


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 1, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Sue Dorman, Paula Shepard, Brian Bennett, Kenny Rife, Bill Copeland, Aleia Ream with The Index and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of November 28, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Paula Shepard attended the meeting regarding open ARPA fund applications, but Commissioner Pearson stated the ARPA funds are frozen at this point and apologized for the inconvenience.
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 November 26, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded the proposal for additional towers and repeaters for Sheriff's office. Chief Brian Bennett quoted the amount of \$72,578.81 for the equipment for Sheriff's office. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the amount was approved. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee summary report for November 2022.
6. Public Comments:
 - Commissioner Pearson stated County Road 240 and County Road 316 will be worked on starting Monday December 5, 2022
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz stated that Hickory County unemployment rate stands at 2.5%.
7. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Chief Brian Bennett updated the commission on RCS Communications and that we are below original funding approved. Chief Bennett also stated that as things are wrapped up rebate's need to be applied for, which will be a substantial amount of money coming back to the County.
 - Commissioner Pearson stated stairs in Annex Building were not safe to use. Waiting for reports from structural experts to report on integrity of Annex building.
 - Starting Monday December 5, 2022 Highway 83 from Hickory and Polk County line to Bolivar will be under repairs, so expect major delays.
 - Commissioner Breshears state that both road and bridge barns need some repairs. Both Commissioners Pearson and Breshears will find someone to assess the repairs needed.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz talked with Sheriff Greg Burke about grants available to equip his vehicles for K9 units.
 - 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 DECEMBER 5, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 5, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Christian DeLozier with Mike Keith Insurance and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. The Commission met with Christian DeLozier on the County's 2023 insurance renewal. After Star Insurance informed Mike Keith Insurance and the County of non-renewal due to conditions of the jail, they retracted in November and decided to renew. Mr. DeLozier presented documents for the Commission to review, one being a rate sheet comparing Star Insurance renewal vs MoPerm's proposed rate. Star Insurance went from \$114,655 to \$148,091 per year with the same coverages offered. MoPerm came in at \$161,493 with less coverages. Discussion ensued regarding increasing the deductible amounts on the buildings, which Mr. DeLozier said he would do, but explained it would not help that much. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Commission decided to renew with Star Insurance. 2-0 vote


3. Public Comments:
 - Road and bridge are working on County Road 363 this morning.
 - Christmas light displays are up and going at the lake.

4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Loretta with Nemo Quarry called and explained the County needs to give permission for Spear Excavation to use the account there since they are not employed by the County. Presiding Commissioner Mertz said he would call and take care of it.
 - Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering met with Commissioner Pearson last week and explained he will get a lift and use a drone to take precise readings on the University of MO Extension office where the stairs are unsafe to use.
 - Chase Crawford was able to get a load of items to sell for the County but was unable to get it all. He will come back for the rest at a later time.
 - Arlis Ginnings will take a look at both road and bridge barns and provide an estimate for repairs as well as take a look at a toilet issue at the Annex building where the University of MO Extension is located.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz completed a DocuSign document for Julie Zibert with MoDot this morning and will hopefully get the ball rolling to complete the rest of the paperwork for the Dorman bridge project.
 - Next LEPC meeting is Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Dollar General building.
 - The Assessor discovered gas has been siphoned out of the Assessor vehicle. Discussion ensued on how to protect the fuel tanks at both road and bridge locations.
 - 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


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 8, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer, Sue Dorman, Rebecca Richards, Truman Miller, representatives of RCS Communications Robert and Pete, Debbie Giberson, Brad Turner, Judge Hendrickson and Treasurer Kenny Ratliff. Commissioner Pearson was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of December 5, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for November 2022 in the amount of \$7,984.69.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Keaton Ashlock's report of monthly fees collected for November 2022 in the amount of \$234.86.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the beginning of December 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Debbie Giberson, Chief Juvenile Officer with the 30th Circuit met with the Commission regarding the 2023 budget. The only increase was under miles, meals and training in the amount of \$3,000 due to the state raising the mileage rate to \$.55.
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the additions and abatements in the amounts of \$100,760.78 and \$61,871.51 respectively was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Burk's report of monthly fees collected for November 2022 for Civil Revenues in the amount of \$570, CCW Revenues in the amount of \$60, and General Revenue fees in the amount of \$423.85.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for November 2022 in the amount of \$7,229.
9. The Commission met with Judge Hendrickson to review his 2023 budget proposal for court administration for the circuit which includes Hickory, Polk, Dallas, and Webster Counties. Judge Hendrickson explained an increase of a total of \$1,900 due to mileage costs rising.
10. Public Comments: None
11. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Breshears made a motion to have Truman Miller grind the tree stump in the Courtyard for \$200 and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

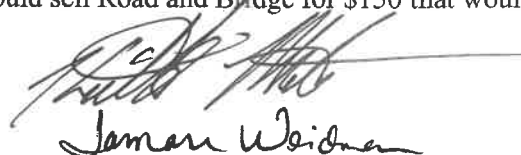

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MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2022


MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 12, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Robert Sawyer, Sue Dorman, Sheriff Burke, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff Attorney John Parks 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 December 8, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Attorney John Parks provided the child support enforcement unit contract for the Commission to review. The contract is between the State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, Family Support Division and the Counties of Polk, Benton, Dallas, Cedar and Hickory. The contract is valid for the period of 3 years and Hickory County's portion is 10.62%. The contract requires the signatures of the Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Clerk, and Presiding Commissioner. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the contract was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the budget adjustments to the 2022 budget document was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for the month of November 2022.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson Commission Order No. 12-12-22 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$100,000 from General Revenue (Fund No. 01) to LE Sales Tax (Fund No. 52). This transfer is in compliance with the adopted budget for 2022 and is an appropriate appropriation of funds. The Commission approved and signed the Commission Order. 2-0 vote
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Commission Order No. 12-13-22 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$2,031 from the Recorder User Fees (Fund No. 09) to the General Revenue Fund (Fund No. 01). This transfer is in compliance with the adopted budget for 2022 and is an appropriate appropriation of funds. The Commission approved and signed the Commission Order. 2-0 vote
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Commission Order No. 12-14-22 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$3,500 from the Tax Maintenance Fund (Fund No. 42) to the General Revenue Fund (Fund No. 01). This transfer is in compliance with the adopted budget for 2022 and is an appropriate appropriation of funds. The Commission approved and signed the Commission Order. 2-0 vote
8. Public Comments:
 - Carah Bright with MAC sent an email regarding adding a sales tax to the sale of marijuana.
 - A new circuit was installed for the 911 system.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Mike Keith Insurance agent Christian DeLozier explained at an earlier meeting that the insurance company would be interested in paying for a brush guard on one of the sheriff's trucks in order to cut down on deer strike claims. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the County will put brush guards on two trucks and the insurance company will reimburse the County for the cost of one. 2-0 vote
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz has a trailer he would sell Road and Bridge for \$150 that would haul culvert pipes.



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- Carolyn Ream explained this coming Wednesday is her last full-time day with CMH. She will continue with part time hours. A question was raised as to whether she could still work part time at the Sheriff's office as a dispatcher and also be the full time Emergency Manager for the County. The Clerk will check with the Attorney.
- Carolyn asked about the part time position for the emergency management grant. The Commission would like her to advertise for applications for the position.
- Carolyn will need to turn in paperwork for reimbursement due to hotel costs for the Four Corners conference for her and Kathy Neidel.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



James Waidner

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 15, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Robert Sawyer, Sue Dorman, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Breshears was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 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 payroll for the pay period ending December 10, 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the Law Enforcement Restitution Fund Board of Trustees was reviewed and approved. 2-0 vote
The LERF board members are Bart Davis, Wesley Grunow, Sue Dorman, Ray Tipton and Dianna Robinson.
4. Public Comments:
 - The next Pomme Drought Contingency Planning meeting is January 17, 2023.
 - Missouri Association of Counties sent a template sales order for adult use marijuana for the County to use if they place the question on the ballot. The maximum sales tax charge would be 3%.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff provided the Commission with an email regarding the opioid lawsuit detailing what each entity will receive from the settlement along with the approved uses of the funds.
 - The Commission discussed the change in the law for the Public Administrator salary. If the Public Administrator has a Guardianship and a Conservatorship on one individual it will count as two letters instead of one. This will cause an increase in the total letters which will mean an increase in salary.
 - Commissioner Pearson said a couple of culverts have fell through and need to be replaced.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 19, 2022 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer, Sue Dorman, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Carolyn Ream, Jason Sivils and Zeke Peterson with Great River Engineering 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 December 15, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Mertz opened the public hearing to begin the budget process at 10:00 a.m. The Clerk presented the budget memo and budget calendar. She stated all publications had properly been advertised. Budget process will begin as presented. Commissioner Pearson noted that wages need to be reviewed again this year. Hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.
3. Shannon Stewart was not present for this meeting and will try to attend Thursday's meeting.
4. Jason Sivils and Zeke Peterson with Great River Engineering presented 5 contracts for the Commission to review.
 - 1.) County Road 85 low water crossing. Replacing with a slab beam bridge that is eligible for soft match money. The cost would be \$48,000 for the design, \$26,000 for construction with a total of \$74,000.
 - 2.) County Road 266 low water crossing similar to the County Rd 85 bridge. The total cost would be exactly the same and would be eligible for soft match money.
 - 3.) County Road 270 (golf course road) low water crossing. The cost would be \$33,000 for the design, \$20,000 for construction with a total of \$53,000.
 - 4.) Rough Hollow Bridge – to begin the design process it will cost the County \$25,000. This will prepare the County for the next BRO replacement program and hopefully push the application to the top.
 - 5.) The University of MO Extension office – Great River would like to rent a lift for further review of the outside structure. There are cracks that need to be analyzed to determine the repairs that are needed.

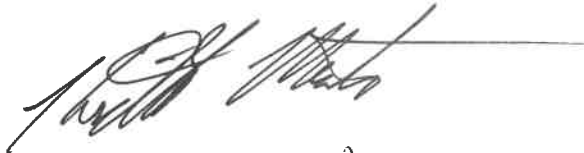
Commissioner Pearson made the motion to proceed with the Extension office contract, the plans on County Rd 270 and Rough Hollow Bridge contracts. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote The other 2 contracts will be placed on hold for now.

5. Public Comments:
 - Matt Amick with MO Soybean Association will call in to the Commission meeting on Thursday to discuss grants available for the County to switch to biodiesel.
 - The County is set to receive the first installments from the opioid lawsuits. The installments are coming by check in the amounts \$7,818.39 from Janssen and \$13,513.78 from another distributor.
6. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith told the Commission she would've appreciated notice of the wall that was placed in the vault between the Circuit Clerk and Recorder's office. The Commission apologized for the oversight.
 - Carolyn Ream expressed concern of the weather coming toward the end of the week. She is planning to contact some organizations to see if they would be warming centers for those that are in need.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 22, 2022
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 22, 2022 was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, 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 December 19, 2022 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Shannon Stewart was not present for this meeting due to the weather.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the middle of December 2022 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. Telephone conference call with Matt Amick with MO Soybean Association/Biodiesel explained the process of biodiesel and the Grants available for new tanks and other products. The deadline for these grants will be March 1, 2023. Commissioner Pearson expressed interest in new tanks for both Road and Bridge Departments. Matt Amick said he would send the link to start the process.
5. Public Comments:
 - Due to the weather retirement party for David Turner will be postponed from Friday the 23rd to Wednesday the 28th.
6. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff stated CART Funds were up 12% this Quarter approximately \$71,00.00.
 - Commissioner Breshears stated the Road and Bridge crew were on standby for emergencies due to weather.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


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