

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 3, 2023 was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sue Dorman, Bill Copeland, Jim Mackie, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of March 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 March 2023 in the amount of \$3,146.20.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for March 2023 in the amount of \$244.82.
4. The Clerk presented the first reading of a petition from Darrin Stark to vacate public road access surrounding his property off County Road 203 in Wheatland. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with notifications to land owners. The second reading will be heard at the Commission meeting on July 3, 2023.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Commission Order No. 04-01-23 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$100,000 from General Revenue (Fund No. 01) to the LE Sales Tax Fund (Fund No. 52). This transfer is in compliance with the adopted budget for 2023 and was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Public Comments:
  - Sue Dorman inquired about SRO funding so each school could have an officer available to them. There was some discussion regarding the fact that the officer would need to be a sworn officer with certifications in order to qualify for the SRO position. The Commission explained that schools would need to look at funding options available for the program.
  - Hickory County's unemployment rate is 1.6%.
  - Bill Copeland asked if the Commission planned to release more ARPA funds. The Pittsburg Fire Department has an annual meeting at the end of May. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained we hadn't heard anything from Veregy regarding the feasibility study the Commission requested a couple months ago.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - There were a lot of trees down in the County after the winds on Friday and the road and bridge department was out clearing roadways as needed.
  - 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 APRIL 6, 2023**  
MINUTES

1. The meeting of April 6, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering, Lily Brenner, Carolyn Ream, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of April 3, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for March 2023 in the amount of \$1,379.11.
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 April 1, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission received and opened one (1) request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering firms for the bridge project BRO-R043(13) Dorman bridge replacement on County Road 273 from Great River Engineering. The Commissioners rated the engineering firm per MoDOT requirements. After communication with Julie Zibert, Senior Transportation Manager for MoDOT, Federal Law requires the County to advertise one more time if only one (1) RFQ was received. The RFQ will be reposted for a week and will push off opening until April 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for March 2023 in the amount of \$8,569.71.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for March 2023 in the amount of \$7,636.00.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Carolyn talked about a mass notification system that includes an outreach call to notify the public of impending storm warnings automatically. It would be a 5-year contract at \$2,977 per year. The EMPG grant would cover half the cost.
  - The Hazard Mitigation plan is available for review with the next meeting being April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. After its completion the County will be able to apply for the storm siren grant among others.
  - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer requested that Carolyn gather inventory of radios that were distributed amongst the fire departments in the County. He also requested she contact RCS Communications to see if we can push the project forward toward completion.
  - The Commission discussed road issues throughout the County and resident complaints.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 10, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Tim Brenner, Jim Mackie, 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 April 6, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for March 2023.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amounts of \$23,692.25 and \$5,819.58 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments: None
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed joining the class action lawsuit in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation case that involves Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens opioid settlements. After discussion, the Commission decided they are not in favor of signing the class action lawsuit agreement.
  - The Commission discussed Road and Bridge equipment breakdowns.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



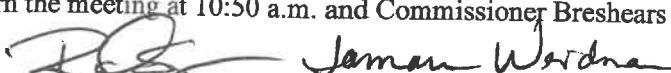


# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2023

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of April 13, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Sue Dorman, Susan McBrayer, Brian Bennett, Mike Holzknacht, 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 April 10, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Attorney Mike Holzknacht attended the meeting on behalf of Brian and Wendy Roberson (ownership of property in the name of LPI Holdings, LLC or LPI) who wish to request a public hearing be held to abandon former County Road 146. The road began at its intersection with County Road 279, one quarter mile west of U Highway, and ran through the middle of the Johnson property, then through the Blackwell property, and then ended at the Darby river property. LPI now owns all of the properties along the roadway. The road has not been used by the public for more than five years continuously preceding the petition. The Clerk will prepare the necessary notifications for a public hearing to be held.
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 April 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for March 2023 for Civil revenues in the amount of \$625 and General Revenues in the amount of \$1,152.19.
5. Susan McBrayer talked about major theft problems in the County. She has had 5 major break ins since January in which antique items have been stolen as well as cash. A call was made to the Sheriff's office to try to have a deputy come out to get fingerprints and was told she would need to come in to the office to file a report. She is not happy with how the Sheriff's office handled her complaint.  
Also, she has medical issues and has a mid-line and pic-line that needs to be flushed every day with Saline and Heparin. No one in the County is medically qualified to perform the procedure and after some research from the Health Department she now drives to Urbana to get the procedure done. She would like to see this procedure available to Hickory County citizens. Susan would also like to see another ambulance in the County as she knows of situations where citizens have had to wait over an hour for help. She stated she has 5 safe areas that administer boluses in the County due to the fact her blood pressure drops suddenly and she needs help very quickly.
6. Public Comments:
  - The Commission talked about radio communications still having issues. The Clerk sent an email on behalf of the Commission to Terri Brazeal with RCS Communications to get a timeline of when the project may be complete and to notify them that we are still having communications problems. Terri has not responded to either email as of yet. Brian Bennett gave the Commission an inventory list of what department has what radios and other equipment that was distributed for the radio communications project. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer made it clear that RCS must communicate with the Commission on this project or the Commission will look for another company to finish the project.
7. Matters for communication and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Pearson would like Bolivar Insulation be contacted on the replacement of the soffit and fascia as they were supposed to come sometime this spring.
  - RFQ's will be opened for the second time on the Dorman bridge replacement on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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. 3-0 vote

 Jaman Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 17, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Jim Mackie, Richard Webb, 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 April 13, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
  
2. Public Comments:
  - Fireman Jared Bennett is expected to be released from the hospital tomorrow to complete his recovery at home.
  
3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - After attending the Cattlemen's meeting, Sheriff Burke learned there are some organizations and individuals that wish for the position of Sheriff in the County to be an appointed position instead of elected. Sheriff Burke stated he supports the election process for the office of Sheriff, letting the people decided who is elected Sheriff.
  - Road pipe is being delivered today for road and bridge.
  - The Commission discussed road issues.
  - The Southwest Regional quarterly meeting is on Wednesday in Branson.
  - Sales tax is down for the month but up 13% for the year.
  - 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. 3-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman



**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 20, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Becky Richards, Jason Sivils with Great River and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission received one RFQ on the Dorman Bridge replacement from Great River Engineering. The Commissioners filled out the consultant selection rating sheet that MoDot requires. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to hire Great River Engineering for the Dorman Bridge project – BRO-R043(13). 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 April 15, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
  - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff told the Commission that the City of Springfield passed an ordinance to restrict public marijuana consumption. The fine is \$100 civil penalty or community service. The Commission would like to do something similar in the County and will have the County Attorney draw up an ordinance.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed road issues. Commissioner Breshears explained that people have been contacting him and complaining about the width of County Road 306 where the road meets State Highway 64.
  - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer attended the Commissioners quarterly meeting in Branson yesterday. Every County that placed the sales tax issue on marijuana on the April ballot in our region passed.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 24, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, 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 April 20, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission received two (2) bids for rock hauling and spreading for the County. The bids will be reviewed and awarded at the next Commission meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Salamander renewal contract for \$750 a year was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
  - Mr. Barger with Weableau Cemetery attended the meeting to discuss the withdrawal of another Cemetery Trust Fund CD that is held by the County for maintaining the Weableau Cemetery. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained he would need to submit a new request signed by all board members, along with an invoice for the Commission to consider releasing the CD. This will be placed on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Brian Bennett reported the buildings for the repeaters will be delivered to their sites on Thursday. One will be behind Akins Realty in Nemo and one will be off County Road 150A in Preston in the Mule Shoe Conservation area.
  - Julie Zibert with MoDot sent an email requesting the Commission to fix errors on the RFQs that were submitted last week on the Dorman Bridge replacement. The Commissioners each wrote a reason for the scores they gave Great River Engineering and the Clerk resent the scoring sheets by email to Julie Zibert.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of April 27, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Cleve Pendergrass, Harold Barger, Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin, Becky Richards, 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 April 24, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the hauling and spreading of rock bid for the County was awarded to Kerr Rock and Dirt with the understanding that a copy of the company's workers compensation must be provided to the County. 3-0 vote
3. 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 April 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Shannon Stewart with Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission told the Commission that Prairie Chapel was awarded a grant just shy of a million dollars (\$1,000,000) for expansion to add a daycare and food pantry. They are still looking for more funding to replace lost funds during the COVID pandemic for the food pantry. She expressed the need for the Commission or anyone interested in grant opportunities to fill out the grant intake form so she can see specific needs and what match funds are available. Kaysinger is still on the hunt for an Executive Director and plan to fill that position more toward the end of summer. Cleve Pendergrass asked if there were any grants available to replace old picnic tables for the Pittsburg Community Building. Shannon explained there are grants available and she would be happy to help him.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Certified Copy of Order to release CD #134100 in the amount of \$1,000 to Harold Barger, Treasurer of the Weaubleau Cemetery Board for maintenance of the Cemetery was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the leave summary report for April 2023.
7. In the meeting of April 10, 2023, the Commission said they were not in favor of signing the class action lawsuit agreement against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens opioid settlements. After talking with one of the attorneys on the case, the Commission learned this is not new litigation, it is litigation the County is already a part of. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer signed the documents by DocuSign.
8. Public Comments:
  - Cleve Pendergrass asked who owned the Pittsburg Cemetery. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer looked it up through the GIS map and it is just labeled 'cemetery' so he believes the County owns it.
  - Dave Murphy and Bill Copeland are going to a meeting with RCS Communications about radios at 2:00 p.m.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission will go out for new bids on the replacement of soffit and fascia on the Courthouse.
  - Child Advocacy Council moved all items from the Annex to the Christian Church.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded. 3-0 vote

