

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of March 6, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Jim Mackie, Becky Richards, Brenda Vaughan, Carolyn Ream, Sue Dorman, Jay Hickman and Dalton Howell with Connell Insurance, Christian Farris with Viebrock Sales and Service, 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 27, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission opened bids for road and bridge materials. All bids were submitted by mail and delivered by the deadline. Present for bid opening were Christian Farris with Viebrock Sales and Services. The bids will be reviewed and awarded at the next Commission meeting on March 9, 2023.
3. The Commission opened two bids for uniforms for road and bridge. The bids will be reviewed and awarded at the next Commission meeting on March 9, 2023.
4. The Commission met with Dalton Howell and Jay Hickman with Connell Insurance, an insurance agency who currently insures 130 public entities. After some discussion, Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained the County is currently satisfied with the MAGIC Consortium for healthcare coverage and Mike Keith Agency for our work comp, property and liability insurance.
5. 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 March 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for January 2023 in the amount of \$148.24.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for February 2023.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$1,068.22.
9. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$1,329.
10. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$845.34.
11. Public Comments:
  - The National Weather Service is conducting tornado drills tomorrow. The Sheriff's office will conduct the storm siren test on Tuesday instead of Wednesday this week.
12. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - On March 30<sup>th</sup>, KY3's weather school event will be held at Weaubleau School. They will set up at 3:00 p.m. and will run until about 6:00 p.m.
  - The next LEPC meeting is Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
  - Discussion on road calls and issues after the rain received late last week.
  - The Commission discussed soffit and fascia on the Courthouse. Last year, the project was sent out for bid a second time with no bids received. Bolivar Insulation was called and could not get to the repairs until March 2023. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer would like to call Taylor Made Roofing to discuss warranty since some of the fascia on the old part of the Courthouse is connected to the gutter as one piece. He wants to be sure the repairs are not covered under warranty before the County pays for the repairs.
  - Workforce Development needs a board member from the County.

- MU Extension was approved for a grant for a telehealth counseling pilot program for Hickory County as one of the three approved rural counties in Missouri. This program will offer a confidential, telehealth counseling service for free if you mention “extension services” when you call.
- Commissioner Pearson explained he is still dealing with CenturyLink/ Brightspeed on behalf of the County. They are trying to charge around \$1,000 for a cut line. Commissioner Pearson told them, if they could provide an encroachment permit for placing the line in the County’s right of way, he would consider paying the bill.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of March 9, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Carolyn Ream, Tim and Lily Brenner, Judy Gamble, Sam Henley, Larry and Linda Senyard, 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 6, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. There were no bids submitted for prisoner meals.
3. The Commission awarded the bids for road and bridge materials as follows: **Culverts** – Two bids were received, Metal Culverts and Viebrock Sales and Services. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to accept Viebrock Sales and Services bid and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote **Grader Blades** – Four bids were received from Foley Equipment, Valk Manufacturing Co., Viebrock Sales & Services, and Murphy Tractor. Commissioner Breshears made the motion to accept Viebrock Sales and Services bid and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote **Fuel** – Only one bid was received for fuel from MFA Oil. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote **Road Oil** – Two bids were received, Coastal Energy and APAC. Commissioner Breshears made the motion to accept Coastal Energy bid and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote **Crushed Rock Materials** – Three bids were received, Nemo Quarry, Capital Materials and Holiday Sand & Stone. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to accept both Nemo Quarry and Holiday Sand & Gravel with the stipulation the Road and Bridge Supervisor uses the facility closest to the road project. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission awarded the bid for uniforms for the Road and Bridge Department. Two bids were received, Aramark and Clean Uniform Company. Commissioner Breshears made the motion to accept Clean Uniform Company's bid for uniform services. Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
5. 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 March 4, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$154.40.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for February 2023.
8. Sam Henley, Camden County EMD met with the Commission for two reasons, 1) to explain what an EMD does and 2) to explain how the EMPG grant works. She explained that the County is responsible to pay all costs up front and the grant will give 50% back to the County. Receipts must be turned in and procedures followed in order to get the 50% reimbursable amount back from the grant. Carolyn feels there may be a payroll issue and may fall short of the awarded grant amount. Commissioner Sawyer explained that is an HR issue and needs to be discussed with the County Clerk and payroll clerk and it will get figured out and fixed if something is wrong. Sam went on to explain the job duties of an EMD some of which are being the point of contact for the County, put warnings out, get people prepared, and know the hazards of the County. She is also responsible for keeping up with training and making sure equipment is maintained. Commissioner Sawyer said she does a great job and appreciates the work she puts into County Emergency Management.
9. Judy Gamble, Pomme de Terre Chamber of Commerce, joined the meeting to inform the Commission they had been approached by KY3 to do a segment during the Weather School event that will be held at Weaubleau School on March 30, 2023. The Chamber plans to pay for two segments at a cost of

\$800 each. They also contacted the Chamber's top tier supporters and four are participating as well. This should be a great event to share Pomme de Terre lake with the surrounding areas.

10. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the RFQ letter for the BRO project on the Dorman bridge was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
11. Public Comments: None
12. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Pearson discussed a road issue on the West side.
  - Commissioner Breshears discussed County Road 346 where a low water bridge will need repairs.
  - The Commission authorized Jason Darby, Road and Bridge Supervisor, to place a sealed bid on a 2005 Chevrolet C3500 dump truck with the City of Conway.
  - The Commission would like a publication for a road and bridge employee be placed in the newspaper as we are one short again.
  - 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. 3-0 vote

# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2023

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 13, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Collector Karen Stokes, Cleve Pendergrass, Becky Richards, Brian Bennett, Sally Bremer with Local Records Preservation and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Sally Bremer, Field Archivist for the Local Records division of the MO Secretary of State's office, discussed what her office does to help local government offices and municipalities preserve historic records along with archiving records, retention schedules and disposition list. Sally explained there is up to \$15,000 in a reimbursable grant available each year for entities who wish to digitize old records. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the grant. Collector Karen Stokes mentioned she had records digitized and archived with the State a few years ago and they still are not available to view on the website. Sally advised her to call the Archive office to find out what the issue is.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 for CCW revenues in the amount of \$120, for Civil Service revenues in the amount of \$1,130, and General Revenue in the amount of \$863.74.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amounts of \$23,350.81 and \$4,261.87 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Collector Karen Stokes 2022 annual settlement and back tax book for the Collector's year ending February 28, 2023.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$3,674.59.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for February 2023 in the amount of \$5,858.50.
8. Public Comments:
  - Brian Bennett with Preston Fire joined the meeting to discuss County Road 8C in Cross Timbers. They had a medical call on that road and had a really hard time getting there as the road has not been maintained. The County has been approached by citizens living on the road several times, but the County is only responsible for 2 tenths of a mile. He would like a "road maintenance ends" sign where the County ends maintenance.
  - Brian also thanked the Commission for the LUCAS device that saved a life.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sales tax is up 23% for GR and Sheriff's office and 25% for Road and Bridge.
  - The County needs to prepare employee policies on marijuana use.
  - The Commission is looking into contracting out some hauling of road materials. Bid specs and requirements will need to be prepared.
  - The Child Advocacy Council would like things from the upstairs storage at the Annex building. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer said he will help with that.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2023

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 16, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Aleia Ream with The Index, Larry Senyard 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 March 13, 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 middle of March 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Public Comments:
  - Larry Senyard thanked Commissioner Breshears for the work completed on County Road 365L including road grading and culvert work on said County Road.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Breshears discussed that the Road and Bridge Department is down to just one working dump truck and tractor with brush cutter is in need of front wheel bearings.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

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

1. The meeting of March 20, 2023 was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Shannon Stewart with KBRPC, Sue Dorman, 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 16, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
  
2. The next Hazard Mitigation meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the old Dollar General building and should be the last one before the Hazard Mitigation plan can be completed. Shannon Stewart plans to be at the meeting. Shannon also sent an email with a fillable grant request form so she can search for grants that might be available for specific areas. She also provided the Commission and Clerk a list of grants that are available at this time. The Commission asked about possible CDBG grants (Community Development Block Grants) to which Shannon replied there are some available but Ashley. She also mentioned ARPA funds will be released for non-profit groups as well as bullet proof vests 50/50 match grant that is due by the end of June.
  
3. Public Comments: None
  
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported that CART money is up 24% for the year.
  - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer will prepare bid specs for gravel hauling to help the road and bridge department. The Commission talked about 500 ton per side, and possibly bidding out the conservation rock hauling as well.
  - OATS transit mailed a request for ARPA funds for a new transit vehicle.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2023**  
MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 23, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Recorder Pam Hutton, Collector Karen Stokes, Sheriff Greg Burke, Sue Dorman, Jim Mackie, Allison Gunter, Terry Halleran, Jocelyn Wheeler, Tim & Lilly Brenner, Aleia Ream with The Index, Jason Sivils and Ezekiel Peterson with Great River, 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 March 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 March 18, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Jason Sivils and Ezekiel Peterson with Great River presented their findings on the inspection of the Annex Building. Their findings were presented in the engineer report that will be kept with these minutes. Jason Sivils reported that their recommendation would be to demolish the Annex building due to high risk of collapse. Jason also suggested to have asbestos and lead testing done before demolition. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to move forward with the lead and asbestos testing. 3-0 vote Presiding Commissioner Sawyer also asked that Great River give both a cost estimate for demolition and a cost estimate to make the building structurally sound.
4. Public Comments:
  - Jocelyn Wheeler discussed the meetings scheduled over the next few months to be held in the Annex building. Commissioner Pearson suggested getting with Carolyn Ream at Old DG Building for scheduling said meetings. Sheriff Burke stated that records are kept in the DG Building that would have to be secured from the public before any public meetings could be held in DG Building. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer stated the Commission would look into these matters.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Breshears stated Road and Bridge is waiting on parts for the brush cutter and two dump trucks are back on the road out of five trucks.
  - Sheriff Burke stated that the State is recommending that all patrol vehicles be equipped with dash cams. Sheriff Burke will look into pricing and report back to the Commission.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



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

1. The meeting of March 27, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sue Dorman, Jim Mackie, Richard Webb, and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of March 23, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
  
2. Public Comments:
  - Mr. Webb inquired whether the County offered tax abatements for companies. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained the County does have an inactive EEZ (Enhanced Enterprise Zone) board that the Commission may try to reactivate in the near future that would help encourage new businesses to locate here. There are some property or employment tax abatements offered for new manufacturing or industrial type businesses but not for retail stores.
  
3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission is looking at a 130 CAT grader located in Fort Hood, TX that surplus property found.
  - The Commission agreed they will bid out hauling 1,000 ton of rock each side, freight only.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2023

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of March 30, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Becky Richards, Lily Brenner, Jordon Graham, Sheriff Greg Burke, Donald James, Kevin Pinckney, Brian Siegrist, 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 March 27, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave summary report for March 2023.
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 March 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
  - Donald James, Brian Siegrist and Kevin Pinckney joined the meeting to discuss a road issue they are having off State Highway J in Pittsburg. The issue is a road easement issue that does not involve the County in any way as the road in question is not a County road. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer advised them the issue is a civil issue.
  - Jordon Graham said he is seeing an increase in requests to rent the fire house due to news of the Annex building meeting room being inaccessible due to safety reasons. Jordon also explained they will have 3 firefighters on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5 days a week at Station 1.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sheriff Burke talked about an increase in dog issues in the County. He has had reports of dogs killing livestock.
  - Becky Richards requested the Commission keep and preserve the bricks of the old Annex building when it is torn down.
  - Commissioner Pearson asked if the Commission can create an ordinance that can limit the use of marijuana in public places. There was discussion and frustration by Sheriff Burke regarding the fact that the State of Missouri hasn't released the limits on marijuana and what law enforcement will have to enforce. He explained if the County passed an ordinance, he could enforce that along with State laws but not city ordinances in cities that have no Municipal Court.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote