

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF September 7, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 7, 2023 was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Brian Bennett 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 August 31, 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 September 2, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson Veregy's Proposal for a Turnkey Facility Modernization Project was approved. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$1,711.10.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$1,668.00.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for The Pittsburg Pub LLC. The retail liquor by drink – resort is a temporary license that will come due again November 27, 2023.
7. Public Comments:
 - Fire Chief Brian Bennett provided an updated on the radio communications project. Missouri One Call has ok'd work to begin in Nemo, September 12, 2023 to install repeater.
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sheriff Greg Burke discussed his need for a patrol car due to an incident involving a deer causing patrol car to be totaled. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer told Sheriff Burke that we need to replace 3 vehicles for coming year 2024. Sheriff Burke said he would go out for bids on the new vehicles.
 - The Commission will not file a new insurance claim on the Wheeler Road suit.
 - Commissioner Breshears made a correction to meeting held August 31, County Road 283 was the road with white rock that had been pushed into ditch, not County Road 189.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 11, 2023 was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Beverly Ryan, Sue Dorman and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of September 7, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - The Commission requested the Clerk to reach out to the ARPA administrator, Paula Shepard, to make sure she is receiving receipts for the money that was distributed and entities that have not used all of the funds should return them to the County.
 - Shannon Stewart with KBRPC will assist the Sheriff's office in applying for a 100% funded grant opportunity for a 911 program for Hickory County.
 - There will be other save the lake meeting October 1st.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission: None
 - With no matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 14, 2023 was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sheriff Greg Burke, Beverly Ryan, Sue Dorman, Bill Copeland, Larry Senyard, 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 September 11, 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 beginning of September 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Progress Invoice No. 2 on BRO-R043(13) Dorman Bridge project was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$4,582.10.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 for CCW revenues in the amount of \$136, for Civil Service in the amount of \$930, and General Revenue in the amount of \$1,447.48.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for August 2023 in the amount of \$8,480.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for August 2023.
8. Public Comments: None
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sheriff Burke and Beverly Ryan explained they had talked to Bill Grant Ford and they are unable to get SUV's but can get Ford Trucks off the state bid. Corwin Ford told them the same thing. Sheriff Burke explained it will cost \$225 each on running boards for the trucks. They will get the process started for purchasing the trucks out of next years budget.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 18, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Becky Richards, Brian Bennett, Terri Brazeal with RCS Communications, Scott Rice and Mike Scott with Barker, Phillips and Jackson Insurance Agency and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of September 14, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Scott Rice and Mike Scott with Barker, Phillips and Jackson explained their role with the company as employee benefits specialists and HR compliance. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer noted the County is happy with the MAGIC Consortium but have not seen renewal rates for this year yet. He had no problem with the Clerk's office sending the data for them to review. The main goal of the Commission to good employee benefits at a minimal cost to both the employee and County.
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 \$210.36.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the additions and abatements for August 2023 in the amount of \$12,872.33 and \$34.65 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave balances for August 2023.
6. Public Comments: None
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Brian Bennett and Terri Brazeal provided an update on the Radio Communications project. Both antennas are up. They are just waiting on the repeaters and radios to come in. As of right now, the radios are still running on analog but once all the equipment is received and installed, they will go live to digital. They have a meeting with CMH representatives today at 1:00 to discuss how communications can continue with the ambulance service once we go digital and what needs to be done to make sure that it works as it should.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote




HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 21, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Brian Bennett, Carolyn Ream, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Kyla Gall, Beverly Ryan, Andrea Graham, Brenda Vaughan, Aleia Ream with The Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Pearson was absent for the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 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 September 16, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Public Comments:
 - Andrea Graham mentioned Bauer Rd off of Highway K is really bad and should be looked at. Also, County Road 340 and Butternut Road is in need of repair.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - All those present discussed the radio communications project. The Nemo repeater is getting closer to being done as they are testing the equipment. Areas that still need addressed are the Quincy area, Flemington area and a portion between Carson's Corner and Nemo. Once the repeaters are up, these areas should be fixed. Any radios the County has purchased should communicate with CMH ambulance service once the project is complete.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 25, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Jim Mackie, Brian Bennett, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Sheriff Greg Burke 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 September 21, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission discussed the request from Michael Nibert to place a speed limit on Silver Road. They discussed the possibility of putting a speed limit 'blanket' on all County Roads and if the procedure continues to be road by road, the speed limit should stay consistent at 30 mph. Commissioner Breshears requested to table the issue for now.
3. Upon a motion by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the paperwork for the S.T.A.R.T. (Substance Tobacco Alcohol Resistance Training) program was approved and signed. 3-0 vote This program will replace the D.A.R.E. program as it offers free training and is more geared to a specific age group, 5th graders.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses for Turn 1 Bar & Grill in Galmey.
5. Public Comments: None
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Sheriff Burke explained that Sheriff Knox with Benton County is not happy with RCS Communications. Brian explained the Benton County Commission didn't place the towers where they were actually beneficial, they placed them along main routes.
 - The Sheriff's office now has access to the GIS mapping for 911 purposes.
 - The Commission thanked the Road and Bridge crew and members of the Community for helping with storm clean up after Saturday night's storms.
 - With no other matters for the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

 Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of September 28, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Brian Bennett, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Sheriff Greg Burke, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Brenda Vaughan, Aleia Ream with The Index, Ryan Becker and Zachariah with Veregy, 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 September 25, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission prioritized projects with Veregy with Senior Project Manager Ryan Becker. The Courtroom and the jail are the #1 priority with the Annex building coming in next. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer explained there is no time frame as of now for project completion. The Commission would like to do this without a tax increase although they are not comfortable spending all reserve money and may consider a no tax increase bond issue.
3. 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 September 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission Order #1-0720 and the renewal – PDMP user agreement with St. Louis County Public Health Department to begin the process of transferring all data to the State PDMP program was tabled to the next meeting.
5. Public Comments:
 - Brenda Vaughan reported the items Pittsburg Fire ordered with ARPA funding is 8-12 weeks out.
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Commissioner Breshears drove down Silver road and noticed 25 mph speed limit signs are already posted as well as a dust free sign.
 - Commissioner Pearson found a company that might be interested in repairing or replacing the soffit and fascia. He is to contact them to see if they'll come take a look at the project.
 - The Commission received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the Prime Beef issue.
 - Liberty Utilities is putting a meter base at the old Dollar General building for a generator and the repeater.
 - Unemployment is at 3.6% in Hickory County.
 - 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

