

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 7, 2022
MINUTES

1. The Board of Equalization hearings was called to order by Presiding Commissioner Mertz at 10:00 a.m. The Clerk administered the Oath to Janice Greenburg, who agreed to serve on the BOE board. The minutes from the 2021 BOE hearings was approved by a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Janice Greenburg. There was no one present for the BOE hearing therefore Commissioner Pearson made the motion to close the hearing, and Janice Greenburg seconded the motion at 10:02 a.m. 2-0 vote
2. The meeting of July 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, Paula Shepard, Janice Greenburg, Shannon Stewart, Collector Karen Stokes, Brian Bennett, Aleia Ream with the Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of June 30, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
3. Paula Shepard presented an ARPA application submitted by the Hickory County Health Department in the amount of \$2,044.02 for re-imburement of wages due to two staff members who were unable to use their leave balances. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the application was approved as presented. 2-0 vote
4. Shannon Stewart, KBRPC, joined the meeting to update the Commission on a few items she is working on. First, there is a hazard mitigation meeting on July 14th at 6:00 pm at the Old Dollar General building. Shannon is moving to a new position as the Grants Manager for KBRPC. There will be ARPA funds available through the State for various projects like broadband internet.
5. 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 July 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for June 2022 in the amount of \$8,547.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for June 2022 in the amount of \$14,204.56.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for June 2022 in the amount of \$4,112.34.
9. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for May 2022 in the amount of \$388 and June 2022 in the amount of \$84.25.
10. Public Comments:
 - Sue Dorman asked the Commission questions about the HCFR contract. She explained she is afraid to respond to calls in the Central Hickory Fire area since they have told HCFR to stay out of their area. The County's contract with HCFR is countywide and the Commission explained if you are close by, you should respond if you are able.
 - Fourth of July festivities were successful for the lake area.
 - The unemployment for Hickory County is 2.7%.
11. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Stopp & VanHoy, contracted by the State, are coming next week to audit 2021.
 - The Commission voted to go into closed session at 11:00 a.m. and Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the regular Commission meeting at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 11, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 11, 2022 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Rebecca Richards, Brigitta Gardner, Sarah Gardiner and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of July 7, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's reports of monthly fees collected for June 2022 for Civil Fees in the amount of \$750 and General Revenue fees in the amount of \$1,862.97.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Keaton Ashlock's report of monthly fees collected for June 2022 in the amount of \$2,128.13.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Treasurer Kenny Ratliff's six-month financial statement.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the engagement letter for audit services with Stopp & VanHoy was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's quarterly jail facility report.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statement for the month of June 2022.
8. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for June 2022 in the amounts of \$11,305.51 and \$1,230.13 respectively was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
9. Public Comments:
 - Becky Richards told the Commission to keep up the good work.
10. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The County is looking at some concrete projects on low water bridges and other road areas.
 - The Hazard Mitigation meeting will be July 14th at 6:00 pm at the old Dollar General building.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to participate in the Dept of Conservation County Aid Road Trust project for FY2023. 2-0 vote
 - Sales Tax for GR is down from this time last year by \$10,606,69 but is up over \$60,000 over the last 2 years.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF JULY 14, 2022

MINUTES


1. The meeting of July 14, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz at the Blackwell House location. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Kirk Shadduck, and Terry Randolph and Aleia Ream with The Index. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 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 July 9, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Public Comments:
 - Kirk Shadduck and Terry Randolph joined the meeting to remind the Commission it has been a year since the Commission approved a speed limit of 30 mph on County Road 356 in Pittsburg off State Highway TT. Notification was sent to MoDot on June 24, 2021 and no signs have been placed as of yet.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Spear Excavating will begin work the first week of August on Bear Creek project on County Rd 273.
 - Brian Bennett informed the Commission the radios are in and discussed mapping certain areas for better coverage.
 - The Road and Bridge is currently working on a project on County Rd 245/J8.
 - Commissioner Breshears received a call about a hole in a road pipe in Bisbee Acres area caused by Road and Bridge. Unfortunately, it is a plastic pipe which the County does not allow.
 - Hazard Mitigation planning meeting is at 6:00 p.m. later today at the old Dollar General building.
 - 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 JULY 18, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 18, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Rebecca Richards, Carolyn Ream, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Kristina Matzke and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 14, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission will meet with Jennifer with N-Form Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to discuss a different proposal other than moving the judicial center to the Old Dollar General building.
3. Public Comments:
 - County Rd 245 and 300 will be closed at the intersection for 2 days for road work.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission discussed the Old Dollar General building needing lights replaced in the back where there is storage. They decided to switch them to LED lights.
 - Brian Bennett submitted an ARPA application; the Clerk is to forward it on to Paula.
 - Kristina Matzke joined the meeting to see if the Commission could help her close a public platted road due to four wheelers coming through there after they have cleaned up the property. They are planning to put an RV park in and would like to minimize the traffic in the area. Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained it was a civil matter and she needed to talk with an attorney.
 - Carolyn Ream, Emergency Management Director, explained she had to resubmit the EMPG grant to take out fuel, travel expenses and the Salamander name badge system for 2023.
 - With no other matter before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


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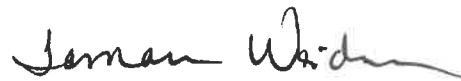
HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2022
MINUTES

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Present were, Jennifer Wilson, Commissioner Robert Breshears, Commissioner Rick Pearson, Presiding Commissioner Keith Mertz, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman.

The Commission met with Jennifer with N-Form to discuss plans for a judicial center and costs of doing so. Jennifer explained that costs are inflated right now as she one job she just quoted for Polk County came it at \$400 a square foot. She recommended holding off until the market corrects itself especially if you are using County funds. Some counties, therefore, are proceeding on projects with ARPA funds. The State is currently sitting on over a billion dollars of ARPA funds and applications will be available. She recommended the Commission talk with our State Representative about how to obtain State ARPA funds.

The Commission asked Jennifer to provide a cost analysis and report on the Old Dollar General building, an addition to the North side of the current courthouse, and a separate courtroom to the South of the jail. Jennifer said she would be happy to do that and will send the information as soon as she can.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.





HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 21, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 21, 2022 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote Commissioner Pearson also made the motion to approve the minutes to the special meeting that was held July 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's office and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - The Road and Bridge department did a great job on County Road 245/J8. The entrance at P3 needs fixed but with so traffic it will be difficult. There needs to be a temporary detour while the area is patched.
 - Have a few Road and Bridge applications and will schedule interviews next week sometime.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Pearson explained he had contacted JNR Adjustment Co regarding a notice the road department received about a cut phone line on County Road 240 in Weableau. The letter stated the Commission was liable to pay for the damages in the amount of \$936.90. Commissioner Pearson explained they did not have an encroachment permit for digging in the County right of way, therefore the County was not going to pay. Commissioner Pearson is unsure of who cut the line, but the County will not pay.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF JULY 25, 2022

MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 25, 2022 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, 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 July 21, 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 July 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for June 2022 in the amount of \$66.72.
4. Public Comments: None
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Jason Sivils with Great River has submitted all three bridge projects.
 - Brian Bennett submitted an addendum to the Preston Volunteer Fire Department's ARPA application to add 4 AED additional units.
 - Commissioner Pearson mentioned the need to proceed with cleaning the gutters, soffit and fascia on the main courthouse building. Presiding Commissioner Mertz said he would make some calls to get a few quotes.
 - The Clerk mentioned the need to have the air ducts cleaned. A few years ago, it was in the budget but was never done. Presiding Commissioner Mertz said he would make the call to schedule Stanley Steamer, who did the Sheriff's office a few years ago.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 28, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 28, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Collector Karen Stokes, Sue Dorman, Shannon Stewart, Tim Brenner, 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 July 25, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Mertz called for the opening of the final BOE hearing at 10:02 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson to close the BOE hearings for the year 2022. 2-0 vote
3. 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 July 23, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
 - The 911 system turned on location services for Verizon towers and did some test calls. They seem to be working at this time. Currently, Verizon and AT&T cell phones are working with the 911 system.
 - Work on Bare Creek bridge on County Rd 273 will begin next week by Spear Excavating. In order to help with flooding issues in the area, they will replace the culvert with a larger one and raise the road surface.
 - County Rd 144 is next on the list for pipe replacement.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission received an update on the Opioid lawsuit. Manufacturer Teva confirmed a global settlement of opioid claims worth up to \$4.25 billion which they would pay over 13 years and state and local governments can decide to take a portion of the payouts in overdose reversal medications.
 - Collector Karen Stokes presented a couple of bids on her ARPA fund request for an upgrade to her server in order to comply with security concerns totaling \$5,860. The Commission will review the bids.
 - Sheriff Burke has had several complaints from citizens on MM Highway about someone releasing hogs. He thinks the issue is taken care of.
 - Shannon Stewart provided the Commission a list of things needed for the Hazard Mitigation plan to be successful. The next meeting is on September 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the old Dollar General building.
 - Shannon also gave an update on the MoDot coalition grant. The next meeting is August 3rd in Springfield.
 - Also available will be a community revitalization grant through State ARPA funds. There is a 50% match requirement, but they also have a hardship clause for those unable to meet the full match.
 - CART money is up 7% over last year.
 - Brian Bennett explained the County does not receive any 911 tax dollars by State Statute. The board had to ask permission from the Commission to place the issue on the ballot. Whether or not the tax issue passes, the County will be required by the State to pay for E911 even if it is to another County.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson to approve the quote from Stanley Steamer for air duct cleaning in the amount of \$5,060 after normal hours was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
 - Claudia from Bright Speed broadband internet wanted the Commissioners to approve a letter to be sent to the State in support of them receiving State ARPA funds for rural broadband. The Commission did not agree to do so as it does not serve the majority of Hickory County citizens.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

