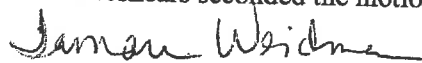
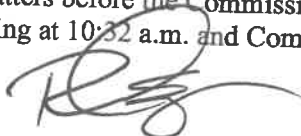


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 6, 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, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Tim Brenner, Bill Copeland, Jim Mackie 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 30, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$22,184.49.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$1,820.25.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for January 2023. The Commission discussed sending a memo to all departments to address accrued vacation time that should be used.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$2,884.60.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$6,379.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$72.50.
8. 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 February 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
9. Public Comments:
 - Some of the Cemetery Trust boards are wanting to know the procedures for releasing Cemetery Trust Funds that the County holds to the Cemetery boards. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer stated he would like to take a look at the statute before allowing funds to be released.
 - Dillon Harness with Kaysinger Basin will conduct a Hazard Mitigation meeting at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the old Dollar General building. He would like a commissioner to be present. Commissioner Pearson said he would be available to attend part of the meeting.
 - There will be a Fire Chiefs meeting on February 20th in Cross Timbers at 6:30.
 - There will be a storm spotters' class with the National Weather Service on February 16th at the old Dollar General building at 6:30.
10. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Breshears inquired about a tax refund for a citizen due to overpayment. It was explained that no refund of tax dollars can be made due to the money being distributed to all taxing entities such as the schools, Health Department, Library and County. If there is truly an overpayment, then the taxpayer will be credited on the next tax bill.
 - The Clerk received a response from Attorney Travis Elliott regarding the marijuana facilities and what control the County may have as to the number of facilities and fee schedules. He explained the Commission has very little authority over these facilities.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 9, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Rebecca Richards, Eric Turner, Shannon Stewart and Ryan Peters 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 February 6, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin handed out paperwork showing available grants as of January 25, 2023 as well as a new grant intake procedure form in order to make sure they are capturing all grant needs for Counties and to help streamline the process. As of right now, Kaysinger does not have an Executive Director and are looking to fill that position. Commissioner Pearson talked about the Hazard Mitigation meeting he attended on Tuesday and expressed the need to get the plan completed. Ryan Peters needs a letter of support from the Commission for a proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 51 (USBR 51) that will run through Hickory County.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for January 2023.
4. 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 February 4, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for CCW revenues in the amount of \$186, Civil revenues in the amount of \$210 and General Revenue in the amount of \$788.96 for the month of January 2023.
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amount of \$23,813.04 and \$6,589.55 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Collector Karen Stokes report of outlawed personal property taxes for the year 2017 in the amount of \$8,798.10 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
8. Public Comments: None
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The County received letters from the MO Department of Revenue that states the County is only allowed to collect tax on marijuana sales in unincorporated areas of the County.
 - With no other matters for discussion, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 16, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Jim Mackie and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 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 February 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears a letter of support to the Director for the Missouri Department of Transportation for the U.S. Bicycle Route 51 (USBR 51) through our community was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments: None
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission talked about adding a new road and bridge employee who they can possibly send for CDL training and have them sign a contract for 2 years.
 - MO Department of Revenue sent a new letter saying it will allow stacking of the marijuana sales tax. They rescinded the previous letter that was sent saying the County could not charge sales tax inside cities.
 - Brian Bennett is going to do an inventory of the radios and equipment to make sure the County has received what has been paid for. Also, the Clerk sent an email to Terri at Radio Communications regarding the rebate that was promised to the County.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer would like to become a workforce development community which would open up opportunities to help citizens find employment.
 - Commissioner Breshears discussed repairs to the MAC dump truck on the East side. It is challenging to find the parts needed and is going to be costly to repair.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer was contacted by an individual that wanted the County to fix a public access road that is owned by the Corp.
 - With no other matters for discussion, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 23, 2023 was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Cleve Pendergrass, Carolyn Ream and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 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 payroll for the pay period ending February 18, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the 2022 financial statement document that is to be published in The Index per RSMo 50.815 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
 - Cleve Pendergrass requested information on the 911 advisory board. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained the board was tasked to look for funding options for E911 and then present them to the Commission.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer talked about the need to wrap up the radio communications project as soon as possible. He plans to take some time over the weekend to reconcile invoices once he gets an inventory list from Chief Brian Bennett.
 - Carolyn Ream attended a rural school crisis meeting in Springfield yesterday, February 22nd.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer received an email from Julie with MoDot reminding the Commission they need RFQ's on the Dorman bridge replacement project.
 - The City of Wheatland would like the County to remove our antennae from the water tower if it is no longer in use.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 27, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Jim Mackie, Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering, Becky Richards, Lily Brenner, Brian Bennett, Terri Brazeal and Pete with RCS Communications, Carolyn Ream and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Steve Daleski with the Benton County Commission called about Weaver Church Ave that connects with Hickory County Road 153 North of Wheatland. They are going to close the road by putting up a gate at the County line. Hickory County Commission agreed to put a road closed sign on our side to alert traffic the road does not go through any longer.
3. Public Comments:
 - Last nights storm uprooted trees and damaged or destroyed 2 buildings in the County. There were also several power outages but thankfully no injuries.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - There is a county crew on County Road 340 removing a tree that fell from the storm last night.
 - Sheriff Burke says there is an app that will allow deputies to connect directly to dispatch that costs \$12 a year.
 - EMD Carolyn Ream said she is looking into a storm alert system that would notify all residents as well as visitors of incoming inclement weather.
 - Terri and Pete with RCS Communications and Chief Brian Bennett joined the meeting to provide the Commission with an update on the radio communications project. Preston and Hermitage are the only 2 areas with installed repeaters at this time. Nemo, Elkton, and Mule Shoe area east of Preston are left to install. The buildings have been purchased for the repeaters but have not been set yet. After some discussion it was determined there would be no rebates on the original purchase but she is working with Kenwood to hopefully get the County some kind of rebate. Terri and Pete agreed they could remove the County's old radio tower from the City of Wheatland water tower. Wireless headsets for dispatch and installing the rest of the repeaters are what is left of this project.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Tamara Weidman