

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 5, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, EMD Carolyn Ream, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Marc & Karla Dye, Jim Mackie, Shannon Stewart, 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 December 29, 2022 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission discussed and reviewed the two bids submitted to outfit the law enforcement vehicles. It was decided to have Sheriff Burke review the bids for comparison and make a decision based on his recommendation. The item will be on Monday, January 9th agenda.
3. Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin discussed several grant opportunities available to the County. The USDA Community Facilities Grant could possibly be used for equipment and furnishings for a renovation project. Also available is a T-Mobile Hometown Grant for \$50,000 where no match is required but encouraged. Another Grant is the Quad Lakes Management Grant for recycled park benches and playground equipment.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 in the amount of \$525.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 in the amount of \$597.30.
6. Public Comments: None
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Road and Bridge department now has 3 openings. The Clerk will advertise in the newspaper.
 - The Commission discussed the salary schedules and after checking with a few surrounding Counties, feel they should be raised on the base pay. Employee raises will be discussed later in the budget process.
 - Statute was provided on the Law Enforcement Restitution Fund board. RSMo 50.565 states that a member of the board cannot be an elected official, former elected official, current or former employees of the Sheriff's Department or the office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Former Sheriff Ray Tipton will not be able to serve on the board so Sheriff Greg Burke will need to make a new appointment.
 - The next Hazard Mitigation meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Dollar General building.
 - The Commission discussed options to try to save money on the electric bill at the old Dollar General building.
 - 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 JANUARY 9, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 5, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Marc & Karla Dye, Tim & Lily Brenner and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the bid for outfitting the law enforcement trucks was awarded to NRoute Emergency Vehicle Outfitters for the amount of \$8,422.93 per vehicle. 3-0 vote
3. Judge Hackett was unable to meet with the Commission this morning.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 in the amount of \$2,287.42.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 for Civil Service in the amount of \$660 and General Revenue in the amount of \$406.83.
6. The Commission reviewed and forward for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 in the amount of \$5,636.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator's Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for December 2022 in the amount of \$249.05.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for December 2022.
9. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for December 2022 along with the year end and six-month settlement for 2022.
10. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the following Resolution was approve and signed. 3-0 vote: That an election be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held within the County on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the County the following Proposition, to-wit:

COUNTY SALES TAX

Shall Hickory County, Missouri impose a countywide sales tax of three percent (3%) on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use marijuana sold in Hickory County, Missouri.
11. Public Comments: None
12. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Breshears mentioned the County placing the use tax (Wayfair tax) on the ballot for taxpayers.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 12, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Roger Foster, Judy Gamble, Chip Shaddox, Joanne Finn, Jim Mackie, Larry & Linda Senyard, Carolyn Ream, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Judge Hackett, Tessa Simmons 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 January 9, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission met with Judge Hackett regarding the 2023 budget request that included bailiff salary, security officer salary, court security training and health insurance totaling \$60,100. He asked the Commission if they planned to move the courts to the old Dollar General building within the next year, if not, he would lower his budget request as those positions would not be needed. The Commission assured him they would not be moving the courts within the next year, so the budget was reduced to the normal request of \$2,250 for 2023.
3. The Commission had a conference call with Ellie Blankenship with Veregy regarding a feasibility study on the Dollar General building as well as the Courthouse.
4. Representing the Chamber of Commerce was Judy Gamble, Joanne Finn and Chip Shaddox who explained what the Chamber had achieved over the last year. In 2022, the Commission supported the Chamber of Commerce by giving them \$10,000 budgeted in the Economic Development category. The Chamber is requesting the same funding for the FY2023 budget year. Presiding Commissioner would like to see a couple active Chamber members being a part of a reactivated EEZ board.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending January 7, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears, Robert Sawyer was appointed to the West Central Community Action board. 3-0 vote
7. Public Comments:
 - The County Clerk presented the paperwork to update the donee authorization form for the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property.
 - Larry Senyard asked about radios for the Urbana fire department. He says they do not have any of the new radios at this time.
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sales Tax is down in General Revenue \$5,000, Road and Bridge \$1,100, Sheriff \$2,400 from last year.
 - Carolyn Ream mentioned a meeting in Greene County on February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. called "Crisis Management for School Based Incidents" she plans to attend.
 - The Southwest Commissioners meeting will be April 19th.
 - The Grant for the storm sirens cannot be approved until the Hazard Mitigation plan complete.
 - Commissioner Pearson would like to make sure all schools have access to Narcan.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 19, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Judy Gamble, Jim Mackie, Carolyn Ream, Sheriff Burke, David Turner, Bill Copeland, Sue Dorman, Tim & Lily Brenner, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, 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 January 12, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Commissioner Sawyer opened the budget hearing at 10:06 a.m. The Clerk presented the budget to the Commission. After discussion and review, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjust the Circuit Clerk's equipment budget from \$10,000 to \$6,000 and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote The Clerk stated the building and grounds budget is cushioned due to unknown repairs of the Annex building and various uncompleted projects from the past two years. The budget hearing closed at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to approve the 2023 budget document. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the County Government Legal Services Agreement with Schraeder Law Firm for the year 2023 at a cost of \$1200 per year was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the County Government Legal Services Agreement with Ellis, Ellis, Hammons & Johnson, P.C. at a cost of \$1400 per year was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the additions and abatements in the amount of \$95,686.31 and \$45,117.56 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Public Comments:
 - Bill Copeland with the Pittsburg Fire Department asked if the ARPA funds will remain frozen or will the Commission consider applications again. The Commission explained the funds will remain frozen for now as a feasibility study is set to be completed on the old Dollar General building next week.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Some of the courthouse parking signs were pulled out and piled on the courtyard.
 - Carolyn explained there was a hazardous spill investigation yesterday in the Lake Forest Subdivision.
 - TAC meeting was rescheduled due to lack of quorum to next Thursday, January 26th.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained he would like to visit with the Chamber of Commerce about the recycle trailers.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2023

MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 23, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Carolyn Beam, Sue Dorman, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Recorder Pamela Hutton, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Kathy Neidel, Brian Bennett and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Public Comments: None
3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Brian Bennett attended to update the Commission on the radios in the County. He explained Urbana Fire Department received 4- 1200 handhelds and 1-3720. The other 3 that were assigned to Urbana were reassigned to the Sheriff's office and are currently held at the Preston Fire Department for preparation. There are 5 other repeaters that need to be installed before the project is complete.
 - The hazardous materials spill that was talked about in the last meeting is still under investigation. There are 3 private subdivision roads that are affected with some sort of adhesive substance.
 - Hickory County LEPC changed to a LEPD in January and will include St. Clair County.
 - The Commission will contact Vannicolo's Landscaping ahead of the snow storm that is coming in Tuesday evening for snow removal at the Courthouse.
 - The Road and Bridge department is ready for the incoming storm.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 26, 2023 was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Carolyn Ream, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Recorder Pamela Hutton, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Darla Mueller, Ellie Blankenship and Ryan Becker with Veregy, Lily Brenner, Larry Senyard, 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 January 23, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the end of January 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. 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 January 21, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Ryan Becker and Ellie Blankenship with Veregy discussed how they analyze utility bills and building drawings to make buildings more energy efficient. Collector Karen Stokes explained there is no room for storage for documents the County must retain as well as security issues on court days. She suggested the possibility of renting space at the old Dollar General building to the Department of Revenue to help offset the costs. Ellie mentioned the County trying to get the use tax passed in the County since we already collect the money but it all goes to the State instead of back to the County. After the meeting, the Commissioners will take them on a tour of the County buildings beginning with the jail facility to gather information for a feasibility study.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the pay scales for new hires was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Public Comments:
 - Larry Senyard turned in serial numbers for the radios the Urbana Fire Department has.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith wanted to go on record that she would like to withdraw the \$4,000 for the request of a microfilm reader from the budget. She also handed the Commission a letter from Judge Hackett explaining the Commission is not allowed to change the budget estimates of the Court or the Circuit Clerk without permission and shall appropriate in the amounts as submitted. If they deem an estimate to be unreasonable, they must place the disputed amount into an escrow account and file a petition with the judicial finance commission.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 30, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Carolyn Ream, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sheriff Burke and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of January 26, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission met in closed session at 10:00 pursuant to section 610.021(1) for litigation. The regular session opened at 10:24 a.m.
3. Scott Corley did not attend the meeting.
4. The Commission met with Carolyn Ream, Emergency Management Director, regarding the salary for the director and assistant director. It was agreed that Carolyn could continue to work part-time as a dispatcher and would receive no overtime pay at the Sheriff's office if she is paid \$684 per week for the EMD Director position. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Commission approved the Emergency Management Director salary at \$684 per week. 3-0 vote
5. Public Comments:
 - The unemployment for Hickory County is 2.9%.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Breshears had a call from a citizen regarding county road 381 wanting the road repaired.
 - Sheriff Burke mentioned Lake Patrol and the issue with overtime if his regular deputies worked those shifts. He explained he did not have enough part time deputies or reserve deputies to cover the contract.
 - 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, 3-0 vote



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