


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 3, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 3, 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, Bill and Laura Copeland, Tim Brenner and Lily Brenner and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of June 29, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission heard the second reading of a road closing petition for Darrin Stark. The Clerk reported all paperwork and notifications had been made and there had been no opposition filed. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to vacate the platted road in Section 8, Township 36, Range 22, running on the North side of lots 1,2,16,17 and 22 and the South side of lots 3,4,5,13,14,15,18,19,20 and 21. Also, a platted road running between lots 13,14,15 and 18,19. Also, a platted road running between lots 20 and 21 and lots 23 and 24, all in Hi-Lo Lakeview area #2, in Wheatland, MO. Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. The Clerk will have the closing recorded and copies sent to the land owner. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Crappie Hole Bar & Grill LLC.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Hobo's Eagle Stop.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Fraternal Order of the Bears Lodge 550.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Lakeside Liquor LLC.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for June 2023 in the amount of \$9,480.17.
8. Public Comments: None
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Unemployment is at 3.3% for Hickory County.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote


Tamara Weidman


HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 6, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 6, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Pearson. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill and Laura Copeland, Paula Shepard, Kenneth Rife, Becky Richards, Carolyn Ream, Jim Mackie, Brian Smith and Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Pro Tem Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 3, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 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 beginning of July 2023 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Pittsburg Pub & Patio.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for The Marina at Pomme LLC.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for TNT Quick Shop.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for ALPS Foods.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for June 2023 in the amount of \$75.75.
8. Paula Shepard joined the meeting to discuss open ARPA applications. She provided a summary of each request for the Commission to review. There will be no decision made on the applications at this time so the Commission can review them. Current applications under review are as follows:
 1. Weaubleau Volunteer Fire Dept - \$114,946.80 although the amount on the application does not match the supplement total of \$85,461.72 creating conflicting request amounts.
 2. Urbana Rural Fire Dept - \$35,129.15 there are a couple of issues on the application that Paula will address with Larry Senyard.
 3. Pittsburg Fire Dept - \$97,932.46
 4. HCFR - \$137,855.44
 5. Prairie Chapel had submitted an application in October 2022 for 34,443 that was never addressed by the Commission and Paula asked if she should continue working on it. Commissioner Breshears and Commissioner Pearson both agreed there was no need to continue working on the application.
9. Public Comments:
 - The Village of Preston turned down participation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will mean they cannot receive FEMA/SEMA grants for the next 5 years.
10. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 10, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 10, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Pearson. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Bill Copeland and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Pro-Tem Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 6, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for June 2023 in the amount of \$7,502.66.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for June 2023 in the amount of \$7,761.00.
4. Upon a motion made Commissioner Breshears and second by Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Pearson the Commission Order No. 07-01-23 ordering Treasure Kenny Ratliff to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Revenue (Fund No. 01) to the LE Sales Tax Fund (Fund No. 52) was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for the month of June 2023.
6. Public Comments: None
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Pro-Tem Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Jaman Warden

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 13, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 13, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Bill & Laura Copeland, 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 July 10, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. 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 July 8, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for the month of June 2023 for CCW revenues in the amount of \$192, for Civil revenues in the amount of \$810, and for General revenues in the amount of \$900.97.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Treasurer Kenny Ratliff's six-month financial statement.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for June 2023 in the amounts of \$16,443.26 and \$813.95 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Public Comments: None
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported he noticed a drop in sales tax over the last month but is still up 10% for the year. Will need to keep an eye on it.
 - Aleia Ream with The Index reported she contacted MO DNR on the dumping of waste water from the meat packing plant in Pleasant Hope on Monday. Nothing has been done yet as they are still reviewing comments from concerned citizens.
 - Commissioner Breshears has been contacted by a concerned citizen on U Highway about GPS sending trucks across Rough Hollow bridge. Signs '3 Ton Limit' and 'No Thru Trucks' will be put up to help drivers know about the bridge and the limit at the beginning of County Rd 281.
 - Work will begin on County Rd 273 at Bare Creek crossing to cut out pot holes and chip and seal.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 17, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 17, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill Copeland, Terry Randolph, Bob & Kathy Leeper, Brenda Vaughan, Larry & Linda Senyard, Kenny Rife, 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 July 13, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Board of Equalization hearings was called to order by Presiding Commissioner Robert Sawyer at 10:04 a.m. The minutes from the 2022 BOE hearings was approved by a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson. There was no one present for the BOE hearing therefore Commissioner Pearson made the motion to recess the hearing, and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion at 10:06 a.m. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer abstained. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Harbor Marina & Campground.
4. Public Comments:
 - Terry Randolph and Bob & Kathy Leeper discussed a road issue off State Highway TT where it turns into a county road in Pittsburg. Part of the road is in Hickory County and part is in Polk County. A couple years ago, they passed around a petition for a lower speed limit. They also requested a 'dangerous curve' sign as well as the removal of old asphalt, turning the road back to gravel. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer reached out to Polk County Presiding Commissioner Shannon Hancock who agreed to work with Hickory County in fixing the issues with the road.
 - Village of Preston did sign the Hazard Mitigation plan so they are now eligible to apply for FEMA/SEMA grants.
 - Brenda Vaughan attended the public meeting on the meat processing plant dumping treated wastewater in the Pomme de Terre river. The meeting provided some good information as John Bledsoe talked about how he has been testing streams and waterways and his findings. She learned the plant has had 193 violations from MO Department of Natural Resources. There is still a plan for a town hall meeting that includes MO DNR and the EPA somewhere in Polk County.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission ordered chain saws from Lightfoot Hardware and will trade in the old ones.
 - Kenny Rife explained that Weaubleau Fire still has its own board and Roger Foster takes care of administration duties. They have 6 members on the roster.
 - Larry Senyard reported Urbana Rural Fire is up to 18 fire fighters.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

 Tamara Weidman

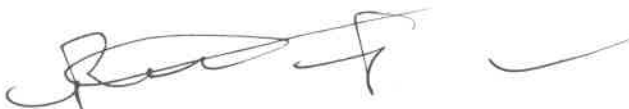
HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 20, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 20, 2023 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, 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 July 17, 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 July 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Judgement on Case No. 21HI-CC00012, William R. Wheeler vs Hickory County Commission, et al was accepted and no appeal will be made. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
 - Weaubleau Fire and Preston Fire still have 2 separate boards and have not officially combined for now.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Brian Bennett updated the Commission on the radio communications project. The tower at Akins Realty will be going up soon followed by the tower in the Mule Shoe Conservation area. Philip Sherman off Highway 123 in Weaubleau agreed to allow a repeater to be put on a silo on his property so that will be one less tower that is needed.
 - Commissioner Breshears talked about a small water crossing on County Road 515 in the Almon Valley area that needs to be replaced.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 24, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 24, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Bill & Laura Copeland, Becky Richards, Carolyn Ream, Jordon Graham, Larry & Linda Senyard, Kenneth Rife, Terri Brazeal & Pete with RCS Communications, CJ Southard, Brian Young, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Paula Shepard, Sheriff Burke, 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 July 20, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. There are 5 ARPA applications open for review by the Commission. Paula Shepard, ARPA administrator, presented the applications to the Commission for approval.
 - HCFR – total request was \$137,855.44. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears \$83,479.64 of the request was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
 - Pittsburg Fire – total request was \$97,932.46. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson \$92,782.46 of the request was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
 - Weaubleau Fire – total request was \$114,946.80. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears \$66,104.36 of the request was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
 - Urbana Fire – total request was \$35,129.15. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the total amount of \$35,129.15 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
 - Central Hickory Fire Rescue – total request was \$26,475.00. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the total amount of \$26,475.00 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
 - Commissioner Pearson made a motion to freeze the remainder of ARPA funds, Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
3. Terri and Pete with RCS Communications joined the meeting to update the Commission on the radio communications project funded through ARPA funds. Terri explained they are waiting for radios and repeaters to be able to switch over to digital. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained that ultimately, we want to make sure everyone can communicate with CMH ambulance and dispatch.
4. Public Comments:
 - Jordon Graham asked if there were plans to replace Rough Hollow bridge. The Commission explained it is part of the request for this year, although it may not be approved since the Dorman bridge was just approved last year.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission does wish to participate in the FY2024 MDC CART program.
 - 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


Jordon Graham

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 27, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 27, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Becky Richards, Carolyn Ream, Kenneth Rife, Jim Mackie, Shannon Stewart, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Representative Mike Stephens, Ed Burchett, Jason May, Jeff Gray and Mike Scheer with Murphy Tractor – John Deere and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Pearson was absent to attend a TAC meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 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 July 22, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Shannon Stewart with KBRPC joined the meeting to provide the Commission updates on awarded grants and grants that have been applied for. Prairie Chapel's awarded Department of Economic Development grant is moving at a slow pace. The Hermitage Housing Development grant is still not awarded at this time. Hickory County Sheriff's office was awarded a grant for 4 in car and 1 handheld radios. Hazard Mitigation Plan is in the hands of the State now.
4. Ed Burchett, Jason May, Jeff Gray and Mike Scheer with Murphy Tractor – John Deere attended the meeting to discuss John Deere road grader options for the County. There are 3 lease options for the County – 1. Government Operating Lease 2. Municipal Lease or 3. Borrow from a local bank. Lease terms are between 5 and 6 years. The Municipal lease is recommended which comes with a 7-year, 7500-hour warranty and no hour restrictions. A new 672 grader is running between \$300,000 to \$350,000. There is also a re-life program where a used machine gets a rebuild, an estimated cost of around \$175,000 and provides a 2-year, 2,000-hour warranty.
5. Public Comments:
 - Representative Mike Stephens came to the meeting to discuss SB 190. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer started by saying that most of us are a big fan of cutting taxes for citizens but the Legislature should not be cutting funding at the local level without the input of local officials, schools and libraries or other tax entities who would be directly affected by the loss of revenue. Representative Stephens admitted the bill cannot remain as it is and will need to be amended.
 - Representative Mike Stephens also updated the Commission on the packing plant dumping wastewater into the Pomme River issue. He explained that ultimately if they meet the requirements of Department of Natural Resources then they will get a license. There will be a public meeting in the future regarding the issue.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. 3-0 vote




HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 31, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 31, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Pro Tem Commissioner Pearson. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Sue Dorman, Jim Mackie, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Tim & Lily Brenner, Larry & Linda Senyard, Bill & Laura Copeland, Tony Loper, Larry & Susan Stickler and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer was absent. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Pro Tem Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Pro Tem Pearson called for the opening of the final BOE hearing at 10:02 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Pro Tem Pearson to close BOE hearing for the year 2023. 2-0 vote
3. Public Comments:
 - Larry and Susan Strickler joined the meeting to discuss public road access in the Galmey Point Subdivision area. Mr. Mackie will meet with them after the meeting to discuss options.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - East side road and bridge is putting in culverts today. On the West side, tree limbs are being cleared out of the roadways after last night's storm went through.
 - Commissioner Pearson reported the TAC meeting went well. Rough Hollow bridge is recommended to be replaced in next years funding.
 - Commissioner Breshears was contacted by a taxpayer about placing a 'curve ahead' sign on County Road 245 in Pittsburg.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Pro Tem Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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