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 Kristen Dietle, Ralls County Deputy Clerk.

Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The commission sign accounts payable and payroll.

The commission signed the circuit court distribution report.

In attendance were John Cragen, David Nutt, Matt Burditt and Brian Hodges.

Ralls County Road and Bridge supervisor, Glen Wiley, Zach Epperson, Road and Bridge employee and Kristal Hiner, Road and Bridge secretary attended the meeting.

The Ralls County Assessor, Josh Ketsenburg, stopped by the meeting.

Quinn Gallagher from Gallagher insurance, stopped in the meeting to discuss health insurance with the commission. He was told the county is going out for bid this month and the clerk's office will provide him with a bid packet.

New London City clerk, Carla Burton attended the meeting.

Ben Schmidt with Eocene Environmental Group stopped in to speak with the Commission regarding the Brownfield grant available to Ralls County. He asked the Commission what type of business growth they expected to see in Ralls County in the future and what needs New London had.
John Lake said he hoped to see growth along Highway 19 near Love's gas station but noted that sewer service would be needed on the west side of Highway 61. Carla Burton said the city needed the old buildings to be torn down and new businesses to come to New London.

Mr. Schmidt asked about the data center. The commission told him there was a moratorium that could potentially remain in place for one year.

John Lake asked Mr. Schmidt what testing could be done at the potential data center site. Mr. Schmidt said there were phases, after they did an evaluation of the prior property use, they would decide what testing needed to be done.

Mr. Schmidt said they will know by the end of the year where the grant funds would be distributed.

Ralls County Road and Bridge supervisor, Glen Wiley gave an update of county road work currently being completed.

During open comments, John Lake asked if anyone wanted to speak.

John Cragen told the Commission that he had spoken with an attorney who told him the Commission could not place the data center question on the ballot. He asked why the Commission had not informed the citizens of this. Junior Muehring said they were waiting for confirmation from the attorney the county uses for this type of issue.

Brian Hodges spoke about the Planning and Zoning meeting held the previous evening. He said it was a good meeting but felt it needed more structure. Junior Muehring said he felt it was important for citizens to ask questions but that the next meeting needed be more of a work-session so the planning and zoning board and members could get more work done.

Josh Ketsenburg, the Ralls County Assessor said he felt like as the County Assessor he needed to inform the citizens of the potential revenue from new businesses in the county. He has concern for safety of the citizens, and this is why he does his research, but he also wants the citizens to know what revenue could be received from the businesses.

Matt Burditt asked Josh where his numbers come from on his report. Josh told him from other counties that have data centers.

Brian Hodges voiced his concern that Ralls County needs more industry. He said the school district could benefit from the additional revenue. He expressed concern that the county could potentially become known as "the no county." Brian also stated that you cannot tell landowners what they can do with their own property.

Sandy Lanier called into the meeting to ask the commission what steps they were taking in getting a new planning and zoning board member for the Saverton area. They told her they were advertising it on social media.

Matt Burditt asked what areas of the county each planning and zoning member represented. He wanted to know how the county planned on protecting the county for the potential electric issues from a data center. The commission told him Lynn Hodges has spoken on this concern before, and he wanted the data center to run generators at peak times.

John Lake made a move to go into closed session. John Weiczorek second 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 10:50 am – John Weiczorek moved to reconvene to Open Session, John Lake second the moved. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

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

Kristal Hiner, the road and bridge secretary, presented a letter from Joe and Chris Smith. They are concerned about testing being done on property adjoining their property other nearby property. They are concerned that this is solar.

The commission will discuss live stream at a later date.

Tim Neimeyer wanted the data from the former Sanders property. Kristal said Janes surveying would be providing him with this information.

The commission will discuss the custodian of records and the electronic policy at a later date.

Junior Muehring moved to adjourn at 12:00pm. John Wieczorek 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

The Commission will meet again on October 5th, 2026, unless convened by court.

John Lake
Presiding Commissioner

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Junior Muehring opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was made.

The commission sign accounts payable and capital improvements.

In attendance were John Dimari, Sandy Lanier and Whitley Wilson.

Ralls County citizen, Sandy Lanier presented the commission with a formal complaint.

Ralls County citizen John Dimaria presented the Commission with a risk management document and a memorandum of understanding concerning data centers. Mr. Dimari stated that he is available to assist the Commission, pro bono, by forming a committee to identify and address potential concerns.

Ralls County citizen Kevin Jacobson, a computer engineer, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Commission. Mr. Jacobson stated that he was available to assist the Commission by providing information regarding data centers. John Lake said the Commission would welcome any information or assistance, whether positive or negative, concerning data centers.

Ralls County citizens, Joe and Chris Smith came to the meeting with a concern about testing being done near their property. They are concerned it potentially may be solar. The commission told them they were not aware of any solar plans for that area at this time.

Road and Bridge employees, Zach Epperson and Kristal Hiner attended the meeting to give updates.

Ivan Schraeder reached out to the commission about Scout solar and the moratorium. They wanted to know if there was anything changed with the agreement if that would still fall under the moratorium.

Zach Epperson, Road and Bridge employee and Kristal Hiner, Road and Bridge secretary, attended the meeting.

County Clerk, Brandy Flynn talked with commission about live streaming, changing the custodian of records and an electronic policy change. John Lake made a move to not make any changes until January 1, 2027, when the new clerk took office. Junior Muehring second 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

Brandy Flynn let the commission know that the clerk's office would no longer be taking the commission minutes or taking care of the commission agenda for the remainder of the year.

John Lake made a move to sign a court order to move 5% admin fees from road and bridge to county revenue. Junior Muehring second 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

The commission read closed minutes from September 17, 2026. John Lake made a move to approve the minutes; John Wieczorek 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

The commission read closed minutes from September 24, 2026. John Lake made a move to approve the minutes; John Wieczorek 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

County Clerk, Brandy Flynn read minutes from September 21, 2026, meeting. John Lake made a move to approve minutes as read, Junior Muehring second 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

County Clerk, Brandy Flynn read minutes from September 24, 2026 meeting. John Lake made a move to approve minutes as read, John Wieczorek second 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 adjourn at 12:00pm. John Wieczorek 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

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

John Lake
Presiding Commissioner

RALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 8, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & PREAMBLE

The Ralls County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Presiding Commissioner John Lake officially opened the meeting, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

- **Elected Voting Commissioners Present:**
  - **John Lake** – Presiding Commissioner
  - **Junior Muehring** – Eastern District Commissioner
  - **John Wieczorek** – Western District Commissioner
- **Appointed Administrative Staff Present:**
  - **Kristal Hiner** – Recording Secretary / Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **John DiMaria (Data Center Risk Assessment Presentation):** Presented the Commission with a Ralls County Data Center Risk Assessment. Notes indicate that while an active Commissioner cannot sit on this specific newly formed board, other county-elected officials are permitted to participate.
  - *Action Taken:* John Lake made a move to authorize John DiMaria to form a team of local citizens to complete a data center risk assessment. The move was seconded by John Wieczorek. Move carried unanimously.
- **Sandy Lanier (Budget and Salary Inquiries):**
  - *Budget Transfer:* Questioned the timeline of the 3% budget transfer. The Commission clarified that this administrative transfer from Road & Bridge to General Revenue began during the 2025/2026 budget cycle to cover an administrative cost deficiency.
  - *Salary Commission:* Inquired about the last pay increase. Assessor Josh Ketsenburg noted he believed it occurred in 2025 due to an increase in the county's overall assessed valuation.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE

- **Zach Epperson (Road & Bridge):** Attended the meeting and provided routine department infrastructure updates to the board.
- **Tara Comer (Collector):** Presented the current Real Estate, Personal Property, and Senior Tax Relief books to the Commission.

- **Daniel Mallory (MU Extension):** Reported that he is temporarily filling the vacancy at the University of Missouri Extension office following Jim Meyer's retirement until a permanent replacement is hired.
- **Josh Ketsenburg (Assessor):** Advised that department staff are currently out in the field completing annual property reassessments for the upcoming year. He also shared details from his recent annual training program.
- **Brian Allen (Sheriff):** Attended the session; reported no new updates or active administrative issues to bring before the board.
- **Shane McClelland (Planning and Zoning):** Appeared before the board to discuss procedural guidelines for the upcoming Planning & Zoning meeting scheduled for October 14th.
- **Maekayla Wiler (Health Department Administrator):** Officially informed the Commission that Paula Evans has resigned from her position on the county health board.

5. COMMISSION VOTES & FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- **County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF) Contribution:**
  - *Action Taken:* Junior Muehring made a move to maintain the county's annual matching contribution for CERF at 4.0%. The move was seconded by John Wieczorek. John Lake asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion. Move passed unanimously.
- **Accounts Payable & SEMA Certification:**
  - *Action Taken:* The Commission reviewed and approved accounts payable invoices. Additionally, the Board reviewed and signed the "Certification of Audit Requirement" for the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). This filing legally verifies that Ralls County did not expend more than $1,000,000 in total federal assistance during its most recently completed fiscal year.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Junior Muehring moved to adjourn the regular session at noon. John Wieczorek seconded the motion. Move carried unanimously, and the meeting officially adjourned.

7. CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner — 15 Oct 2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary — **Date**

Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

John W. Lake — 10-15-2026

John Lake, Presiding Commissioner — **Date**

RALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & PREAMBLE

The Ralls County Commissioners met in regular session on October 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Presiding Commissioner John Lake officially opened the meeting, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Elected Voting Commissioners Present:
John Lake – Presiding Commissioner
Junior Muehring – Eastern District Commissioner
John Wieczorek – Western District Commissioner

Appointed Administrative Staff Present:
Kristal Hiner – Recording Secretary / Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynn Hodges (RCEC): Followed up on the zoning meeting from October 14th, 2026. Expressed appreciation for the work the commissioners are doing.

Evan Mallett (Scout Energy - Lucky Rock Solar MOU): Appeared before the board to discuss an MOU for Lucky Rock Solar and the current moratorium on Solar. Reported that their counsel has been in contact with county attorney Ivan Schreader. They believe the moratorium should not affect their project since it has been in active negotiations. Ultimately, the project will be purchased by Ameren. Scout Energy cannot meet the county's numbers, but Ameren can and is willing to sign the Chapter 100 agreement. The Commission stated they would need to contact their attorney.

Mark Braden (Record Update Request): Requested a change to a post on his record in Jefferson City from a previous charge by a former sheriff. Reported that he spoke with Sheriff Allen, who is willing to update the record. The Commission granted approval for Sheriff Allen to proceed with updating the record.

Sandy Lanier (Resident – Public Comment): Questioned the balance of the Reserve Fund. The Commission explained that they deposited the marijuana revenue into the reserve account when they heard they may potentially have to pay it back to the state. Upon receiving word from the state that it must be returned, the money was transferred back to General Revenue to make the payments.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE

Road & Bridge: Reviewed and signed Reimbursement #12 on BRO-R087(001) for Hutchinson Engineering. Reviewed and signed a utility permit for Ervin Cable Construction (ECC) on Romig Pl. (Permit #261015).

5. COMMISSION VOTES & FINANCIAL ACTIONS

Planning & Zoning Open Seat Nominees: Presented the Commission with four names to fill the open seat for Planning & Zoning in Saverton. Commission will officially appoint the new board member at a later date.

John DiMaria Credentials: Presented John DiMaria's credentials to the Commission for review.

Approval of Minutes:
The Board reviewed and voted on previous meeting minutes as follows:

Recording Secretary read the minutes September 28th, 2026 meeting. Junior Muehring moved to approve minutes as changed. John Lake second 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

Recording Secretary read the minutes October 1st, 2026 meeting. John Lake moved to approve minutes as read. John Wieczorek second 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

Recording Secretary read the minutes October 5th, 2026 meeting. John Wieczorek moved to approve minutes as read. John Lake second 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

Recording Secretary read the minutes October 8th, 2026 meeting. Junior Muehring moved to approve minutes as read. John Wieczorek second 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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Junior Muehring made the move to dismiss at 11:30 am. John Wieczorek seconded the move. The commission will meet again on October 19th, 2026, unless convened by court.

SESSION WITH MoDOT & USACE

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

The Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 PM at the Mark Twain Lake Visitors Center for a joint agency coordination meeting.

- **Commissioners Present:** John Lake, Junior Muehring, John Wieczorek.
- **Agencies Present:** Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE/CORP).
- **Road and Bridge:** Glen Wiley, Zach Epperson, Kristal Hiner

2. FUNDING & ROAD MAINTENANCE DISCUSSIONS

- **Federal Funding:** The board noted that applications for "federal eastern land grant" has been submitted for several consecutive years but were denied.
- **CART Funds:** Discussions were held regarding Joanna (partial) and Oakland roads falling off the County Aid Road Trust (CART) funding list. The deadline to get these roads back onto the CART fund is November 1 or November 15.
- **Jurisdictional Boundaries:** It was noted that the E-W manner at the Spalding Beach entrance marks the official USACE boundary lane. The Corps has no legal authority past this boundary line.
- **Maintenance Strategy:** The entities entered into a general discussion regarding alternative maintenance options for Oakland and Joanna roads.
- **Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP):**
  The Corps confirmed they will continue to provide support to the county regarding FLAP initiatives.

3. MODOT FUNDING LOGISTICS

- **Invoicing:** Ralls County must explicitly invoice MoDOT to successfully draw down these funds.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The USACE representatives concluded their portion of the business and departed the meeting at 1:30 PM. Following the conclusion of MoDOT discussions, the Commission adjourned for the day. The Board of Commissioners will reconvene in regular session on October 19, 2026.

7. CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner _____ 10/19/2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary **Date**
Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

John W. Lake _____ 10-22-2026

John Lake, Presiding Commissioner **Date**

RALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 19, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & PREAMBLE

The Ralls County Commissioners met in regular session on October 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Presiding Commissioner John Lake officially opened the meeting which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Elected Voting Commissioners Present:
John Lake – Presiding Commissioner
Junior Muehring – Eastern District Commissioner
John Wieczorek – Western District Commissioner

Appointed Administrative Staff Present:
Kristal Hiner – Recording Secretary / Record Keeper

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

John DiMaria (Risk Assessment Application): Announced that the risk assessment application is now available online. He is receiving good feedback and noted there will be 9-12 total members on the committee.

Mac Tallent (Resident - Joanna / North End): Requested a "Dead End" sign. Raised concerns regarding partying, people dumping deer carcasses, and vehicles having no place to turn around, resulting in individuals driving onto his property. He also addressed MoDOT directly during their presentation.

Joe & Christine Smith (Solar Energy): Appeared before the board to express their concerns regarding solar energy.

Sandy Lanier (Resident - Public Comment): Questioned the status of the BEAP study on Scotts Lane. The Commission noted it has been approval by MoDOT and Matt Walker will be bringing a copy to meeting on Thursday.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE

Accounts Payable: Reviewed by the commission.

Road & Bridge: Discussed an upcoming Safety Meeting scheduled for October 22, 2026, at 12:30 PM.

Sheriff's Office: A used pickup available for purchase and they discussed vehicle maintenance.

Financial Reporting: Presented the Commission with the use tax and sales tax figures from September 2026.

Assessor Update: Assessor Josh Ketsenburg gave the Commissioners an update on a recent meeting he attended.

5. COMMISSION VOTES & FINANCIAL ACTIONS

Planning & Zoning Board Open Seat: The Commission reviewed options for the open seat on the Planning and Zoning Board for Saverton Township. The commissioners decided to talk to 3 applicants on Thursday before proceeding further with an appointment.

Legal Counsel Consultation (Lucky Rock Solar): The Commission called Attorney Ivan Schraeder regarding Lucky Rock Solar (Scout Energy). They discussed the price of megawatts, the current solar moratorium, and questioned whether Ameren could sign the Chapter 100 agreement.

Approval of Minutes:

September 21, 2026, Minutes: Recording Secretary read the minutes. John Lake moved to approve the minutes. Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

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

October 15, 2026, Minutes: Recording Secretary read the minutes. Junior Muehring moved to approve the minutes as changed. John Lake seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

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

October 1, 2026, Closed Minutes: Commission reviewed the closed session minutes. John Lake moved to approve. Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was further discussion. Move passed unanimously.

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

6. SESSION WITH MoDOT

Agency Coordination: Kevin James and Emily Edgar from MoDOT met with the commission to discuss Oakland Drive and Joanna Drive.

Resident Inquiries: Local resident Mac Tallent presented questions to MoDOT regarding Joanna Drive.

County Roads: Junior Muehring questioned whether Beaver Road had been officially deeded to the county.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Junior Muehring made a move to adjourn at noon. John Wieczorek seconded the move. The commission will meet again on October 22, 2026, unless convened by court.

8. CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner _____ 22 Oct 2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary — Date
Record Keeper / Road & Bridge

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

_____ 10-22-2026

John Lake, Presiding Commissioner — Date

RALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & PREAMBLE

The Ralls County Commissioners met in regular session on October 22, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Presiding Commissioner John Lake officially opened the meeting. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Elected Voting Commissioners Present:

- **John Lake** – Presiding Commissioner
- **Junior Muehring** – Eastern District Commissioner (Left the meeting at 10:00 AM)
- **John Wieczorek** – Western District Commissioner

Appointed Administrative Staff Present:

- **Kristal Hiner** – Recording Secretary / Record Keeper

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **John DiMaria (Data Center Risk Assessment Group):** Provided an update stating that there are 7 people on the committee so far.
- **Matt Burditt (Solar Discussion):** Asked the Commission for a recap on the solar energy discussion held during the previous meeting on Monday, October 19, 2026.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE

- **Sheriff's Office:** Discussed the upcoming purchase of a 2022 ½ Ton Ford pickup with 86,000 miles. The Commission spoke directly to the Sheriff regarding Mark Braden. It was noted that the Chief Deputy is currently in Jefferson City with a UFC Legend to train deputies on ground fighting.
- **Road & Bridge:** The Commission reviewed and discussed the Antioch and Malaruni roads. A cost estimate for the Flint Hill Bridge was presented. The board was requested to install entry lighting at Mark Twain Drive; the Commission will review and speak with MoDot.
- **Hutchinson Engineering:** Matt Walker presented the Bridge Engineering Assistance Program (BEAP) study regarding the bridge on Scotts Lane. Discussed the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application and reviewed plans to add a vehicle turn-around point and designated parking spaces to the request.

5. COMMISSION VOTES & FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- **Accounts Payable:** Reviewed and signed by the Commission.
- **Facility Maintenance (Boiler Repair):** The Commission reviewed and signed a formal quote with Harold Butzer to complete repairs on the courthouse boiler.
- **Health Insurance Bids:** The Commission opened formal health insurance bids, receiving a total of 3 proposals from Blue Chip, Gallagher, and First State Insurance. A final decision will be made at a later date following a full administrative review.
- **Planning & Zoning Board Open Seat:** The Commission conducted interviews with 2 candidates (noted that one candidate formally withdrew) for the open Saverton Township seat on the Planning and Zoning Board. The official appointment will be made on Monday.

Approval of Minutes:

October 19, 2026, Minutes: The Recording Secretary read the minutes from the October 19th meeting. John Lake moved to approve the minutes as presented. John Wieczorek seconded the move. Presiding Commissioner John Lake asked if there were further questions. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously.

John Lake - Yes | John Wieczorek – Yes (Note: Junior Muehring absent for vote)

6. ADJOURNMENT

John Lake made a move to adjourn the session at 11:45 AM. John Wieczorek seconded the move. The Commission stands adjourned to reconvene on October 26, 2026, unless officially convened earlier by the Court.

7. CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner 26 Oct 2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary — Date
Record Keeper / Road & Bridge

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

26 Oct 2026

John Lake, Presiding Commissioner — Date

Health Insurance Bid - October 22nd, 2026

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Company / Title	Signature
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John McCarty	417-987-9357	JMccarty@archbrokerage.com	ARCH/BC	
Jacob Carroll	573-366-4812	Jcarroll@archbrokerage.com	Arch/BC	
JOHN DiMARIA	314-374-9752	JADIMARIA9@GMAIL.COM		
John W. Lake	5739857111		Commissioner	
John Wieczorek	5739857111		Commissioner	
Kristen Dietz	5739857111		Deputy County Clerk	
Kristal Hiner	5739852011		RB	Kristal Hiner

RALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 26, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & PREAMBLE

The Ralls County Commissioners met in regular session on October 26, 2026, at 9:00 AM. Presiding Commissioner John Lake officially opened the meeting. Kristal Hiner, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Elected Voting Commissioners Present:

John Lake – Presiding Commissioner

Junior Muehring – Eastern District Commissioner

John Wieczorek – Western District Commissioner

Appointed Administrative Staff Present:

Kristal Hiner – Recording Secretary / Record Keeper

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were officially recorded during this session.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE

Road & Bridge: Glen Wiley, Road and Bridge Supervisor met with the Commission to discuss plans regarding Shortline Trail. They discussed the BEAP study for the bridge on Scotts Lane; it was decided to set up a meeting with Matt Walker at the location and then have him proceed with the engineering plan for the bridge on Scotts Lane. Additionally, they discussed the current condition and needs of Joanna Drive-North.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Allen discussed heavy semi-truck traffic management and safety regulations along Highway A and Highway H.

Ralls County Electric Cooperative (RCEC): The Commission spoke with Lynn Hodges via telephone regarding a lighting request located on Mark Twain Lane. Mr. Hodges confirmed that he will personally follow up on the matter and get back with the commissioners.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot): Emily Edgar and Kevin James met with the Commission to review local projects. They discussed the FLAP grant; it was decided to have a meeting to go over the application that was submitted to determine if we need to change any wording or requests in the future. They discussed price regarding culverts for all of Joanna - South, estimated to be $16,200. Confirmed that the County will continue to handle ongoing maintenance responsibilities for Oakland and Joanna Drive-North. The County will also maintain Joanna – South after the surveys required to

formally deed properties over to the county and the official agreement is signed with MoDot. MoDot will supply the required culvert and equipment for Joanna - South, with potential options for surface overlay and reimburse the county for unpaid CART funds for Joanna and Oakland. The official maintenance agreement will be signed as soon as it becomes available. John Lake moved to accept terms discussed, Junior Muehring seconded the move. John Lake asked if there was any further questions, hearing none, motion carried 2-1. *John Lake – Yes | John Wieczorek – No | Junior Muehring – Yes.*

5. COMMISSION VOTES & FINANCIAL ACTIONS

Courthouse Temporary Closure Order: John Lake moved to officially close the Ralls County Courthouse on Friday, October 30th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Junior Muehring seconded the move. This closure is ordered to honor the memory of Gaylord Winders, who served as Ralls County Clerk for roughly 30 years. Presiding Commissioner John Lake asked if there were further questions. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously. *John Lake – Yes | Junior Muehring – Yes | John Wieczorek – Yes.*

Planning & Zoning Board Appointment (Saverton Township): John Lake moved to appoint Jeffrey Valle to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the vacancy in Saverton Township. John Wieczorek seconded the movement. Presiding Commissioner John Lake asked if there were further questions. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously. *John Lake – Yes | John Wieczorek – Yes | Junior Muehring – Yes.*

Approval of Minutes:

October 22, 2026, Minutes: The Recording Secretary read the official minutes from the October 22nd meeting. John Wieczorek moved to approve the minutes as presented. John Lake seconded the move. Presiding Commissioner John Lake asked if there were further questions. Hearing none, the motion passed unanimously. *John Lake – Yes | John Wieczorek – Yes | Junior Muehring – Yes.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

John Lake made a move to adjourn the session at 11:48 AM. Junior Muehring seconded the move. The Commission stands adjourned to reconvene on October 29, 2026, unless officially convened earlier by the Court.

7. CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner _____ 5 Nov 2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary — Date

Record Keeper / Road & Bridge

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

_____ 11-5-2026

John Lake, Presiding Commissioner — Date

RALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 29, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Ralls County Courthouse, New London, Missouri

1. CALL TO ORDER & OPENING

The Ralls County Commissioners met for their regular meeting at 9:00 AM on October 29, 2026. Due to the absence of Presiding Commissioner John Lake being absent, Eastern District Commissioner Junior Muehring served as acting Presiding Commissioner and opened the meeting. John Lake called in at 9:39 AM to check on how things were going. Kristal Hiner was present and served as the official Recording Secretary.

2. ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

- Junior Muehring – Eastern District Commissioner (Acting Presiding Commissioner)
- John Wieczorek – Western District Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

- John Lake – Presiding Commissioner

Staff Present:

- Kristal Hiner – Recording Secretary

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Burditt : Asked if it was true that no one knew whether the county or MoDOT owned the bridge on Scotts Lane. After talking with a former road supervisor last week, it was confirmed that county crews did repairs on it back when he worked there, meaning Ralls County is responsible for maintaining it. Matt also asked if the county keeps a master list of current bridges and culverts so they can stay ahead of maintenance and prevent these kinds of ownership questions in the future.

Tiffany Griffith: She asked the Commission if they would be okay with her reaching out to contacts at the Capital to see if she can help secure state funding help for local bridges and repairs for the courthouse. The Commission said they had no issue with her doing so.

4. DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & NOTES

Accounts Payable: The Commission reviewed and approved accounts payable during the session.

Road & Bridge: Road & Bridge Supervisor Glen Wiley reported that the transmission went out on the 2018 Chevy Truck #1. After getting a few quotes, they decided to take it to Gene's Transmission for repairs. In other road work, crews are clearing out ditches on Nez Perce, leveling the entrance on Whitaker Lane, and have completed the entryway work on Shortline. The department is now shifting focus toward winter prep.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Allen was present.

County Clerk: Presented the MoPerm Casualty/Liability Renewal paperwork, which the Commission reviewed and signed. The Clerk also recommended holding a closed session next week for legal reasons and all mentioned that the county needs to look into how it will implement Senate Bill 3 (SB 3).

5. PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS

McClain Consulting: Devin McClain attended the meeting to answer any questions on a possible new phone system for the county. Several elected officials came including Collector Tara Comer, Assessor Josh Ketsenburg, County Clerk Brandy Flynn, and Circuit Clerk/Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds Gina Jameson.

They addressed the ongoing phone issues where offices can't call out or receive incoming calls. Gina Jameson went over her specific office needs, which include call forwarding, an automated after-hours recording, a fax line, two lines, and desk phones.

Devin explained they can condense everything down to a single line using a digital auto-attendant (with either a computer-generated or personal voice recording) and transcribed voicemails. Costs would run about $12 a person for a line (which includes unlimited calling, texting, and faxing), plus $5 a month for each public number that gets transferred. The physical desk phones run anywhere from $90 to $450 each and can be bought through a government contract. The system also allows call recording, is secured via IP addresses, and lets staff transfer calls from office to office.

Afterward, the officials and Devin talked about how platforms like Zoom and Microsoft Teams might benefit the county's everyday operations.

6. FORMAL COMPLAINTS

Tiffany Griffith Complaint: Tiffany Griffith submitted a formal written statement and complaint against Planning & Zoning Administrator Shane McClelland regarding what happened on October 28, 2026, Planning & Zoning meeting. She explicitly asked that her complete statement be accepted into the official record, attached to these minutes, and that her request for an independent investigation and a written response be officially documented.

The Commission acknowledged her complaint and stated they will review it thoroughly as soon as Commissioner John Lake returns. (Note: Tiffany Griffith's formal public statement and request for an independent investigation is attached to these minutes).

7. ADJOURNMENT

Junior Muehring moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM. John Wieczorek seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the Commission adjourned until their next scheduled meeting on November 2, 2026, unless they are convened by the Court.

8. SIGN-OFFS

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristal Hiner — 5 Nov 2026

Kristal Hiner, Recording Secretary — Date
Record Keeper / Road & Bridge

Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

Junior Muehring — 11-5-26

Junior Muehring, Eastern District / Acting Presiding Commissioner — Date

Formal Public Statement and Request for Independent Investigation

Ralls County Commission – Submitted by Tiffany Griffith – 10.28.26

Before I begin, I am formally requesting that my complete written statement be accepted and retained as part of the official public record of this meeting, that it be attached to or incorporated into the meeting minutes, and that my request for an independent investigation be specifically documented in those minutes.

On October 28th, Presiding Commissioner John Lake invited public suggestions and potential "pathways" during the Planning and Zoning meeting.

When I responded, Planning and Zoning Administrator Shane McClelland interrupted me, spoke to me disrespectfully, and attempted to shut down my participation. Other speakers were not treated this way.

Even after I explained that I was responding to Commissioner Lake's invitation, the behavior continued. Commissioner Lake and the other officials and board members present remained silent.

Afterward, I respectfully approached Shane. He stated, "I'm not talking to you," disrespectfully and walked away.

I cannot say whether this treatment stems from my political associations, Sunshine Law requests, or personal dislike. Regardless, none would justify selectively mistreating a resident.

What makes this especially concerning is that this is reportedly the second complaint involving a county employee conduct brought before this Commission within approximately one month.

Sandy Lanier previously raised a complaint concerning Glenn Wiley. I understand that when she followed up, Commissioner Lake stated that Glenn's weeklong absence was unrelated to her complaint. She reportedly has still received no response concerning its resolution.

Both complaints were brought by women.

I am not asking this Commission to disclose confidential personnel information. I am asking whether complaints are being taken seriously, reviewed impartially, and acknowledged appropriately.

Because of the close personal relationships involved, and because commissioners and board members witnessed my treatment without intervening, I am requesting an independent investigation, preservation of all relevant records, and a public apology.

I am also requesting a written response explaining how my complaint will be handled.

Personal friendships cannot take precedence over public responsibility. Silence cannot substitute for accountability.

I expect this complaint to be formally acknowledged and appropriately addressed. If it is not, I will pursue available external oversight and legal remedies.

Finally, I am submitting a written copy of this statement and my formal complaint, which has already been filed with the prosecuting attorney, county clerk, planning and zoning, and my personal attorney for retention in the county's official records. I specifically request that the minutes reflect my submission, my request for an independent investigation, and the Commission's response, including any action taken or decision not to act.

Public officials have a responsibility to serve every resident impartially, regardless of political associations, personal relationships, or differing opinions.