


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of April 28, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Marc & Karla Dye, Brian Bennett, Becky Richards, Shannon Stewart, Alex Fuller with Centurylink, Aleia Ream with The Index 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 April 25, 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 end of April 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Brian Bennett with E-911 board approached the subject of placing the sales tax question back on the August ballot. He stated 1860 voters turned out and the issue only failed by 287 votes in April. He feels more education will help citizens understand the need for E-911. Becky Richards and Karla Dye provided more input and support of the E-911 sales tax issue. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the issue will be placed on the ballot in the Primary Election held on August 2, 2022. 2-0 vote
4. Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin joined the Commission meeting to discuss the MODOT coalition grant for radar trailers. She explained either the trailers will be covered completely or depending on how many apply for the grant the County may have to provide matching funds.
5. Public Comments:
 - One grader was delivered this morning and errors in the loan paperwork will require it to be resubmitted.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by commissioner Breshears to replace the carpet in the Sheriff's office at an estimated cost of \$1,039.28 with vinyl plank flooring. 2-0 vote
 - There was discussion on road and bridge culverts throughout the County.
 - Alex Fuller with CenturyLink joined the meeting to discuss the need for a permit on County Road 191 close to Goody's Resort. He provided a copy of the plans for the area.
 - Whisper internet is a company that plans to supply internet in the area but must have a direct link to fiber. There is a possibility they could use the radio communications tower at the Dollar General building.
 - ID Card information was sent out to all employees yesterday so LEPC/Emergency Management can create ID Badges with identifying information. This is in case of an emergency such as a tornado or other disaster, if you have a badge, you would be allowed on site.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 2, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 2, 2022 was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke 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 April 28, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the lease/purchase agreement on a 2021 & 2022 CAT 140GC-01 motor graders totaling \$567,109.00 at an interest rate of 3.59% and a demand warrant/check in the amount of \$115,500 for the first payment with trading in 2 motor graders was approved and signed. 2-0 vote The term of this lease/purchase agreement is 8 years with a payment of \$74,271.23 due each May.

3. Public Comments:
 - Robert Breshears said he received a compliment on the Sheriff's office over the weekend.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz will attend a Corp of Engineers operations and planning meeting in Warsaw from 10:00 a.m. to Noon today. This meeting will include both Pomme de Terre and Truman lakes.
 - Lincoln Days had a huge turnout on Saturday. Several candidates were in attendance.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sheriff Greg Burke supports the mobile speed indicator signs that the Commission hopes to obtain through a grant.
 - Commissioner Pearson discussed an issue on County Road 258 where someone has dug across the road with no permit. Also, an issue on County Road 270 and Sunflower Road where someone has built a carport on County Right of Way.
 - There will be a Workforce Development meeting next Tuesday.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

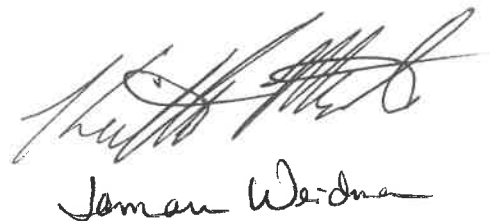

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HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF MAY 5, 2022

MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 5, 2022 was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Brian Bennett, Larry & Linda Senyard, Dawn Vader, 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 May 2, 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 April 30, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$135.00.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$29,001.65.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$2,059.33.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$9,170.50.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Keaton Ashlock's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$300.12.
8. Public Comments:
 - The Commission discussed all the rain we have gotten and the condition of the roads.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz has a Workforce Development meeting Tuesday, May 10th at 10:30 a.m. in Sedalia.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Collector Stokes explained that Gene with GovernMentor still hasn't received the information from Clear Basin needed to write a program in order for Assessor data to work with GovernMentor.
 - Dawn Vader came to discuss the opioid settlement. Once the settlement is awarded to the County, it will have an 18-year payout, about \$10,000 per year. The settlement will pay for the DARE program and training teachers to administer NARCAN if needed.
 - The Commission talked about putting a security fence and cameras at the West side road and bridge barn to protect equipment and assets.
 - The soffit and fascia bid information will be in the newspaper next week.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 12, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 12, 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, Sheriff Greg Burke, Carl Marks, Sheridan Garman-Neeman with Kaysinger Basin, 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 May 5, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Sheridan Garman-Neeman with Kaysinger Basin discussed the plans to begin the process of drafting the Hazard Mitigation plan for the County. The plan has to be redone every five years. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to sign an in-kind match commitment letter for SEMA to get started on the plan. 2-0 vote
Sheridan then began to discuss the AD Grant, aka sidewalk grant, in which the County received a grant to install sidewalks in specific locations across the County. The sidewalks have already been mapped and the project will be overseen by BikeWalk KC. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to draft and sign the letter needed to complete the project. 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 for the beginning of May 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the NFIP application that will make the County a member of the National Flood Insurance Program was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2022 for Civil processing in the amount of \$470, for CCW's in the amount of \$153, and General Revenue in the amount of \$2,229.08.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financials for the month of April 2022.
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amount of \$11,319.59 and \$1,952.81 respectively was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
8. Public Comments:
 - Sheriff Greg Burke discussed a post that was made on Facebook a couple weeks ago by a 911 board member bashing the Commission, the P.A.'s office, the Judge and the Sheriff's office.
 - Carl Marks would like more deputies on duty and for them to be stricter on the laws pertaining to golf carts and UTV's in the County.
 - St. Bernadette Catholic church is sponsoring an appreciation service for law enforcement in the courtyard gazebo on Saturday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The grader sold at Crawford's auction last weekend for \$14,000.
 - Sheriff stated he is fully staffed on deputies.
 - Hermitage kindergarteners are doing a tour of the Courthouse and Sheriff's office tomorrow, May 13th.
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported sales tax is down \$18,000 this month although for the year it is still up 6.5%.
 - Commissioner Pearson would like to move on selling the Blackwell property and the town hall meeting for moving the courts. The Commission decided to set the town hall meeting for 7:00 p.m. on June 7th in the Courtroom.
 - Due to cost of fuel, the road and bridge department is set on a rotation schedule and will stick to it.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

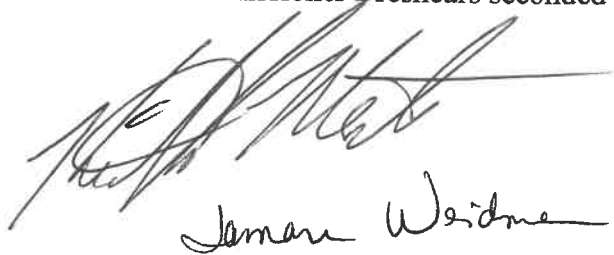

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HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 16, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 16, 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, Collector Karen Stokes and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - Chiefs meeting will be Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the old Dollar General building.
 - Allison Gunter with the Missouri Extension office plans to spend more time on the broadband initiative.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Collector Karen Stokes explained she is still waiting on Clear Basin's programmer to talk with Gene, GovernMentor programmer, in order to get the information on how to transfer information from Clear Basin to GovernMentor. Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained he is now CC'd on emails to keep up with the progress and see what is going on.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz shared an email from Steven Huizenga from Tier One Solutions with a price quote to increase the County's bandwidth from 20M to 50M in order for the VOIP phones to work correctly. The increase is approximately \$175 a month.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 19, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 19, 2022 was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett, Marc 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 May 16, 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 May 14, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the letter requesting the County's Attorney, Ivan Schraeder, represent Tamara Weidman, Hickory County Clerk in the matter of Besser vs Sonia Kennedy, Laurie Hoffman and Tamara Weidman was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the Employee Leave Summary for the month of May 2022.
5. Public Comments:
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz received an email from Kenny House asking to use a metal detector on Courthouse property. The Commission did not approve.
 - There was discussion on the creation of the hazard mitigation plan.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz will contact Kirby with Blauvelt Towers after the meeting to see if they can get moving on the installation of the radio communications tower.
 - LEPC is required to have a County elected official on the board. Treasurer Kenny Ratliff volunteered to sit on the board.
 - Clear Basin, GovernMentor, Assessor Clint Baker and Collector Karen Stokes along with Presiding Commissioner Mertz is to meet to discuss the transition of software program issues in the Assessor's office at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners office.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson a Proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day, observed on May 15, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to go into Closed Session meeting at 9:19 a.m.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


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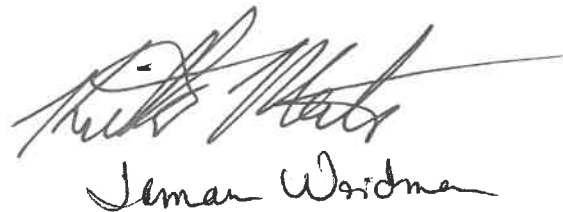
MEETING OF MAY 23, 2022

MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 23, 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, Marc Dye, Collector Karen Stokes and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of May 19, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - Carolyn Ream apologized for the actions that occurred at the Chief's meeting last Thursday night that was held at the old Dollar General Building.
 - The Clear Basin/GovernMentor meeting will be Tuesday, May 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's office.
 - The Commissioners will attend a second meeting on Tuesday, May 24th at 1:30 at the Benson Center in Clinton with MoDot regarding future County projects. They are proposing to run projects through the RPCs (Kaysinger Basin) for approval instead of the BRO projects.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Carolyn Ream explained that HCFR is now a division of the Preston Fire Department. Auto aids with Preston, Pittsburg, Weaubleau and Cross Timbers have been signed. They are still working on Urbana and Central Fire. They did not miss any calls during the transition when they were required to pause response. HCFR will function the same as before, governed by a board, but they now have an FDID number.
 - Carolyn Ream asked if the Commission had thought of a future location for her office upon the sale of the Blackwell property. The Commission explained they have at least one temporary location.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz will place an advertisement in the newspaper requesting sealed bids for the Blackwell Property, with a minimum bid of \$140,000 with the option to reject all bids and a stipulation of 90 days to move the garage contents.
 - Collector Karen Stokes presented a new office policy on Post 3rd Tax Sale offering. She explained Hickory County has very few of these properties. These generally occur due to an error in mapping which could mean a ditch was not mapped as part of a piece of property.
 - CART money is up \$18,500 for the year so far.
 - Commissioner Breshears discussed some road issues on the East side.
 - Preston Fire is donating a maintenance truck to the County Road and Bridge department.
 - Commissioner Breshears suggested the Commission move forward on building a storage facility at the old Dollar General site. Once the Blackwell place sells, the County will need a place to put all storage that is currently in the garage and it could take several months to complete. The Commission discussed details on the size of the storage facility and will try to place an ad in the newspaper next week.
 - 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



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 26, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 26, 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, Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering, Alex Fuller with Butler Telecom on behalf of CenturyLink and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering talked about procedures for applying for future bridge projects in the County after Tuesday's meeting with MoDot in Clinton. MoDot will provide an eligible bridge project list, with a special fund for larger bridges such as the Dorman bridge. Once the list is received sometime in June, Jason will help the Commission apply for funding on 2-3 bridges at a time.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the end of May 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
 - Shannon Stewart presented match letters for the Hazard Mitigation plan for Hickory County. LEPC is working on the hazmat side of the plan while Kaysinger Basin will work on the natural disaster side. The letter was not signed at this meeting due to the Commission noticing an increase in the amount of soft match money.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Alex Fuller with Butler Telecom LLC, working on behalf of CenturyLink attended the meeting for an encroachment permit for County Road 191 and 201.
 - The Commission discussed several road and bridge issues due to lots of rain in the County.
 - 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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