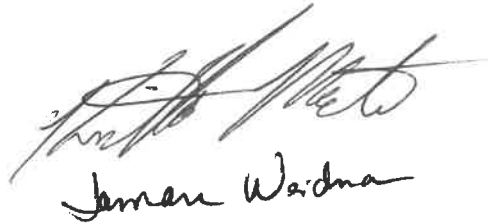


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 3, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Brigitta Gardner, Carolyn Ream, Herman Galli, Larry & Linda Senyard, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Assessor Clint Baker, Collector Karen Stokes, 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 February 28, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission awarded the bids for road bridge materials as follows: **Culverts** – Two bids were received, Metal Culverts and Viebrock Sales. Commissioner Pearson made a motion and to accept Metal Culverts bid and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Grader Blades** – Five bids were received for grader blades from Viebrock Sales LLC, Foley Equipment Co, Valk Manufacturing Co, Horton Supply and Equipment Blades, Inc. Commissioner Breshears made a motion to accept Equipment Blades Inc. bid for grader blades, Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Road Oil** – Two bids were received, Coastal Energy and APAC. Commissioner Breshears made a motion to accept APAC's bid and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Crushed Rock** – Two bids were received, Nemo Quarry and Capital Materials. Commissioner Breshears made a motion to accept Nemo Quarry's bid and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion with the option to purchase where it costs less to haul and left the decision to the discretion of the road and bridge supervisor. 2-0 vote **Fuel** – Only one bid was received for fuel from MFA Oil and one bid received for **Concrete** - Ewing Concrete Materials, LLC. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to accept these bids and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
3. 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 March 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for February 2022 in the amount of \$2,387.52.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Keaton Ashlock's report of monthly fees collected for February 2022 in the amount of \$80.00.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for February 2022 in the amount of \$6,574.50.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for February 2022 in the amount of \$1,874.81.
8. Public Comments:
 - Terry Halleran with the MU Extension would like to use the old Dollar General Building on April 7th for the annual soil and crops ag conference from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. The Commissioners did not see a conflict with the time.
 - Brian Bennett, Preston Fire Chief, wished to thank the Commissioners and Road and Bridge for the help on the brush fire yesterday on County Road 154.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz received an email from Scott Crouch with OCHC regarding the need for broadband internet. He replied that several efforts have been made to show the need to no avail.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Carolyn explained Herman Galli will be helping with Emergency Management duties.
 - City of Cross Timbers storm siren should be fixed tomorrow after a new antenna is installed.
 - Collector Karen Stokes joined the meeting to let the Commission know that communications between Clear Basin and GovernMentor is not going well in the transition of the Assessor to Clear Basin software. GovernMentor is saying Clear Basin doesn't want to pay for the data they are requesting and claims they only paid for and requested totals, not the complete data file for personal property and real estate. Clear Basin is saying GovernMentor will not release all of the County's

data. The Clerk found and copied 2 invoices from GovernMentor that noted the payment in 2021 for the 2 invoices totaling \$8,000 was for a complete data transfer. Karen presented State Statute 52.185 titled **Adequate bookkeeping and accounting system to be established by county collector in certain counties using data processing system of record keeping (all noncharter counties)**. In subsection 2 of that statute explains that “any computer enhancements, changes, modifications, or any purchases of new or additional computer software or equipment shall interface with the computer software and equipment in use, so that any such changes and procedures shall not interrupt, cause suffering or any loss of mechanical or electronic performances to the office or offices whose duties are directly affected by such procedural changes.” Collector Stokes feels Clear Basin must make the transfer work per State Statute. Assessor Clint Baker said Clear Basin has told him multiple times that the data will transfer. Each company is saying the other is the issue. The Commission would like to meet with both companies to try and resolve the issue.



- The Commission has 3 active requests for ARPA funds but still doesn't have the ARPA application from Travis Elliott. The Commission feels the Water District request does not fall within the ARPA guidelines.
- The lawsuit the CCAM board had challenging SB 53/60 regarding Sheriffs' salaries was recently ruled against in Cole County Circuit Court. They are looking at the viability of an appeal after the board has time to review the ruling with counsel.
- The Commissioners talked about issues with citizens placing plastic culvert pipes in ditches across the County.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



James Waidna

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 7, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Rebecca Richards, Marc & Karla Dye and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for the month of February 2022 for Civil Service Fees in the amount of \$330, for CCW fees \$60, General Revenues in the amount of \$1,023.07.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the contract with Paula Shephard to provide certain contract labor services to the County relating to ARPA funds was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for February 2022.
5. Public Comments:
 - Preston Fire chief Brian Bennett reported that County Road 66 is in pretty bad shape and in need of repair.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission decided to go out to bid for mowing services for this mowing season. Any new bidders will be required to do a walk through and must be present to be eligible to bid.
 - The 180-foot tower for radio communications should be here this week to install at the old Dollar General building.
 - The Commission discussed the specs offered by both CAT and John Deere on the road graders.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Paula Shephard

Tamara Weidman


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 10, 2022 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Dawn Vader, Sheriff Burke, Beverly Ryan and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 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 payroll for the pay period ending March 5, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the Employee Leave Summary report for February 2022.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrant for postcard postage for canvassing was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Public Comments:
 - The radio tower came in yesterday and will be assembled and erected by Blauvelt Towers.
 - The unemployment rate for Hickory County for February was 4.5%.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sales tax was up for the month and up 7% for the year.
 - The Commission discussed the purchase of 2 new road graders. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Commission approve the purchase of 2 CAT road graders to replace 2 John Deere road graders. 2-0 vote
 - Commissioner Pearson made the motion to go into closed session at 10:32 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 14, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, John Howard with Foley Equipment, Carolyn Ream and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission received 3 excavation/heavy equipment bids, Long Farms & Excavation, Spear Excavation LLC, and Allison Excavation. The Commission will review the bids and award at a future Commission meeting.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected in the amount of \$340.00.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the additions and abatements in the amount of \$11,838.47 and \$912.52 respectively were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Public Comments:
 - Emergency Management Director Carolyn Ream wanted to thank the Commission for the use of the old Dollar General building for the weather spotters training class held last week. They had 30-40 people attend the training and the space worked well.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Emergency Management Director Carolyn Ream said several maintenance things needed to be fixed at the Blackwell place.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz wished to know if the Emergency Management Director had the ability to direct dispatch to set storm sirens off. The EMD stated she was unable to do that unless the Commission gives her the authority to do so.
 - John Howard with Foley Equipment attended the meeting to answer questions if any regarding the CAT motor graders. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to go with the 7-year 10,000-hour warranty on the new graders. 2-0 vote
 - There was discussion about a buried internet cable on County Rd 191 where no encroachment permit was approved. The Commission will take a look at the issue.
 - 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


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 17, 2022 was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, 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 March 14, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the excavation/heavy equipment bid was awarded to Spear Excavating LLC. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Collector Karen Stokes 2021 annual settlement and back tax book for the Collector's year ending February 28, 2022.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Judge Hackett reported the Juvenile officers are planning to use the office upstairs more often since Benton County is no longer in the circuit. The carpet in the doorway needs to be stretched and tacked down since it is a tripping hazard.
 - The Commission discussed that 1 motor grader is a 2021 and 1 is a 2022 so they took \$4,000 off the total cost.
 - The Commission discussed selling the Blackwell property and building storage units.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 21, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Brenda Vaughan, Marc & Karla Dye, Christian DeLozier with Mike Keith Insurance, Sarah Newell with Polk County 911, John Davis, Peggy Roberts, Cindi Mudd, Shannon Stewart and Ryan Peters with Kaysinger Basin and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Christian DeLozier with Mike Keith informed the Commission the County will receive a refund in the amount of \$10,264 from MO Rural Services Work Comp on the work comp renewal. This last year, the County's experience modification dropped from 1.34 to 1.03 resulting in the refund. He also talked to the Commission about raising the current values on the Courthouse to \$2,000,000 with \$500,000 for contents, the Annex to \$225,000 on just the building, and the Blackwell property house to \$125,000 with \$15,000 for contents, the Blackwell garage to \$75,000 with \$5,000 for contents, and reducing the old Dollar General building from \$500,000 to \$300,000 that would result in an increase of \$1,944 per year additional premium. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to approve the changes to the policy. 2-0 vote

3. Public Comments:
 - John Davis asked the Commission how the fire district lines were created. The Commission explained they were created by the fire chiefs and accepted by the Commission.
 - The Dorman Bridge will be shut down for 2-3 weeks for repairs after there was a motor vehicle accident when a car hit the side of the bridge.

4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sarah Newell with Polk County 911 came on behalf of Hickory County 911 board to create discussion about possible locations to house 911 dispatch if the tax does pass on April 5th.
 - CART money is up 10% for the year but will need to watch closely with gas prices so high, we could see impact on CART as well as sales tax money.
 - Shannon Stewart and Ryan Peters attended the meeting to discuss possible grant opportunities to the Commission. The Commission feels the Dorman bridge is the highest priority while there are other issues in the County that need to be addressed as well. Ryan asked the Commission to email demographic information in regards to the projects.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2022
MINUTES


1. The meeting of March 24, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Rebecca Richards, Carolyn Ream, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Absent was Commissioner Pearson. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of March 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 demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending March 19, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote

3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for March 2022.

4. Public Comments:
 - The Cemetery bill is still moving forward according to Representative Kalberloh.
 - There was a vehicle accident on the Dorman bridge last Friday night and the estimate to fix the bridge is \$1963. RJ Warren Company should be there today to make the repairs.

5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Carolyn has corresponded with a company out of Colorado that does NIMS courses virtual and is acceptable in all 50 states. There are group rates available and will be covered by the EMPG grant 50/50 with the County.
 - Sue inquired whether the Sheriff's increase in salary was budgeted. The answer was no, by the advice of our attorney.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Jamarie Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 28, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Richard Webb, Brigitta Gardenr and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of March 24, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Public Comments: None

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Chief Brian Bennett asked, if the E911 tax passes on April 5th, what is the process for the County to allow E911 to build on the old Dollar General property or to use the Blackwell house for the E911 center? Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained that the Commission would ask Ivan, the County's attorney, for the best option.
 - The Commission discussed a couple of encroachment permits on both sides of the County.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2022
MINUTES


1. The meeting of March 31, 2022 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Peggy Roberts, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Absent was Commissioner Breshears. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the engagement agreement between Hickory County and Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. for legal counsel consulting relating to the interpretation and administration of ARPA funds was approved and signed. 2-0 vote

3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the end of March 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote

4. Public Comments:
 - Terry Halleran with the University Extension office delivered a couple of fliers for the Ag Conference to be held April 7th at the Old Dollar General building.
 - The Commission each received mail from the Child Advocacy center in Springfield MO containing reports.

5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Preston Fire Dept turned in one of the new ARPA fund applications.
 - Would like to go out to bid to replace soffit and fascia as well as clean the gutters out on the Courthouse.
 - The Commission would like to ask for RFQ's for engineering services for future projects.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman