

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 1, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 1, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Cleve Pendergrass, Larry & Linda Senyard, Tom Liberty, Aaron Weaver with CMH, David Murphy, Bill Copeland, Carolyn Ream, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Beverly Ryan 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 27, 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 the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$19,435.06.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$670.50.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$730.
5. Public Comments:
 - Aaron Weaver with CMH explained that the new radio system when switched over to NEXEDGE would not work with CMH ambulances and offered the Commission two options:
 - 1.) To buy 14 radios for each CMH ambulance since any ambulance CMH has could be sent to cover Hickory County.
 - 2.) CMH to stop paying Hickory County for dispatch services and all of the calls will go through the 911 in Polk County.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer assured all present we can find a solution for both the County and CMH. Terri with RCS Communications would like each Fire Chief and a commissioner to meet and discuss what is needed to move forward with the project. He explained after spending almost a half million dollars on a project there is no going back, we just need to figure out how we can get the radios that have already been purchased to work and get the project completed.
 - Bill Copeland and David Murphy met with Terri, RCS Communications, on Friday as the Pittsburg Fire Department heard they were the reason the County has not went to the digital radio system. They were told they would need 19 more radios and one more repeater in Pittsburg to be ready.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer assured those attending the meeting that the switch will not happen until emergency personnel can communicate over the radios.
 - Beverly Ryan joined the meeting to inform the Commission that beginning tomorrow residents can text to 911 and they will receive the call. She reported they still do not have headsets for the 911 system and has had very little to no communication with the Polk County 911 director who is in charge of the 911 grant.
 - The Sheriff's office will have 2-3 vehicles for surplus.
 - Dillon Harness with Kaysinger Basin will attend next Thursday's meeting with the Hazard Mitigation plan for the Commission to review.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration:
 - The Commission discussed break downs on road and bridge equipment. They also talked about a brush cutter, Alamo brand, owned by Lucas Oil that is on Big Iron Auctions and ends on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 4, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 4, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, 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 May 1, 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 April 29, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$4,837.00.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$6,385.00.
5. Public Comments:
 - There will be a meeting with all fire chiefs, RCS Communications, Sheriff Greg Burke, and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer on Thursday May 11th at 2:00 p.m. to determine what else is needed to get the radio communications project completed.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The County was the successful bidder on a New Holland TS100 2WD tractor with Alamo 50 boom axe mower owned by Lucas Oil that was posted with the online auction company, Big Iron Auctions. The amount of the purchase was \$11,000 for both.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

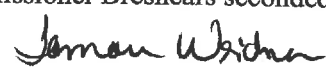


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF MAY 11, 2023

MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 11, 2023 was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Bill Copeland, Sheriff Greg Burke, Jim Mackie, Tim Brenner, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Darla Mueller, Sue Dorman, Eric Turner, Carolyn Ream, Dillon Harness, Shannon Stewart and Ashley Schwartz with Kaysinger Basin Planning Commission, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of May 4, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Dillon Harness informed the Commission that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete and ready for the Commission's approval. He will send the completed document to the County Clerk and she will make a resolution for the Commission to sign at the next Commission meeting. Ashley Schwartz, acting Director for KBRPC, explained there are 2 vacancies on the KBRPC board they are looking to fill, hopefully with someone in a municipality and someone from a small business or school board member from Hickory County. Ashley also wanted to invite the Commission to a region wide broadband meeting with the Missouri Department of Economic Development on May 31st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Lowry City Civic Center. Shannon Stewart discussed a few grants opportunities that will be available in the near future. She is currently working with the Sheriff's office on the 2nd round of the Roadway Safety Grant in which they would like to apply for new radar equipment for fleet vehicles. The County will now be able to apply for the storm siren grant now that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete. This grant is a FEMA grant and match money will be required. Carolyn Ream explained the County needs the sirens or a mass notification system to notify citizens of incoming bad weather events.
3. 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 May 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financials for the month of April 2023.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for April 2023 in the amounts of \$19,248.11 and \$2,323.98 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for April 2023 for Civil revenues in the amount of \$795, for CCW revenues in the amount of \$33, and General Revenue in the amount of \$3,254.99.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sheriff Burke was told by Sarah Newell there will be a new no match grant opportunity for 911 equipment.
 - There is a radio communications meeting at 2:00 p.m. today at the old Dollar General building.
 - Tucker Jobs with Senator Eric Schmitt's office is looking into clarifying whether the Commission can use ARPA money on the jail facility.
 - The Commission agreed the auction purchase of the brush cutter and tractor was a good one. The machine has been picked up and is in really good shape.
 - The Commission talked about round 2 of BRO bridge funds to open up and the need to apply for Rough Hollow bridge replacement as well as some low water crossings.
 - 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. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 15, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Bill Copeland, David Murphy, Sheriff Greg Burke, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Eric Turner, Carolyn Ream, Mike Holzknacht, Brian Roberson, Collector Karen Stokes, Assessor Clint Baker, Aleia Ream with The Index, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer called for the opening of the public hearing for the County Road 146 road closure. Attorney Mike Holzknacht and petitioner Brian Roberson were both present for the hearing and provided the petition and exhibits to the Commission for the record. Attorney Mike Holzknacht is to provide the Clerk with the necessary recording documents. The County Clerk stated all correspondence and postings had been completed and no remonstrance had been filed. A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson to close County Road 146. 3-0 vote Commissioner Pearson made the motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Resolution #05012023 adopting the County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Ellie Blankenship and Ryan Becker with Veregy joined the meeting by phone at 10:34 a.m. to discuss the feasibility study completed on the jail and old Dollar General building. The County was not charged a fee for the feasibility study. For the jail they reworked and remodeled the existing office area, added a sally port and a 2275 square foot addition on the South side. Estimated costs would be anywhere from \$1.3 to \$1.6 million. On the old Dollar General building Veregy proposed a remodel of the interior and exterior of the building to accommodate all Elected Officials except the Circuit Clerk's office which would stay in the original courthouse. It would also move the courtroom to the main floor of the courthouse. Estimated costs would be anywhere from \$3.7 to \$4.6 million. The next step in the process would be for the Commission to go out for Request for Qualifications for an engineering company and a letter of intent.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sales Tax revenue is up 15% for the year.
 - The Commission talked about how the recreational marijuana will affect our area and would like to know how restrictive the Commission can be.
 - Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering joined the meeting by phone to discuss the next round of BRO funds being available. He suggested the Commission try for Rough Hollow bridge replacement this time around. The lead base paint and asbestos test at the Annex building was completed and lead was found in the paint around the windows.
 - The Commission and officeholders that were present at the meeting discussed ideas after reviewing the feasibility study from Veregy and seeing the proposed costs of moving forward with renovating the old Dollar General building. Discussion ensued on extending the North side of the Courthouse out to the street and making the top level a handicapped accessible courtroom along with a sally port between the courthouse and jail facility. Remodeling and moving offices around in the Courthouse was also part of the discussion.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

 Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 18, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 18, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Bill & Laura Copeland, Sue Dorman, Tim Brenner, Becky Richards, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Aleia Ream with The Index, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Pearson was absent from this meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending May 13, 2023 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Laura Campbell and Matt Geiger with MoDOT met with the Commission on bridge inspections that were completed in February 2023. They provided a binder of bridge inspection reports that cover the 28 bridge structures that are listed on the National Bridge Inventory owned and maintained by Hickory County. The Dorman bridge has already been approved through the BRO program for replacement. The Commission plans on making a request to replace the Rough Hollow bridge on County Road 281 with the next round of BRO funding. Hickory County will be responsible for 20% of the cost to replace the bridges. Of the 28 bridges, 16 are rated as good, 7 are rated as fair, and 5 are rated as poor. County Road 443 bridge over Starks Creek and County Road 76 bridge over Little Pomme de Terre River are rated as poor and should be in line for replacement in a few years.
4. Public Comments: None
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - With no other matters for discussion, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 22, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 22, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill & Laura Copeland, David Murphy, Kenneth Rife, Jim Mackie, Carolyn Ream and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. No bids were received to repair the soffit and fascia on the Courthouse.
3. Sheriff Greg Burke was rescheduled for May 25, 2023 regarding the School Resource Officer program.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary for May 2023.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file a liquor license for Hickamo.
6. Public Comments: None
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Carolyn Ream discussed putting an AC window unit in at the DG building. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer suggested looking into a Heat & Air mini-split for Carolyn's area.
 - Dawn Vader via e-mail introduced a proposal from Midwest Recycling Center for the Hickory County Health Department Electronics Recycling Event and to see if the county would be interested in sharing the cost of \$1,000.00. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer suggested first contact Meredith Recycling from Montrose MO. They are grant funded and would come to the event at no charge. This information will be forwarded to Dawn Vader with the Health Department.
 - Commissioner Pearson and Jim Mackie from the sheriff's office discussed moving the county's Speed Radar Trailer to the Galmey area for the Memorial Day weekend. It will be placed in the Triangle area.
 - With no other matters for discussion, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote


Jamar Warden

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF MAY 25, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of May 25, 2023 was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sheriff Greg Burke, Jason Sivils with Great River, David Murphy, Kenneth Rife, Sue Dorman, Aleia Ream with The Index 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 May 22, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the end of May 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Jason Sivils from Great River discussed the Annex building the test came back negative for asbestos and very minimal traces of lead paint. Also, estimated cost to repair Annex building would be 1.5 million, he didn't have estimate for teardown suggested it would be around \$100,000.00. Jason also stated he would have more information on Dorman bridge in a couple of weeks and the start date should be spring of 2024.
4. Sheriff Greg Burke stated Wheatland Schools hired one of his deputies as their full time School Resource Officer. Sheriff Burke stated that he has a meeting with the remaining schools Weaubleau and Hermitage on how to move forward with the SRO program. The meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer said he would attend the meeting.
5. The Commission reviewed and discussed the ARPA funds. Upon a motion from Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson to open the ARPA funds to expenditures and future applications for use of those funds. 3-0 vote.
6. The Commission reviewed and discussed the change order to upgrade radios to a higher quality radio that will communicate across all frequencies. Upon a motion from Commissioner Breshears and second by Commissioner Pearson to move forward with the Radio Communications Specialist change order bid. 3-0 vote
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Dawn Vader via e-mail stated Meredith Recycling is coming for electronic recycling and it is to be held June 30, 2023 at the Health Department and will be free with a few exceptions.
 - With no other matters for discussion, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

