



**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 1, 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, Tim Brenner, Brian Bennett, Chris Young with Murphy Tractor 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 28, 2022 were approve as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed Collector Karen Stokes quotes for a new server for cybersecurity purposes to be paid for out of ARPA funds. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the purchase was approved through ARPA funds. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for July 2022 in the amount of \$229.25.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for July 2022 in the amount of \$14,125.13.
5. Public Comments:
  - Sheriff Burke thanked Chief Bennett for the KY3 interview for the 911 tax proposal.
  - The unemployment rate for Hickory County is 2.4%.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Chris Young with Murphy Tractor joined the meeting to make sure the Commission realized that 1 John Deere grader is almost out of hours on the warranty. Due to the age, the grader does not qualify for another extended warranty. He asked if it would be possible for Road and Bridge to weigh a CAT grader on a local scale in order to understand the competition more.
  - Jordon Graham with Central Hickory Fire Rescue submitted an ARPA fund application requesting \$99,555.54. The application was sent to the ARPA administrator, Paula Shepard for review. She is to meet with the Commission on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Sheriff's office received 296 calls for service last week alone.
  - The Commission discussed road and bridge equipment issues.
  - Spear Excavating is working on the Bare Creek crossing this morning on County Road 273.
  - 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 AUGUST 4, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 4, 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, Tim Brenner, Pamela Colvin with Century 21 Peterson, Maurice Pitts of Pitts Realty, Beverly Ryan, Aleia Ream with The Index, Rebecca Richards, Peggy Roberts and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of August 1, 2022 were approve as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Pamela Colvin with Century 21 Peterson and Maurice Pitts of Pitts Realty signed up for the Blackwell listing. Maurice asked what the minimum amount the house would be listed for. The Commission agreed it would be \$150,000. Maurice asked to have his name pulled out of the drawing and to allow Pamela Colvin with Century 21 Peterson to list the Blackwell house. The Commission will show the house to Pamela upon adjournment of the meeting.
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 August 2022 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forward for file Sheriff Greg Burke's reports of monthly fees collected for July 2022 for Civil Service in the amount of \$450 and for General Revenue in the amount of \$934.89.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for July 2022 in the amount of \$8,000.50.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for July 2022 in the amount of \$4,030.42.
7. Public Comments:
  - Peggy Roberts told the Commission her phone has been out for about a month with CenturyLink and when she calls them, they cannot find her. The Commission explained there was a layer the mapping company did not create that would have gone to phone companies in order to update to the most current addresses.
  - Rebecca Richards inquired on how to dissolve the 911 board? The Commission would like a formal letter from the board making that request.
  - Rebecca Richards also thanked Presiding Commissioner Mertz for his service to the County.
  - County Rd 273 Bare Branch update – the conditions are spongy due to the rain but it is draining well.
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - County Rd 144 off of W Highway is going to be started on Monday. There was a tree down after last nights storms on County Rd 134.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to accept a bid of \$12,855 from Bolivar Insulation to repair or replace soffit and fascia on the Courthouse building. This project was bid out earlier in the year, but no bids were received on the project. 2-0 vote
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

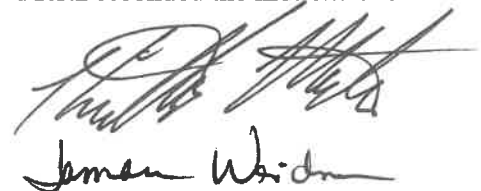
1. The meeting of August 8, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commissioner Pearson. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Collector Karen Stokes, Brian Bennett, Robert Sawyer, Peggy Roberts, Carolyn Ream and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Presiding Commissioner Mertz was not present. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of August 4, 2022 were approve as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statement for the month of July 2022.
3. Public Comments: None
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Pearson discussed County Rd 144 off of W Highway closed today for pipe replacement and should be complete by end of day August 8, 2022.
  - 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



Jerman Whidner

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

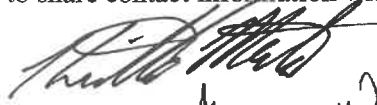
1. The meeting of August 11, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Brian Bennett, Aleia Ream and Tessa Simmons with The Index, Sue Dorman, Paula Shepard, Beverly Ryan, Jordon & Andrea Graham, Bob & Kathy Leeper, Steven Peoples, Terry Randolph, Michael Stock, Kyla Gall, Harold Barger, Tim Brenner, Aaron Yoder, Truman Miller, Pamela Hill, Larry & Jenny Elam, Cameron Hooper, Simon Loehr, Rebecca Richards, David Stewart, CJ Sutherland, Robert Sawyer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Breshears was not present. Approval of the minutes of August 8, 2022 was moved to Monday due to Presiding Commissioner Mertz absent on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Breshears being absent at today's meeting.
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending August 6, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Paula Shepard presented 2 ARPA applications, one from Preston Fire Department in the amount of \$98,676.38, and one from Central Fire in the amount of \$99,555.54. With Commissioner Breshears being absent, the Commission decided to table the two applications. Paula also recommended to Brian Bennett with Preston Fire to retrieve a liability agreement in writing and to put in writing that there will be an annual review.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the additions and abatements for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$8,958.76 and \$3,985.82 respectively was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for July 2022.
6. Public Comments:
  - LEPC meeting tonight at 6:00 at the Old Dollar General Building.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Harold Barger requested the County cash in a CD that is maturing this month for the Weaubleau Cemetery. A new law was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor that allows Counties to release funds held for cemeteries for maintenance and beautification of cemeteries. The Commission is to draft an agreement and have the County attorney review before releasing any funds.
  - County Road 141 is finished and looks good.
  - The Commission discussed the 911 Board on whether to dissolve. Brian Bennett stated he would have a proposal ready for Monday's meeting.
  - Commissioner Pearson made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2) real estate at 10:55 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
  - The Commission resumed the regular session meeting at 11:20 a.m. Presiding Commissioner Mertz stated the County has an offer of \$147,000 on the Blackwell place. Commissioner Breshears made the motion to accept the offer, Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. Roll Call vote – Commissioner Breshears – yes, Commissioner Pearson – yes, and Presiding Commissioner Mertz – yes.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 15, 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, Jordon Graham, Bob & Kathy Leeper, Steven Peoples, Terry Randolph, Kyla Gall, Aaron Yoder, Truman Miller, Larry Elam, CJ Sutherland, Dewey Pratt, Marc Dye, Larry & Linda Senyard, Peggy Roberts, Shannon Stewart, Claudia Sands, Debi Nasalroad, Robert Sawyer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of August 8, 2022 were approved as presented. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of August 11, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Resolution for membership to KBRPC was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Shannon with KBRPC provided updates on active grants. She also discussed some upcoming grant opportunities that the Commission might be interested in. Commissioner Pearson would like Shannon to speak with the schools about what's available to them in the form of grants for projects. On the transportation side the initial scores on bridges are due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Top 3 selections will be made by the end of August. Dorman Bridge should be scored high on the list.
4. Claudia Sands with Lumen, soon to be Brightspeed internet, asked the Commission for a letter of support. They are applying for a Grant through the State to build broadband internet. Claudia presented a map of the area they intend to build in Hickory County which looks to be around Pomme de Terre Lake. The Grant period closes September 29<sup>th</sup> and the award will be sometime in November. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Commission voted to sign the letter of support for Brightspeed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the following liquor licenses issued: TNT Quick Shop in the amount of \$300, Casey's stores in the amount of \$900, Bullseye Stores in the amount of \$600, Pomme de Terre Shrine Club in the amount of \$500, Hickamo in the amount of \$500, Sheryls Corner Bar LLC in the amount of \$300, Galmey VFW Post 9638 in the amount of \$500, Triangle Quick Stop LLC in the amount of \$300, The Trading Post in the amount of \$300, Pomme De Ritas LLC in the amount of \$500, Lakeside Liquor in the amount of \$300, Dollar General Stores in the amount of \$400, Crappie Hole Bar & Grill LLC in the amount of \$300, Harbor Marina & Campground in the amount of \$500, Lucas Oil Speedway in the amount of \$500, Lake Hill Golf Course in the amount of \$50, Hobo's Eagle Stop in the amount of \$300, and Pittsburg Pub & Patio in the amount of \$500.
6. Paula Shepard was unable to make the meeting today therefore the Commission decided to hold on the ARPA applications until Paula could attend the meeting on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. Public Comments:
  - Commissioner Pearson asked Jordon Graham of Central Hickory Fire Rescue if there had been a mutual aid agreement signed by Central Hickory with the other organizations in Hickory County. Jordon Graham explained the whole county has mutual aid. As far as auto aid, there is not an agreement signed with any agency except for Preston Fire. There was discussion regarding state statutes and how they pertain to each organization. The next Chief's meeting is this coming Thursday night.
8. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sales tax is up this month.
  - Debi Nasalroad with West Central passed out business cards to share contact information with the Commission.
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Paula Shepard

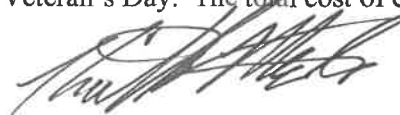
- Brian Bennett requested the Commission enact a burn ban. When the State Fire Marshall calls for a burn ban, they would also like to act on that to help with the costs. A person could be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor if the fire department had to fight a fire during a burn ban period. The fire department would have to file a report with the Prosecuting Attorney's office if an event occurred.
- Presiding Commissioner Mertz signed the contract on the Blackwell house in the amount of \$147,000 per the vote of the Commission and sent it back to the realtor.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Mertz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jamara Wood

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

1. The meeting of August 18, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Collector Karen Stokes, Brian Bennett, Sue Dorman, Jordon Graham, Bob & Kathy Leeper, Marc & Karla Dye, Larry & Linda Senyard, Peggy Roberts, Harold Barger, Ken Rife, Rebecca Richards, Beverly Ryan, Carolyn Ream, Aaron Weaver, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Breshears was absent. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of August 15, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. 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 August 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. After some discussion by the Commission and members in the room, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to dissolve the E911 board and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote. The Commission talked about creating an E911 Advisory Board under a 501c3 non-profit organization where they would be able to apply for grants.
4. Chief Brian Bennett stated that HCFR is in good standing with the MO Secretary of State. He also stated the State Fire Marshall has no authority to dissolve an organization. He stated MO State Statute 323.10 has no wording about EMS. He then presented HCFR boundary lines for the Commission to approve. Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained he would send the documents to Ivan Schraeder, the County's attorney for review before approval.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the Cemetery Trust Fund Guidelines was signed and approved.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for the month of July 2022 for CCW fees in the amount of \$180.
7. Harold Barger, Treasurer of the Weaubleau Cemetery board, presented a letter requesting CD #126557 in the amount of \$1,000, maturing on August 23, 2022 be released to the cemetery board for the benefit of the Weaubleau Cemetery maintenance. Presiding Commissioner Mertz requested that Mr. Barger return with a letter stating ways they plan to receive donations for cemetery maintenance along with an annual budget or a financial statement. This is a part of the requirement the new legislation states is needed before releasing cemetery trust funds.
8. Public Comments:
  - Jordon Graham inquired of the need for HCFR boundary lines as those were created a few years ago. Larry Senyard explained when the boundary lines were created, it was only for the purpose of fire dues and had assumed HCFR always took care of EMS services throughout the entire County.
  - Four months ago, Chief Bennett & Presiding Commissioner Mertz sent letters on behalf of Hickory County to CMH to be able to get a second ambulance in our area. CMH was awarded \$1.9 million for a quick response vehicle which will provide basic life support but will not be able to transport a patient.
  - Urbana Fire Chief Larry Senyard was concerned with the 911 system showing correct locations. It was explained the layers will be fixed for accuracy. He also asked about road maintenance on County Road 351 in his area.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz received approval on all of the Veterans pavers that have been submitted for engraving to be completed before this Veteran's Day. The total cost of engraving is \$930.

 Jamar  
Weidman

# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2022

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of August 22, 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, Jordon Graham, Bob & Kathy Leeper, Marc Dye, Ken Rife, Beverly Ryan, Carolyn Ream, Paula Shepard, Robert Sawyer, Kyla Gall, Truman Miller 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 August 18, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Mertz began by stating he would like to recommend freezing ARPA funds until all emergency organizations can get along. Discussion ensued amongst the different organizations and the Commission as to why and how they could help the community as they feel they need the equipment listed on the ARPA applications to provide the best care. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to approve \$17,703 to purchase a LUCAS machine through ARPA funds for Central Hickory Fire Rescue. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote Preston Fire Chief, Brian Bennett withdrew Preston Fire's ARPA application.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the HCFR boundaries.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrant for reimbursement to Sarah Roach in the amount of \$733.45 for the Missouri Mapping Conference was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file a liquor license for Alps at SOS in the amount of \$300.
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the credit card application for Central Bank was approved and signed. The Commission authorized County Clerk Tamara Weidman to be the account manager with her Deputy Tommy Holt having authorization to talk with the credit card company regarding transactions. The following will be authorized card holders; Tamara Weidman – County Clerk, Keith Mertz – Presiding Commissioner, Kenny Ratliff – Treasurer, Keaton Ashlock – Prosecuting Attorney, Karen Stokes – Collector, Clint Baker – Assessor, Pamela Hutton – Recorder, Greg Burke – Sheriff, Connie Boller – Coroner, Venesa Prettyman – Public Administrator, Jason Darby – Road and Bridge Supervisor.
7. Public Comments:
  - Truman Miller commented that he felt the Commission has the duty to contact both sides if there are differing opinions. There was discussion on how the different fire departments and emergency responders may disagree on things, but they all have the common goal of saving lives and helping others.
  - Sue Dorman inquired on whether Pittsburg Fire Department could still submit an ARPA application. The Commission said yes, you can still submit an application for review.
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Carolyn inquired on what stays and what goes in the Blackwell residence.
  - Chief Jordon Graham asked what they needed to bring back to the Commission to apply for ARPA funds. He asked if one county wide application between all organizations would work. Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained it would be great to see unity amongst the organizations, but each organization would need a separate application.
  - The road and bridge department resumed black top work today.
  - 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





9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
- Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz, the application filled out and signed by County Clerk Tamara Weidman and Treasurer Kenny Ratliff for the Central Bank credit card for the County was approved. 2-0 vote The Hickory County Clerk – Tamara Weidman, will be the account manager and a card holder along with the following authorized card holders;  
Keith Mertz – Presiding Commissioner  
Kenny Ratliff – Treasurer  
Keaton Ashlock – Prosecuting Attorney  
Karen Stokes – Collector  
Clint Baker – Assessor  
Pamela Hutton – Recorder  
Greg Burke – Sheriff  
Connie Boller – Coroner  
Venesa Prettyman – Public Administrator  
Jason Darby – Road and Bridge Supervisor
  - The Road and Bridge department will resume laying oil next week.
  - Spear Excavation did a great job on the projects they completed in the County.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote




Tamara Weidman

# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2022

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of August 25, 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, Jordon Graham, Ken Rife, Beverly Ryan, Paula Shepard, Peggy Roberts and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 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 August 20, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. John Hickman with HIC insurance agency was not present for the meeting.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the ARPA funds approval made on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for Central Hickory Fire Rescue was amended from \$17,703 to \$17,931.49. This will cover the cost of one LUCAS device - \$14,915.10, 2-LUCAS external power supply - \$359.90, 4-LUCAS 3 rechargeable LiPo battery - \$695.69 and 2-PROCARE LUCAS prevent service - \$1,960.80. 2-0 vote
5. Public Comments:
  - Everything has been moved from the Blackwell house. There are still a couple of totes with things from the previous owners. Commissioner Pearson plans to deliver the totes to family in Springfield, MO.
  - Beverly with the Sheriffs office has completed and sent a communications manual for the County's insurance company. She is still working on other required documents.
  - Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin sent an email with grant opportunities. One is a T-Mobile hometown grant for up to \$50,000. The other is a list of grants available through State ARPA funds.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - CART money is up 7% for the year. That is \$26,000 from last year.
  - Commissioner Pearson mentioned the need to have trees trimmed and gutters cleaned. He is planning to contact Jarred Coffey out of Preston. The Commission discussed removing the maple tree on the East side of the Courthouse lawn. It is in a bad spot and if it were to fall, it would take out dispatch operations.
  - Commissioner Breshears discussed a few road and bridge calls he has had.
  - The Commission discussed building an office space at the old Dollar General building for Carolyn Ream. They also talked about building a storage building with a bay for each elected official on the East side of the old Dollar General building.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 29, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Brian Bennett, Aaron Yoder, Ken Rife, Sheriff Burke, Beverly Ryan, Sue Dorman, Christian DeLozier, Carolyn Ream, Robert Sawyer, Shannon Stewart, Dillon Harness, Ryan Peters and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of August 25, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Public Hearing to set General Revenue and Road and Bridge tax levy was opened at 10:00 a.m. The Clerk reported all publications and calculations were in order and she presented the levies for approval. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to set the levies for 2022 as presented, General Revenue, \$0.2168, Road and Bridge \$0.2507. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
3. Christian DeLozier with Mike Keith Insurance discussed Star Insurance compliance requirements for the jail. Lisa K Harrison-Lineback with LKHL Professional Consulting, LLC, visited Hickory County's jail facility in May 2022 for a compliance review. She suggested creating new policies for the jail, patrol and dispatch, vehicle operations training annually, and more frequent walk throughs of the jail facility where inmates are housed. Christian asked if it was possible to outsource the jail inmates? Sheriff Burke explained that due to the cost of anywhere from \$55 to \$75 a day that would be too costly. Sheriff Burke and Beverly Ryan assured Christian and the Commission they were working on the requested items to comply with what the insurance company requires.
4. Dillon Harness with Kaysinger Basin is working with USDA on the storm siren grant. They would like more information on the project such as a map of projected placement. They would also require that any property used would need to be deeded to the County or owned by the County. The USDA grant would be a 55% Federal, 45% local match. He explained that he had not submitted any grants on behalf of Hickory County as of yet. Dillon reminded the Commission and everyone in the room there will be a Hazard Mitigation meeting September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the old Dollar General building. Commissioner Pearson asked Ryan Peters about BRO funding. He explained the Dorman bridge was approved for replacement in 2023/24 with an 80/20 split which would amount to about \$400,000 match money from the County.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for August 2022.
6. Public Comments:
  - The Commission received 2 ARPA fund applications, one from Weaubleau Fire and one from Central Hickory Fire Rescue. The Clerk will forward them to the ARPA administrator, Paula Shepard.
  - The sale of the Blackwell property closed on Friday. All contents have been emptied with the exception of the garage. The Commission is looking to have a moving company move the contents of the garage.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed how much space for the Emergency Management Director in the Old Dollar General store was needed and plans for a storage facility on the East side.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman