


**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 4, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of March 31, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission opened two-yard maintenance bids from Tri-Lakes Lawncare and Cut Above Lawncare. The bid will be awarded at the next Commission meeting April 7, 2022.
3. Paula Shepard, ARPA administrator for the County cancelled.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for March 2022 in the amount of \$900.35.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Keaton Ashlock's report of monthly fees collected and distributed for March 2022 in the amount of \$5,331.09.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for February 2022 in the amount of \$179 and March 2022 in the amount of \$184.75.
7. Public Comments:
  - The Commissioners received phone calls from citizens complaining about potholes.
  - The unemployment rate for Hickory County is 3.8%.
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Brian Bennett, Preston Fire Chief, was contacted by the County's ARPA administrator, Paula Shepard regarding his application for ARPA funds. She needed proposals or bids on what was requested in the application.
  - The Commission and those present discussed grant opportunities for storm sirens in underserved areas of the County.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

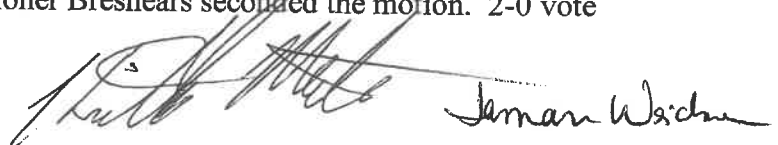
  
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# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2022

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of April 7, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Brigitta Gardner, Brenda Vaughan, Sheriff Greg Burke, Marc Dye, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the yard maintenance bid was awarded to Tri Lakes Lawncare.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending April 2, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for March 2022 in the amount of \$7,806.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for March 2022 in the amount of \$3,860.40.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for March 2022 for CCW fees in the amount of \$263, Civil Revenues in the amount of \$950, General Revenue in the amount of \$1662.62.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of fees collected for March 2022 in the amount of \$62.12.
8. Public Comments:
  - The Commission wished to thank the County Clerk's office and poll workers for their work in the April General Municipal Election.
  - The Ag Conference is tonight at the old Dollar General building hosted by the University Extension.
  - There will be a flood risk review meeting held April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hermitage Community Building at 9:00 a.m.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sheriff Greg Burke has been down a Deputy for several months and finally has a couple of applications to consider.
  - Sue Dorman asked when the deadline was to place the 911 issue back on the ballot for the August election. We first need to figure out if the law allows the issue to be placed on the ballot that soon after the issue failed. The Clerk will find the answer.
  - The County is looking for gravel bars for creek gravel. West side Commissioner Rick Pearson would like to consider paying more for creek gravel.
  - Shannon Stewart is to come take pictures of the recycle bins, DNR to come next week to see them.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote




# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2022

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of April 11, 2022 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Paula Shepard, Hickory County's ARPA administrator, attended the meeting to discuss procedures used with ARPA requests. Paula reviewed Preston Fire Department's request of \$69,246 to provide enough gear for 15 active fire and rescue volunteers and reported that all of the correct documentation was submitted. Paula explained the request did fall within ARPA funding guidelines. The Commission looks to make a decision on this application at Thursday's meeting.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County Financial Statements for March 2022.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amount of \$23,065.66 and \$5,987.59 respectively were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Public Comments:
  - Emergency Management Director Carolyn Ream reported there is a storm refuge center available now in Weaubleau at the First Baptist Church on Fugate Street just off of Highway 54.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sales tax in GR and LE Sales Tax is up 11% from last year.
  - The Commission discussed selling the Blackwell House while the market is good. There was discussion on where to move the Emergency Management office.
  - Verizon has installed a new tower on County Road 191 but failed to get an encroachment permit.
  - Commissioner Pearson was able to reach out to the Corp of Engineers regarding creek gravel. The Commission would like to go through proper channels to be able to take gravel from the Little Pomme river.
  - The Commission discussed placing another ad in the newspaper for road and bridge help and are even considering hiring a contractor to help install culverts.
  - Commissioner Breshears discussed he had received a complaint from an individual that lives on County Road 405. He acknowledged the road does need work, but it will need to wait until the rain subsides.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



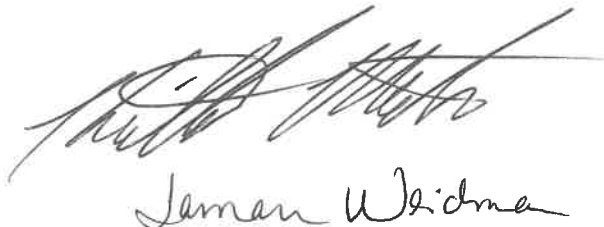
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# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2022

## MINUTES


1. The meeting of April 14, 2022 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett, Brigitta Gardner, David Murphy, Paula Shepard, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the beginning of April 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Commission Order No. 04-01-22 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$100,000 from General Revenue (Fund No. 01) to the LE Sales Tax Fund (Fund No. 52) was approved and signed. 2-0 vote This transfer is in compliance with the adopted budget for 2022 and is an appropriation of funds.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Commission Order No. 04-02-22 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$53,796 from the Road and Bridge Fund (Fund No. 02) to the General Revenue Fund (Fund No. 01) for the payment of an inner fund loan established by a Resolution in 2020 to purchase 2-2-year warranties for the John Deere road graders and the purchase of 2 surplus property graders and a new surplus property motor for a grader was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Preston Fire Department's ARPA fund application was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
6. Public Comments:
  - There was discussion on the need for storm sirens and shelters throughout the County.
  - Carolyn Ream, Emergency Management Director, informed the Commission she attended a SMESO meeting in which there was discussion about implementing an emergency alert system for bad weather events to alert citizens in the path.
  - The Commission thanked all sheriff, fire, dispatch, and rescue responders for what they do to help people in our community.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Pearson talked with the Department of Conservation regarding removing creek gravel from Little Pomme. They did not like the idea at this time.
  - The Commission discussed bad road conditions due to the recent rains.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 18, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Collector Karen Stokes, Forrest & Charlotte Lucas, Jamie Devney, Cindi Mudd, Todd Wright, Marc Dye, Larry & Linda Senyard, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Doris Cayton and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 14, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
  
2. Public Comments:
  - Forrest Lucas spoke about the cattle business and top dirt track in the country. He introduced Jamie Devney who will be over seeing all of Lucas business affairs in Hickory County. Mr. Devney expressed that they are here to stay and would support the Community and County as much as possible. Mr. Devney also had concerns on brush fires, and they have equipment to help assist Fire & Rescue as needed.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz suggested that Mr. Devney attend the next Fire & Rescue Chiefs meeting and introduce himself and express the concerns on brush fires and willingness to help.
  
3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed bad road conditions due to the recent rains.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
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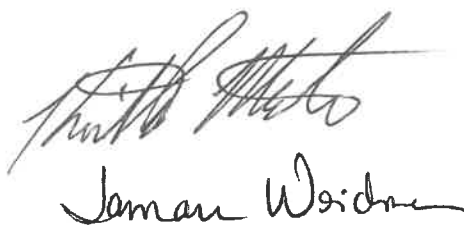
**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 21, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Marc Dye, Brian Bennett, Brigitta Gardner, Peggy Roberts, Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 18, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending April 16, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission opened one RFQ for engineering from Great River Engineering company. The bid will be awarded at the next scheduled Commission meeting. Jason Sivils explained the once the bid is awarded, they generally set up a work session to outline the next 10 projects the County would like to pursue.
4. Public Comments:
  - Discussions of grant opportunities that Kaysinger Basin will assist with the grant writing.
  - Peggy Roberts reported they have received a new DAV van to transport veterans to doctors appointments. The van is parked alongside the Sheriff's office and driven by volunteers such as Peggy.
  - There have been several complaints of intersections needing work. These are MoDot's responsibility.
5. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The carpet in the Sheriff office has come loose. The Commission is to take a look at it.
  - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff has purchased the Prosecuting Attorney's old printer for \$1.
  - The Champion road grader is going to be sold at Crawford's Auction.
  - The 911 system should be live is about 2-3 weeks.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 25, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Marc Dye, Sue Dorman and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Pearson was absent. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of April 21, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the RFQ from Great River Engineering was accepted. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's jail report for the first quarter 2022.
4. Brian Bennett – E-911 moved to Thursday's Commission meeting.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the Employee Leave Summary report for April 2022.
6. Public Comments:
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz is working with Shannon Stewart, Kaysinger Basin, on getting a radar trailer through a grant.
  - Ryan Bardot with Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler's office will have a listening post on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 p.m. in the Commissioners office.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The CCAM board decided not to pursue another lawsuit against the Sheriff's association on the Sheriff's salary increase. The Commission will discuss further at Thursday's meeting.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz reported on the Flood Control, NFIP, meeting held last week. Missouri is one of the only states that must place the issue on the ballot. If we do not join the NFIP, federal funding opportunities might cease to exist.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman