


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

1. The meeting of August 3, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Pro Tem Commissioner Pearson. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Tim Brenner, Bill & Laura Copeland, Tony Loper, Richard & Maureen Vanzandt, Terry Rolf, Randy Cameron, Kenneth Rife, Aleia Ream with The Index, 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 31, 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 August 2023 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission opened 1 bid from Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc. Adkins Election Services out of Clinton, MO on election equipment. The bid is for 10 OpenElect FreedomVote Scan (FVS) precinct scanners with ballot boxes and 1 election management system (EMS) laptop with report printer along at a total bid of \$50,830. This also includes a credit of \$6,000 for trade in and recycling of old election equipment.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$3,721.69.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$140.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$66.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$145.
8. Public Comments:
  - Richard and Maureen Vanzandt and Terry Rolf joined the meeting to discuss a public access road in the Galmey Point Subdivision off County Road 271. They asked for the process of vacating the road to which the Commission provided them with a petition that requires 12 registered voters' signatures in the same township and explained the process.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - One of the dump trucks has a back window broke out and it will be 6 months before it can be replaced.
  - Commissioner Pearson talked with Great River Engineering and learned the County has been approved for replacement of the Rough Hollow bridge for the next round of BRO funding. MoDot is overwhelmed at this time so it could be next spring before the process on the Dorman bridge replacement begins.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Pro Tem Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 7, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, 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 August 3, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the election equipment bid was awarded to Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc. Adkins Election Services.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$6,003.93.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$6,989.
5. Public Comments:
  - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer received a couple of emails, one from Michael Van Dyke regarding Senate Bill 190 which gives a property tax credit to senior citizens. The second email was from Mike Clarkson regarding tearing down the Dorman Bridge. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer referred Mr. Clarkson to Great River Engineering for information on the Dorman Bridge.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed a bridge on County Road 515 & 150 that needs replaced in Almond Valley area East of Preston. After discussion the Commission decided to bid the project out.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

  
Tamara Weidman

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

1. The meeting of August 10, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Beverly Ryan, Sue Dorman, Bill & Laura Copeland, Tim Brenner, Carolyn Ream, 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 August 7, 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 pay period ending August 5, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the code ethics resolution to file with the Missouri Ethics Commission was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Progress Invoice No. 1 on BRO-R043(13) Dorman Bridge project was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Show Me Zero Program Agreement for the Hickory County Sheriff's office grant for 4 in-car Stalker radar units and 1 handheld unit in the amount of \$8,225 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Public Comments:
  - Laura Copeland with the Pittsburg Volunteer Fire Department stated only current members of the board represent the department and they are as follows: Bill Copeland – Chief, Tony Loper – President, Randy Cameron – Vice President, Jeff Vaughan – Secretary, Laura Copeland – Treasurer, and Tom Presley – Member At Large.
  - Brightspeed and NDigital are currently at the Sheriff's office working on the 911 system to fix an ongoing issue with about a mile of line.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Sheriff's office is currently talking with Bill Grant Ford about purchasing more vehicles on state bid. The Sheriff wants to order SUV's if possible.
  - The Commission talked about assigning a person to be in charge of Road and Bridge when Jason is gone.
  - Carolyn Ream wanted to offer the parking lot at the EOC for employees of the County to have yard sales to participate in the 100-mile Highway 54-yard sale on Labor Day weekend.
  - The County is going back to and LEPC organization from a LEPD due to some counties not wanting to participate. A meeting will be held Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the EOC to reorganize.
  - 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



Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 14, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Tim Brenner, Mike Totten with ADS, Steve Nepl with Base One and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of August 10, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Mike Totten with ADS (Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.) presented 2 types of pipes to the Commission, polyethylene and polypropylene. The pipes are made in Harrisonville, MO and the price point beats metal pipes saving public entities up to 25%. They are Class A MoDot approved with over 7,000 miles installed across Missouri. Mr. Totten said he would give a 40 foot by 18-inch section to the County to try it out.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for July 2023 for Civil Revenues in the amount of \$705, for CCW Revenues in the amount of \$186, General Revenue in the amount of \$1,628.77.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of fees collected for July 2023 in the amount of \$93.33.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for July 2023.
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for July 2023 in the amounts of \$19,564.06 & \$2,416.76 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
7. Steve Nepl with Base 1 road products presented a liquid base stabilizer for gravel surfaces that would improve strength and stability resulting in less maintenance for the road and bridge crew. It is a water-soluble treatment that takes up to 16,000 gallons of water per ½ mile. The crew would need a water truck and a roller to install the stabilizer.
8. Public Comments: None
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The Commission discussed road and bridge issues.
  - Commissioner Breshears stated that Brian Bennett wanted to know what electrician to use for the radio tower. The Commission suggested Kallweit electric.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote




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

1. The Closed session meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to Missouri Sunshine Law RSMo 610.021 (1) litigation. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to go into regular session at 10:14 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
2. The meeting of August 17, 2023 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Tim Brenner, Larry & Linda Senyard, Carolyn Ream, 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 August 14, 2023 were approved as presented. 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 middle of August 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Public Comments:
  - Emergency Management Director Carolyn Ream would like to conduct an active shooter training exercise with OCHC and the Courthouse employees. The Commission requested she conduct the training after courthouse regular hours, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Commissioner Breshears discussed a sign issue in Lake Hills Subdivision directing traffic to the lake. The Commission decided if the sign is put on an individual's private property, there isn't much that could be done.
  - When the Dorman bridge is removed, the Commission would like to keep signs on that bridge in Hickory County, possibly in the local museum.
  - There is a growing presence to save the bridge. If anyone is contacted by the public who wish to do so, they should be directed to Jason Sivils with Great River Engineering.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 21, 2023 was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett, Marc & Karla Dye, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Jim Mackie, Larry & Susan Strickler, Christian Farris with Viebrock and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of August 17, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
  
2. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to open the Public Hearing to set General Revenue and Road and Bridge tax levy at 10:06 a.m., Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote The Clerk reported all publications and calculations were in order and she presented the levies for approval. Commissioner Breshears made the motion to set the levies for 2023 as presented. General Revenue - 0.2978, Road and Bridge – 0.2455. Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
  
3. Public Comments:
  - Larry & Susan Strickler asked the Commission what the procedures were for closing all or part of a public access road.
  
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Brian Bennett provided an update on the radio communications project. The repeaters will be here by September 30<sup>th</sup>, but he was unsure when the handheld radios would be in. The three repeaters left to finish are Mule Shoe area, Nemo, and the silo on Philip Sherman's place on Hwy 123.
  - Carolyn explained she is in need of a new antenna for the HAM radio. The HAM system is a 3<sup>rd</sup> backup for radio communication for the EOC and allows her to communicate worldwide.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

 Tamara Weidman

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

1. The meeting of August 21, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sue Dorman, Beverly Ryan and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of August 21, 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 payroll for the pay period ending August 19, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$162.
4. Public Comments:
  - The Commission received 2 letters, 1 from Larry Westhusing and 1 from Joyce Moss in the Pittsburg area concerning the meat processing plant in Pleasant Hope obtaining a wastewater permit from Missouri DNR to dump waste in the Pomme de Terre river.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The brush cutter is down today due to overheating. The road and bridge crew are working on replacing pipes on the West side.
  - The Commission requested the Clerk to place an ad in the newspaper looking for a full-time road and bridge employee.
  - 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



Tamara Weidman

**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 28, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Sue Dorman, John Cahill with Great River Engineering and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of August 24, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the contract with the Missouri Department of Conservation to participate in the County Aid Road Trust (CART) program was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. John Cahill with Great River Engineering provided an update on Dorman Bridge replacement project. He presented preliminary plans for the Commission to review. He also discussed a few low water crossings, one on County Road 270 and one on County Road 85 that the Commission had asked them to work on plans to replace or repair. The Commission asked them to hold off on those for now.
4. Public Comments: None
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - There is a public meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m. on the East end of the dam pavilion about the MO Prime Beef processing plant in Pleasant Hope dumping wastewater into the Pomme de Terre river. This is not a MO DNR sponsored event and there will be no representative from the processing plant there.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of August 31, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Larry & Linda Senyard, Bill Copeland, Tony Loper, Jim Mackie, 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 August 28, 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 August 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$170.
4. Public Comments:
  - Larry Senyard with Urbana Fire Department informed the Commission he has ordered items with awarded ARPA funds but decided to change the style of helmet. This change could result in an adjustment to the grant amount that was given to Urbana Fire Department from ARPA funds.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Someone has pushed the white rock from the road into the ditch by Liberty Cemetery on County Road 283.
  - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer did attend the meeting held on Monday night regarding the beef processing plant in Pleasant Hope dumping wastewater into the Pomme de Terre river. MODNR was represented at the meeting.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Jamara Weidman