thought was going over roads – Mr. Mallet has to be over road – RCEC will not allow to mirror or crossing currently. – Substation in Marion County – Spring 2027 Construction – Solar setbacks different from transmission – Transmission Ordinance separate from Solar.

John Lake moved to dismiss at 12:00 pm, Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wiczorek- Yes

The Commission will meet again on January 14th, 2026, unless convened by court.



John Lake
Presiding Commissioner

PLANNING AND ZONING

PZ Hearing - Chapter 29 Article 6

10 AM

January 12th, 2026

Ralls County Courthouse

NAME (PRINT)	PHONE	POSITION (APPLICANT, MEMBER OR RESIDENT)	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK? YES OR NO
Brandy Flynn	573-985-7111	County Clerk	No
Shane McElroy	573-882-4608	PZ	?
Brian Hodges	573-473-4384	Citizen	?
Gen Wiley	573-466-9611	PZ R/B	?
John Wiczorek	573-719-6850	West. Commissioner	?
John W. Btk	248-8791	Pres. of Commission	Yes
Evan Mallett	832-372-8367	Applicant Scout	Yes
Brian Allen	573-541-5709	Sheriff	No
Kevin Coates	573-985-5611	Chief Deputy	No
Junior Muehling	573-822-2263	Com.	Yes
Kristal Hiner	573-985-2011	PZ/RB Admin	?
Tom Sanders	314-623-9217	Ameren (Renewable Dev)	No
Oliver Chang		On speakerphone	

January 14th, 2026

Business Cards

275 acres

14 MW → New Parcel

Mon - Send updated to Mark Grimm
New Parcel

Feb 12th 2026 - Start (Feb/March) = Start
Completed Goal - Testing BI Thanksgiving
60 ac on the grid

✓ Serah - emailing all in attendance

✓ email ^{Grant} Evan - Chapter 29 Art 6 -
new ord.

- Chapter 100

- Decommissioning Plan - not submitted

- Reviewed Civil Plan

- Signage on road for deliveries

- will cross Blue Jay / Butler

Serah - Bore (min of 4 ft, they
Daniel Edelstein will be deeper

~~Evan~~ Grant Matthews

Dan / Project Managers
Brett /

In attendance

Comm.

Glen

Kristal

Senah Okechukwu - Birch Creek

Brett Beranek - Birch Creek

Daniel Edelstein - Birch Creek

Dan Tennyson - Elight Electric

Grant Matthews - Birch Creek

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Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables.

The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance.

John Hawkins stopped by to ask questions regarding Planning & Zoning and if he needed a permit to rebuild after his house burned down. Per Glen Wiley, Road & Bridge Supervisor & Planning & Zoning Enforcer – Yes.

The Ralls County Commission received the December 2025 additions and abatements from Collector Tara Comer and the yearly totals.

The Ralls County Clerk and Commissioners discussed Courthouse maintenance.

Andy Skoog, Community & Government Relations Manager with River Stone Group, Inc. stopped by the Commission meeting.

The Ralls County Commission & Clerk reviewed the 2026 Budget Prep.

John Lake moved to dismiss at 12:00 pm, John Wiczorek seconded the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes

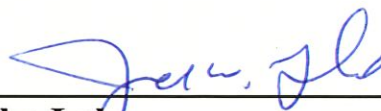
Junior Muehring – Yes

John Wiczorek- Yes

January Term

January 15th, 2026

The Commission will meet again on January 19th, 2026, unless convened by court.



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The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables & Harold Butzer Proposal for a New WSHP Units in Treasurer (116512) & DMV (11.26-001) offices and \$800.00 additional warranties on both units.

Tamitha Ague, CEO/Owner Double Hearts Ranch spoke to the Commission about Missouri Farm Care Scholarship for Youth and if there is possibility of becoming an Agri-Ready County. Benefits – Discussed some of the benefits of Agri-Ready County. Commissioner Lake due to the Corp. of Engineer grounds & Mark Twain Lake and restrictions for Hog contaminants. Ag Ready means no restrictions.

The Ralls County Clerk read December 8th, 2025, minutes. Junior Muehring moved to approve minutes as read. John Wieczorek second the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

The Ralls County Clerk read December 11th, 2025, minutes. John Lake moved to approve minutes as read. John Wieczorek second the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

The Ralls County Clerk and Commission reviewed the proposed FY 2026 Budget.

John Lake moved to approve the FY 2026 Ralls County Budget. Junior Muehring second the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

I, John Lake move to at 10:15 am on January 19th, 2026, to go into Closed Session per RSMo 610.021.1, at the Ralls County Courthouse, 311 S. Main St., New London, MO, 63459, in the Commissioner’s Office. Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

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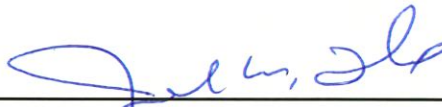
At 10:35 am – I, Junior Muehring move to reconvene to Open Session. John Lake seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek – Yes

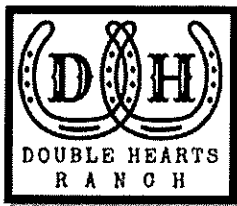
Junior Muehring moved to dismiss at 11:00 am, John Wieczorek seconded the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. move passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

The Commission will meet again on January 22nd, 2026, unless convened by court.



John Lake
Presiding Commissioner



Media Contact: Tamitha Ague, CEO/Owner

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B: 573.735.7258

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Dear Ralls County Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request that Ralls County consider becoming an Agri-Ready County through the Missouri Farmers Care program.

As a landowner in Ralls County and an active participant in Missouri's agricultural and Agri-tourism community, I recently became aware that our county is not currently participating in the Agri-Ready County initiative. This came to my attention while attending a Missouri Horse Council event, where the importance of local government engagement in agriculture-focused economic development was strongly emphasized.

Ralls County has a deep agricultural foundation that includes row-crop farming, livestock operations, equine activities, and a growing Agri-tourism presence. Programs like Agri-Ready Counties help demonstrate a county's commitment to protecting, promoting, and sustaining agriculture while also supporting economic growth, land stewardship, and rural vitality.

As a member of the Missouri Grown program and Missouri Agri-Tourism, I see firsthand how counties that visibly support agriculture are better positioned to attract investment, retain working lands, and encourage responsible growth that aligns with local values. Becoming an Agri-Ready County would send a strong message that Ralls County recognizes agriculture as a cornerstone of our economic and community identity.

Capitalizing on this opportunity allows Ralls County to demonstrate its commitment to farmers, landowners, and agri-businesses while strengthening agriculture for future generations. Thank you for your continued service to our county and for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamitha R. Ague
Owner-Double Hearts Ranch
Ralls County Landowner
Missouri Grown Member
Missouri Agri-Tourism Participant

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About Double Hearts Ranch

Double Hearts Ranch, located near Mark Twain Lake in Monroe City, Missouri, is a family-owned agritourism and equine-assisted learning destination. The ranch offers unique experiences that combine faith, agriculture, and wellness—including equine-assisted leadership development, experiential retreats, horsemanship programs, camping opportunities, and community events. Programs include *Reins of Hope* (grief and loss healing), *Hoofprints of Hope* (trauma support), *Taking the Reins* (leadership and team-building), and seasonal favorites such as *Legend of the Donkey Easter Egg Hunt*, *Boots & Brushes*, *Cowgirls & Cocoa* and *A Christmas Donkey: A Journey to Bethlehem*. With a mission to nurture body, mind, and soul, Double Hearts Ranch is dedicated to creating meaningful connections between people, equine, and the land while supporting the growth of Missouri agriculture and tourism.



Agri-Ready County Designation connects counties with Missouri Farmers Care to encourage and protect agriculture and secure it as a thriving component in our state's economic future.



Missouri Farmers Care

Missouri Agriculture's Economic Impact

\$93.7 Billion
Economic Impact

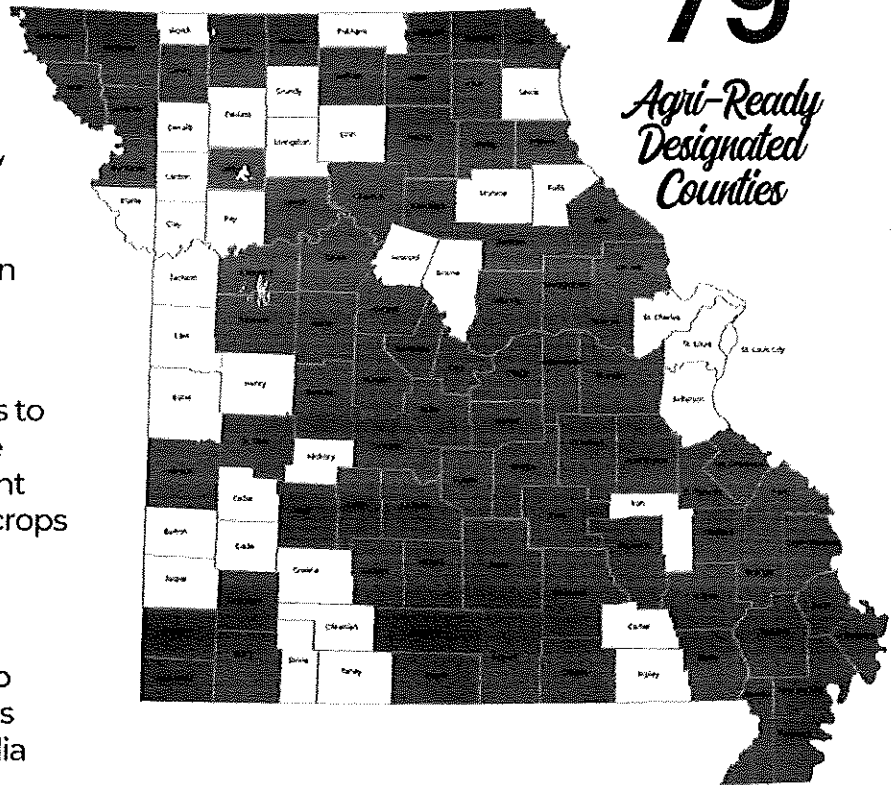
27 million
acres of farmland

87,887
farms

460,000
employees

BENEFITS OF BECOMING AGRI-READY

- Missouri agriculture partners with county leaders to advance local agricultural enterprise, promote the county as a conducive location for business expansion and enhance workforce readiness for agricultural careers.
- MFC will recruit local FFA student leaders to implement Agriculture Education on the Move™ in third grade classrooms. Student leaders will present agricultural careers, crops and livestock production with hands-on activities.
- MFC will equip counties with resources to support agricultural growth opportunities including promotional videos, social media posts, and additional resources



The Agri-Ready program is a voluntary program, which recognizes counties actively supporting the health and vitality of agriculture in their county.

Every county has something to gain from pursuing the Agri-Ready County Designation. Securing agriculture as a vital part of a county's economy is a sound business decision.

Pursuing the Agri-Ready County Designation is a great way to partner with Missouri Farmers Care to recognize the important economic underpinning of our agriculture industry and pave the way for a bright future for Missouri agriculture.



CONTACT

Ashley McCarty

ashley@mofarmerscare.com

(660) 341-8955

Partnering With Counties Since
2015

How does a county become Agri-Ready?

County commissioners must come together to apply for designation as an Agri-Ready Designated County.

Application materials are available at www.mofarmerscare.com/agri-ready.

Any county is eligible to apply. Missouri

Farmers Care will review county ordinances and other activities to determine a county's willingness and intent to support agriculture and grant Agri-Ready status accordingly. Once a

county is approved, they will begin working with Missouri Farmers Care to position and promote their Agri-Ready Designated County.

The Agri-Ready County Designation protects agriculture's \$93.7 billion economic contribution and 460,00 Missouri jobs created by agriculture. The program supports Missouri farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses which provide fresh, quality food and feedstuffs for our state. Securing agriculture as a vital part of a county's economy is a sound business decision. Every county has something to gain from pursuing Agri-Ready County Designation.

Learn More About Missouri's Agri-Ready Counties at www.mofarmerscare.com/agri-ready.



Missouri
Farmers Care

POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



and 30 other partners committed to promoting the growth of Missouri agriculture



Missouri Farmers Care

Agri-Ready Designation Program Specifications

Missouri Farmers Care (MFC) is a joint effort by Missouri's farming and agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend. MFC launched the Agri-Ready County designation program in 2015. Agri-Ready County designation, a voluntary program of MFC, recognizes counties that actively support Missouri agriculture through establishing an environment and county policies conducive to agricultural business success.

A county commission must apply to be designated as an Agri-Ready County. MFC reviews county ordinances and other activities to determine a county's willingness and intent to support agriculture and grants Agri-Ready status accordingly. MFC and our members partner with designated counties to promote growth and development of farming, ranching, agribusiness and agricultural processing in the county. There is no cost to counties to become an Agri-Ready designated county.

To receive the Agri-Ready designation, a county must:

1. County commission attests to willingness to promote agricultural stewardship, growth and opportunity;
2. Not have any health or zoning ordinances that discourage, limit or restrict agricultural operations;
3. Defer to the Missouri Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources for all environmental permitting of agricultural operations;
4. Not impose additional agricultural bonding, permit fees, or insurance requirements;
5. Not apply definitions to agricultural operation more stringent than state laws or regulations;
6. Allow land application of nutrients at agronomic rates based on data from the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; and
7. Allow the use of biotechnology crops and crop protection products in accordance with their federally labeled use.
8. Not have any regulations or ordinances that discourage, limit or restrict agricultural processing facilities.

Agri-Ready counties will renew their status annually. MFC will provide counties with a county personalized Agri-Ready logo to use in promotional and informational materials and, at the request of the county, four outdoor signs. MFC will publish and maintain a list of Agri-Ready counties. MFC members will use their extensive networks and available resources to promote, encourage and equip business entities to locate and do business in Agri-Ready designated counties.

For questions, contact Ashley McCarty, Executive Director of Missouri Farmers Care at (660) 341-8955 or via email at ashley@mofarmerscare.com. More information about Missouri Farmers Care and the Agri-Ready program is available at www.mofarmerscare.com.



Missouri Farmers Care

Agri-Ready Designation Program Application

The Agri-Ready County Designation, a voluntary program of Missouri Farmers Care (MFC), recognizes counties that actively support Missouri agricultural enterprise. County commissions must apply to be designated as an Agri-Ready County. MFC will work with counties to finalize approval and encourage growth of agriculture in the county.

County: _____

Address: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

The _____ County Commission seeks the Missouri Farmers Care Agri-Ready Designation and hereby attests that our county meets all of the Agri-Ready program requirements. As Commissioners, we certify that our county will abide by those criteria and will immediately notify Missouri Farmers Care as to any changes that would place our county in non-compliance with the program. The Agri-Ready Designation is a year-long assignment which will be reauthorized annually.

By signing below, we affirm our commitment to the program and officially request that _____ County be considered for the admittance to the Missouri Farmers Care Agri-Ready Designation. Signatures of all county commissioners are required:

_____	_____	_____
Print	Sign	Date
_____	_____	_____
Print	Sign	Date
_____	_____	_____
Print	Sign	Date

Acknowledged by MFC Representative

_____	_____	_____
Print	Sign	Date

Contact: Ashley McCarty, Executive Director, Missouri Farmers Care
19171 State Hwy 11, Kirksville, Mo 63501
Phone: (660) 341-8955, Email: ashley@mofarmerscare.com, Web: www.mofarmerscare.com



Missouri
Farmers Care

2025 ANNUAL REPORT





Our Vision

All Missourians will understand the truth about modern agriculture, food production and farm life and their connection to Missouri's food security, economy and social well-being.

Our Mission

Promote the continued growth of Missouri agriculture and rural communities through coordinated communication, education and advocacy.

Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's farming and agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our communities depend.

Programs



BETTER TOGETHER, AGRICULTURE IN ACTION

Missouri agriculture has always been about more than production. It's about people who step up, see a need, and take responsibility for their communities. This year, Missouri Farmers Care once again witnessed that spirit in action across our state.

From classrooms and county fairs to food pantries and farm gates, Missouri farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and educators came together with a shared purpose: to care for one another and invest in the future of agriculture. Because of your commitment, students explored careers in agriculture, families gained access to nutritious food, and communities were strengthened through local leadership and service.

At the heart of our work is the belief that agriculture is strongest when it is connected. Our programs are built to bridge gaps—between the farm and the classroom, between surplus and need, and between today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities. Whether through youth education, hunger relief, or stewardship recognition, Missouri Farmers Care exists to support those who are doing the work and doing it well.

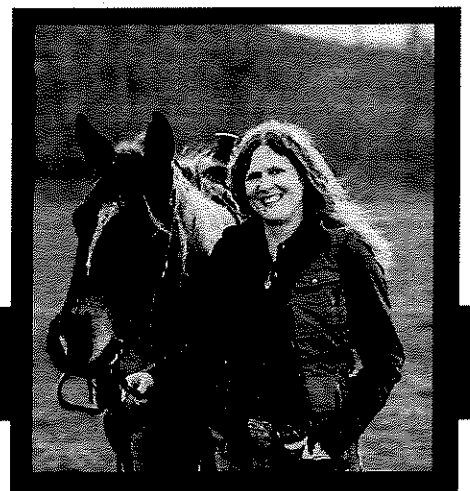
This year's impact belongs to you. It belongs to the farmers who opened their operations for learning, the volunteers who gave their time, the donors who invested resources, and the partners who shared our vision. Every project funded and every student reached is a reflection of the trust you place in our mission.

As we look ahead, the need for strong agricultural leadership has never been greater. Missouri Farmers Care Foundation remains committed to advancing programs that are practical, collaborative, and rooted in the values that define Missouri agriculture: integrity, responsibility, and care for the next generation.

Thank you for standing with us and for believing in the power of agriculture to serve, to educate, and to lead. Together, we are ensuring that Missouri agriculture continues to thrive, not just for today, but for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Ashley McCarty
Executive Director
Missouri Farmers Care



Your MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD



MISSOURI
SOYBEANS



Missouri
Corn
Merchandising Council



FCS FINANCIAL



MFA
INCORPORATED



The POULTRY
FEDERATION



MEMBERS

- AGRIServices of Brunswick, LLC
- Bayer
- Biofuels, LLC
- Brundage Ag Law, LLC
- CFM Insurance
- Dairy Farmers of America
- Infra
- Law Firm of Haden & Colbert
- Midwest Dairy
- Missouri Agribusiness Association
- Missouri Animal Husbandry Association
- Missouri Association of Meat Processors
- Missouri Dairy
- Missouri Egg Council
- Missouri Farmer Today
- Missouri Federation of Animal Owners
- Missouri Horse Council
- Missouri Levee & Drainage District Association
- Missouri Livestock Marketing Association
- Missouri Pet Breeders Association
- Missouri Rice Council
- Missouri Sheep Producers
- Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
- Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
- Missouri Wine and Grape Board
- Missouri's Electric Cooperatives
- Nutra-Blend, LLC
- Prairieland FS, Inc.
- Professional Pet Association
- St. Louis Agribusiness Club
- Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners John Deere



Agriculture™ E D U C A T I O N *on the move.*

A Program of Missouri Farmers Care

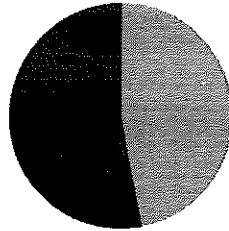
Agriculture Education on the Move is a 10-week hands-on education program delivered by trained, diverse, and passionate educators. The program identifies key classroom objectives and meets standards primarily in the areas of science, math, reading, and writing.

IN 2025, AG MOVES REACHED **13,682 STUDENTS**

- 219 SCHOOLS
- 86 COUNTIES

53%

of students (7,251 total) were taught by FFA partner educators.



47%

of students (6,431 total) were taught by regional educators.

- 952 FFA PARTNER EDUCATORS
- 111 PARTNER FFA CHAPTERS



as well as the Missouri Fertilizer Control Board, Midwest Dairy, the Missouri Vet Medical Association, and the E.M. Burger Foundation.

For more information, visit: www.agmoves.com.



Missouri Farmers Care

In 2025, The Drive raised:
720,000 MEALS
through
**Packing Events
Youth Grants
Hogs For Hunger**



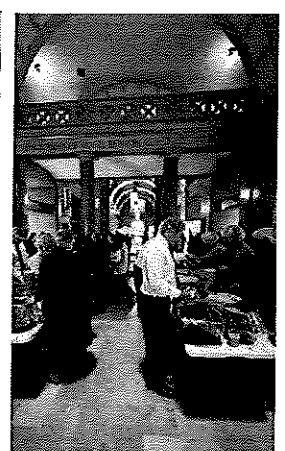
ONE IN SIX
MISSOURI CHILDREN DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOOD.

Since 2017, Missouri agriculture has donated
13.7 million meals to food insecure Missourians in every county.

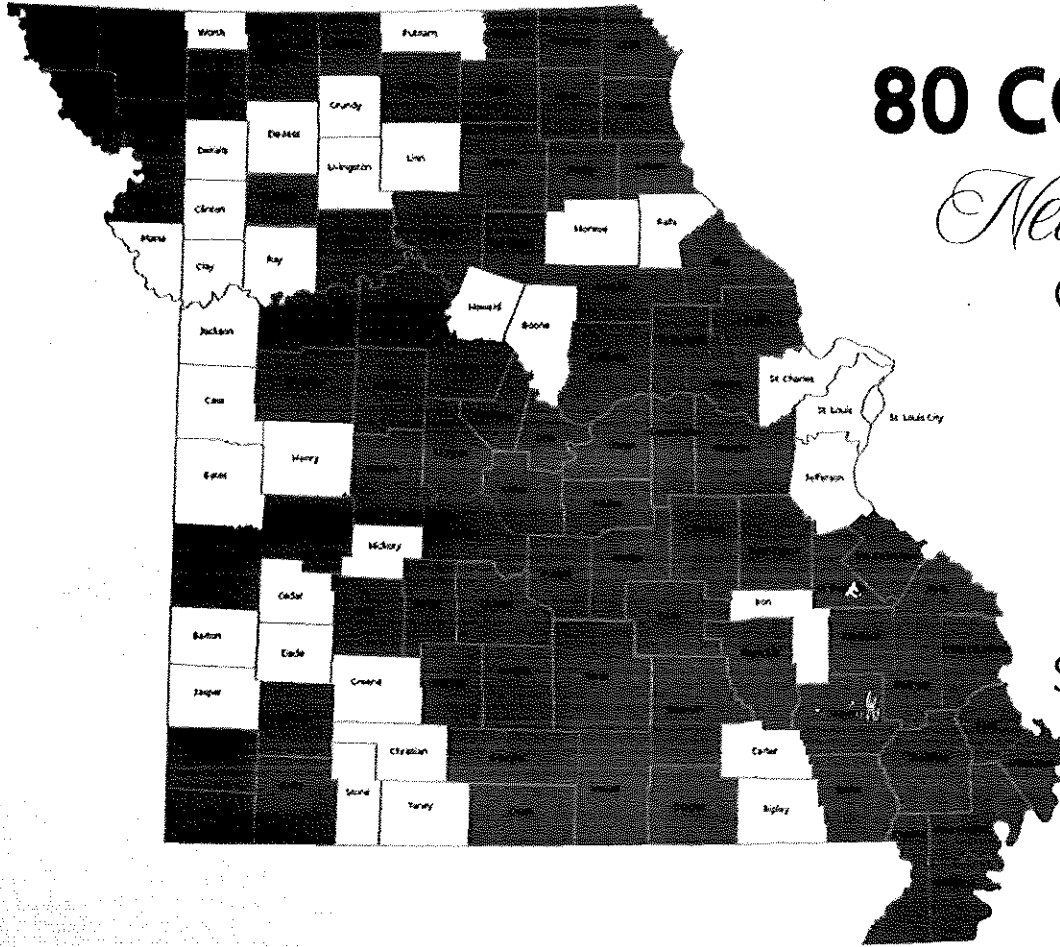
The Missouri Farmers Care Foundation Drive to Feed Kids launched in 2017 with a goal of building partnerships among nonprofits, farmers and agricultural businesses committed to raising awareness and addressing hunger in Missouri.

The Drive creates opportunities for the agriculture community to talk about utilization of science, stewardship and technology to responsibly produce food for our communities.

The year-long effort includes meal packing, hog processing and development activities. Its goal is to inspire youth and agriculture groups in local communities to come together to host events and activities to serve their food insecure neighbors.



For more information, visit: www.mofarmerscare.com/drive/.



80 COUNTIES

New Counties

Callaway
Shelby
Lewis
Adair
Harrison
Knox
Schuyler

The Agri-Ready program is a voluntary program, which recognizes counties actively supporting the health and vitality of agriculture in their county.

Every county has something to gain from pursuing the Agri-Ready County Designation. Securing agriculture as a vital part of a county's economy is a sound business decision.

Pursuing the Agri-Ready County Designation is a great way to partner with Missouri Farmers Care to recognize the important economic underpinning of our agriculture industry and pave the way for a bright future for Missouri agriculture.

Missouri Agriculture's Economic Impact

\$93.7 Billion
Economic
Impact

27 million
acres of
farmland

87,887
farms

460,000
employees

For more information, visit: www.mofarmerscare.com/agri-ready/.

MISSOURI PARTNERSHIP®

YIELD

With support from Missouri corn and soybean farmers through their checkoff programs, Missouri Farmers Care joined forces with Missouri Partnership three years ago to strengthen the state's ability to attract agricultural businesses to Missouri. Missouri Partnership is nationally recognized as a leading private-sector organization for statewide business recruitment. The collaboration, known as YIELD, is focused on increasing in-state commodity utilization and expanding opportunities across the agricultural value chain. Missouri.

The YIELD initiative builds on then-Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe's 2019 Food and Beverage Manufacturing Study, which called for strategic growth of Missouri's \$93.7 billion agriculture, feed, food and forestry industry.

Through YIELD, Missouri agriculture now has a consistent voice in economic development and business attraction conversations. Missouri Farmers Care, Missouri Partnership, Hawthorn Foundation, Missouri Soybean Association and Missouri Corn are aligning resources to build on the state's agricultural strengths and compete for projects in the agriculture, food and beverage sectors.

KEY YIELD WINS:

- Beck's soybean seed processing facility announced in late 2024 in New Madrid.
- Americold cold storage facility announced in 2024 which will support movement of meat products on rail.
- Cal-Maine Foods – with Department of Economic Development as the lead, YIELD supported efforts to bring Cal-Maine to Dexter.
- Expanded the Raise The Bar program to train local economic developers on responding to information requests from prospective companies and site consultants.



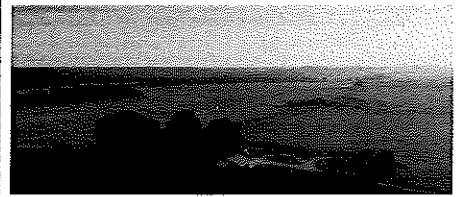
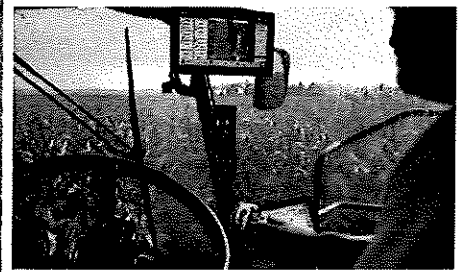
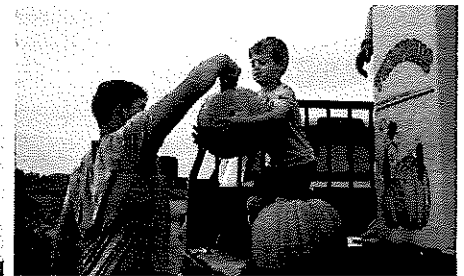


Missouri Farmers Care
Missouri Agriculture Stewardship Award

The Missouri Agriculture Stewardship Award recognizes the high bar set in Missouri agriculture for the careful and responsible management of the land, natural resources, and animals entrusted to the care of Missouri farmers and ranchers.

2026 Recipient

PAULSMEYER FARMS | CHAMOIS, MO



The rich alluvial soil of the Missouri River bottoms near Chamois in Agri-Ready Osage County holds the legacy of fourth generation river bottom farmer, Arthur Paulsmeyer, Sr., and his stewardship of the natural resources entrusted to him. His stories whisper among the timber stands and meander with the river's curves that mark the end of one field from the beginning of the next. Arthur's farm has evolved but the legacy remains: each generation of Paulsmeyers prioritize leaving the land better for the generations to come and commit to bringing the next generation back to live and work on the family farm.



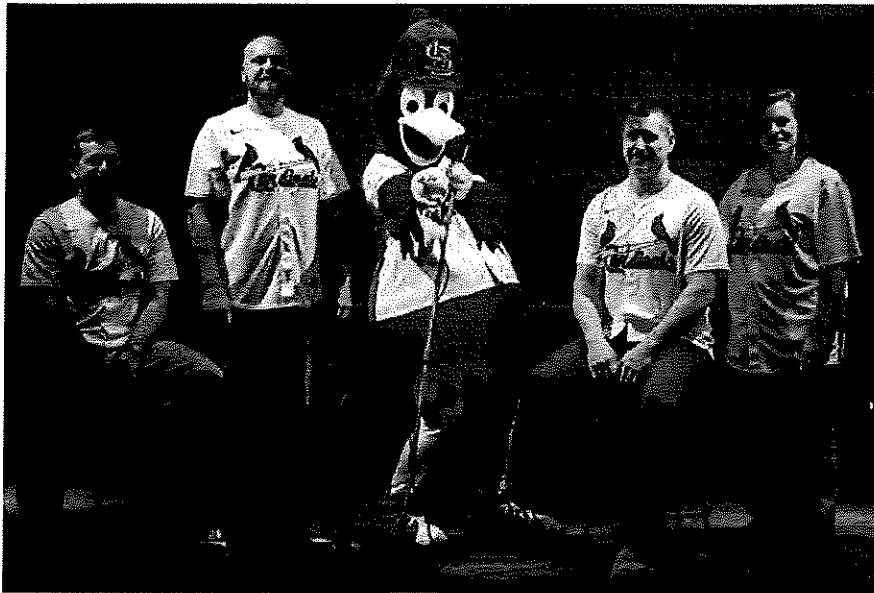
"THE 2026 MISSOURI AGRICULTURE STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECOGNIZES THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF OUR FAMILY THROUGH THE GENERATIONS. OUR FARM CAN SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW," SAYS GRAYSON, WHO PLANS TO BE AN EIGHTH-GENERATION RIVER BOTTOM FARMER.



For more information, visit:
www.mofarmerscare.com/agstewardshipaward/



Race to The Plate



2025 FARM TEAM

MISSOURI BEEF
BLAKE MCDONALD

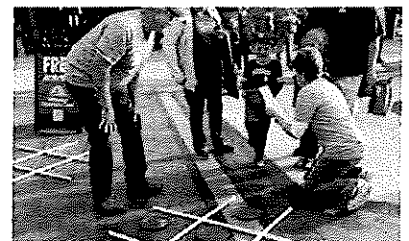
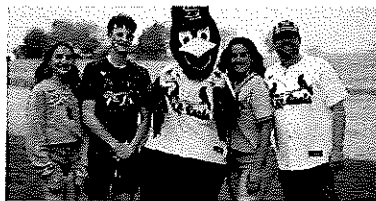
MISSOURI PORK
JESSE HEIMER

MISSOURI CORN
MATT LAMBERT

MIDWEST DAIRY
ERIN RODGERS

Baseball and farming—both take dedication, teamwork, and passion. That's why Missouri's farmers are proud to share the stage alongside the St. Louis Cardinals. Together, we're shining a spotlight on how Missouri's farm families contribute a remarkable \$93.7 billion to our state's economy. And we're just getting started. Through a partnership with the Cardinals, Missouri farm families are showing how agriculture is stepping up to the plate to continue feeding and fueling a growing global community.

Missouri Farmers Care (MFC) is educating baseball fans about agriculture through the "Race to the Plate" initiative. Throughout the 2025 St. Louis Cardinals season, fans interacted with the MFC "Farm Team" through radio messaging, print advertisements, in-stadium videos and social media content, as well as in-person activities at select games.



For more information, visit: www.mofarmerscare.com/cardinals/.

2025 COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH REPORT

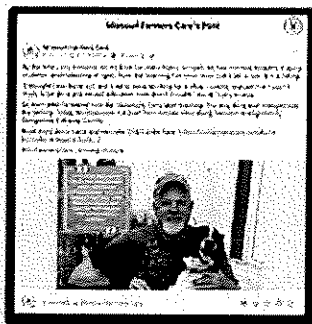
Overall Reach - **327 MILLION**
per Meltwater analytics

FACEBOOK	4,900,000
YOUTUBE	192,800
INSTAGRAM	154,200
WEBSITE	37,000
LINKEDIN	24,659

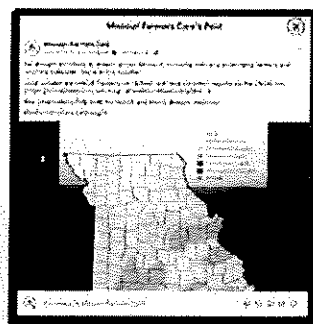
Some Top Posts...



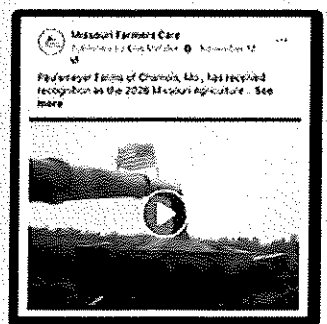
**MONTHLY
HIRING POST**
Avg. 174k Reach



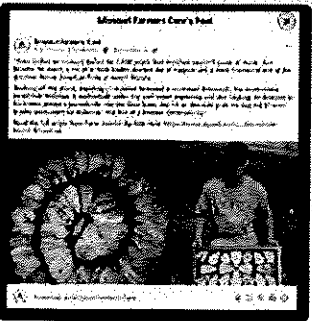
**LARRY
HENNEKE**
43,953 Reach



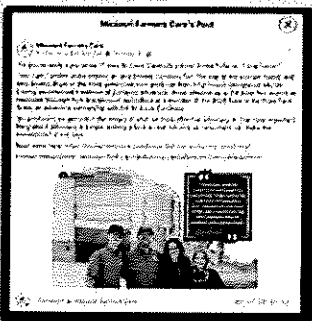
**DROUGHT
MONITOR**
147,923 Reach



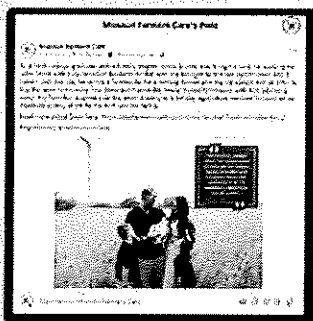
**2026 MASA
VIDEO**
57,959 Reach



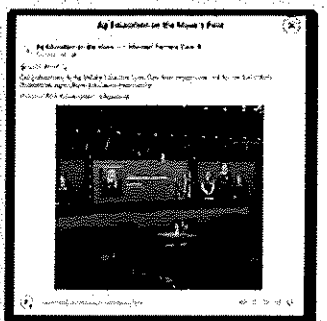
**NATIVE
BLADES**
607,578 Reach



**JESSE
HEIMER**
34,328 Reach



**DREW
BRUNER**
24,381 Reach



**LYNN
DYER**
42,924 Reach




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THE RALLS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Ralls County Presiding Commissioner, John Lake called the adjourned meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following members present, John Wieczorek, Western District Commissioner, Junior Muehring, Eastern District Commissioner and Brandy Flynn, Ralls County Clerk.

Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables & Payroll.

The Ralls County Commission discussed Road & Bridge maintenance. John Lake, Presiding Commissioner signed the Altorfer CAT – EMSolution. This was included with Machine Sale on Skidsteer bid on November 13th, 2025, per Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Secretary. Discussed Big Creek Lane & City of Hannibal possible Road Use Agreement.

Road & Bridge will be placing a bid for Dust Control. County will not put dust control on Homestead. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge secretary will notify residents on Homestead so they can purchase it if they want.

The Ralls County Sheriff, Brian Allen stopped by the Commission meeting to give an update.

Robert Crowe, Ralls County citizen, met with the Commission regarding the closing of both alleyways between 3rd street/Vista & Hunter Place/4th Street at the Robert Crowe property lines.

John Lake moves to approve the closing of both alleyways between Vista/3rd Street & Hunter Place/4th Street at the Robert Crowe property lines. John Wieczorek seconds the move. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

Ralls County Clerk will email the approved minutes to Mr. Crowe for his records and Kristal Hiner Road & Bridge secretary will update Ralls County GIS to indicate the change.

10:30 am Hecate Solar called in to the meeting. Amy Krebs, Hecate Energy Senior Director, Environmental & Permitting – offshore wind, Michael Hochberg, Hecate Energy Senior Development Manager, and Cole Corbett, Hecate Energy Assistant Development Manager spoke with the Commission about the new ordinance and 75% American made requirements and the moratorium the county imposed. Labor does not count towards American made. County Clerk asked how many mega watts will be produced in Ralls County – 300 megawatts.

Tara Comer, the Ralls County Collector, stopped by the commission meeting to give an update.


John Lake Presiding Commissioner signed the County Government Legal Services agreement with Schraeder Law Firm, SEMA Certification of Audit Requirement – Financial Audit FY 2025 Bid, and Juvenile Court Legal Service Contract 10th Judicial Circuit with Attorney Steve Porter FY 2026

Junior Muerhing made a motion to dismiss at 12:00 pm, John Lake seconded the motion. John Lake asked for any further discussion. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Lake – Yes Junior Muehring – Yes John Wiczorek- Yes

In Note: The Ralls County Clerk voided all checks issued on Monday, January 19, 2026, and reissued them for January 23rd, 2026, because the approval from the State Auditor’s Office of the FY 2026 Budget approval wasn’t till Wednesday, January 21st, 2026. The Ralls County Commission signed accounts payable issued on January 23rd, 2026.

The Commission will meet again on January 26th, 2026, unless convened by court.



Junior Muehring
Appointed Presiding Commissioner

THE RALLS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Ralls County Clerk, Brandy Flynn, designated Junior Muehring as Acting Presiding Commissioner in accordance with RSMo Statute 49.070 in absence of John Lake, Presiding Commissioner.

Ralls County Acting Presiding Commissioner, Junior Muehring called the adjourned meeting to order at 9:00 am with the following members present, John Wiczorek, Western District Commissioner, and Brandy Flynn, Ralls County Clerk. John Lake, Presiding Commissioner, called in via phone.

Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The Ralls County Commission signed Accounts Payables.

Junior Muehring moved to adopt Order & Ordinance 01262026 of the Ralls County Commission authorizing a property tax credit pursuant to Senate Bill 3 & 137.1055, RSMO. to provide property tax relief on citizens' primary residence and notice of election but if Cole County Court rules it unconstitutional and should not be on the ballot, the motion to adopt the ordinance is null and void, and no further action will be needed to remove it from the ballot. John Wiczorek seconded the motion. Junior Muehring asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Junior Muehring – Yes John Wiczorek- Yes

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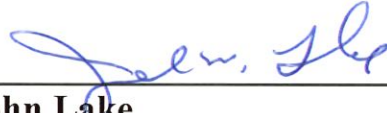
Junior Muehring moved to dismiss at 11:35 am. John Wiczorek seconded the move. Junior Muehring asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

Junior Muehring – Yes John Wiczorek- Yes

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January Term

January 26th, 2026



John Lake
Presiding Commissioner

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The Commissioners and Glen Wiley, Road & Bridge Supervisor discussed the insurance letter sent from State Farm representing David Ruby to Glen Wiley. Regarding the insurance claim, Mr. Ruby turned in for the burnt logs on Oakhill Road on the County's easement.

Josh Ketsenburg, Ralls County Assessor stopped by the Commission meeting to discuss the email he received from Lois Bragg, In- District Legislative Assistant with the Office of Senator Cindy O'Laughlin regarding Les Smith assessed valuation. Mr. Ketsenburg copied the Commissioner's on his response to Mrs. Bragg. Home is assessed at full value for FY 2025 because they didn't move into their home till April 2024. FY 2024 assessed value was assessed at occupancy value

Jim Meyer, Missouri Extension dropped off the FY 2025 Annual Report.

At 9:55 am Brandy Flynn had to step out for a meeting. Deputy Clerk Kristen Dietle took over the minutes.

At 10:00am the Ralls County Commission opened fuel bids for the Ralls County Sheriff's department. MFA was the only bid. The commission tabled the bid until Monday when John Lake was present.

At 11:00am the Ralls County Municipality meeting begin with the following present; Anna Hudson from Mark Twain Council of Governments, Emily

Edgar with MODOT, Mary White, the New London mayor, Maria Kuhns from Hannibal Economic Development, Chris Keisker the Center city clerk and Sara Graff from Sam Graves office. The Commission discussed current and future solar projects. The Center Clerk addressed a water issue and a hole on Highway 19. Maria Kuhns spoke about the bypass project and assistance available for municipalities with property clean-up. Mary White thanked the Commission and the New London Fire Department for providing a generator and access to the fire department, noting that citizens were able to gather there during an extended power outage. The post office was also discussed. Sara Graff reported that Congress is working on a road resurfacing bill, and Emily Edgar discussed snow removal efforts and future county projects.

The Ralls County Clerk read minutes from January 22nd meeting. Junior Muehring moved to approve minutes as read. John Wieczorek second the move. Junior Muehring asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

Junior Muehring made a motion to dismiss at 12:00 pm, John Wieczorek seconded the motion. Junior Muehring asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Junior Muehring – Yes John Wieczorek- Yes

The Commission will meet again on February 2nd, 2026, unless convened by court.



John Lake
Presiding Commissioner

Bid Notice

The Ralls County Commission will be taking sealed bids for bulk fuel. Specs can be requested via email or viewed on the Ralls County website (www.rallscountymo.gov) and the Ralls County Sheriff's Department Facebook page. For more information call 573-985-5611 or e-mail sheriffdepartment@rallscountymo.gov. Sealed bids are due by 9:45 am on January 29, 2026; bids will be open January 29, 2026 @ 10:00 am during the Commissioner Meeting at the Ralls Co Courthouse.

Please submit your sealed bids to:

Ralls County Commission
311 S. Main St
New London, MO 63459

The Ralls County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The Ralls County Sheriff's Department is requesting bid proposals for 22,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline grade 87 as follows:

1. The bidder must have a facility within 40 miles of Ralls County Sheriff's Department.
A. 209 East 4th Street, New London, MO 63459
2. Product and tank to be delivered: **Grade 87 Unleaded Gasoline**; to this location:
A. 209 East 4th Street, New London, MO 63459
3. Contract date from February 1st, 2026-January 31st, 2027

Bids price per gallon with any and all taxes in this price that apply to the Ralls County Sheriff's Dept. should be included in your final bid price. No additional charges will be paid after the bid is accepted.

Sealed bid proposal must be received by 9:45 am on January 29, 2026, to the Ralls County Commissioners, 311 S. Main St, New London, MO 63459. **Bids will be opened 10:00 a.m. on Thursday January 29, 2026 at the Commissioner Meeting in the Ralls Co Courthouse.**

Load must be delivered during office hours (8:00 am- 4:30) so that a Ralls County Sheriff's Department Employee is present to confirm the load.

Lowest or best bid proposal will be accepted, but Ralls County has the right to reject any and all bids.