

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 4, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sheriff Greg Burke, Jim Mackie, Sue Dorman, Bill Copeland, Brian Bennett 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 November 30, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Public Comments:
 - Chief Brian Bennett stated no progress on Mule Shoe Tower to date, but concrete work should begin this week. Commissioned discussed fencing around Mule Shoe Tower when completed for liability reasons.
3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - 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

 James W. Wood

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 7, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Shannon Stewart, Aleia Ream with The Index, Jeff Gray with Murphy Tractor, Brad Turner, Judge Hendrickson and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of December 4, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Shannon Stewart provided the Commission with an update on the grants she is currently working on in Hickory County. Unfortunately, the Hermitage Housing Grant was not approved. Prairie Chapel's approved grant project is moving along slowly. She is working with Preston Fire on a grant that would allow them to build a new station. She is also working with the Sheriff's office on the NG911 ARPA grant for PSAP equipment. Lastly, she is looking into a grant that will help with the demolishing and rebuilding of the old part of the Annex building since it is utilized by many different organizations for a meeting space.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for November 2023.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$57.15.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 for Civil Revenues in the amount of \$890, CCW Revenues in the amount of \$99, and General Revenues in the amount of \$757.84.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$7,598.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$55.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$6,073.19.
9. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$73.
10. The Commission met with Judge Hendrickson to review the 2024 budget proposal for court administration for the circuit which includes Hickory, Polk, Dallas, and Webster Counties. Judge Hendrickson explained he removed \$46,000 in the maintenance of efforts category, but charged each associate circuit judge with budgeting this category. The only other increase was in the office supply category in the amount of \$500. Hickory County is responsible for 8.63% of this budget.
11. The Commission met with Brad Turner, Chief Juvenile Officer of the 30th Circuit to review the 2024 budget proposal for juvenile operations in the circuit. Due to an increase in mileage, this budget increased by \$19,000 for all 4 counties in the circuit with Hickory County paying 8.63% of the budget.
12. Public Comments: None



13. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:

- Jeff Gray with Murphy Tractor attended today's meeting to discuss options on new John Deere graders. He presented the Commissioners with a packet of information to review and discussed lease options as well as warranties on the purchased machines. Jeff spent some time explaining the differences between John Deere products and competitors. The Commission will review and call with any questions.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote


 Jannan Waiden

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 11, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Sue Dorman, Dewayne Lucas, Scott Covey, Rick Wade, Dennis Starks and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of December 7, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - Dewayne Lucas, Scott Covey, Rick Wade, and Dennis Starks joined the Commission meeting to make them aware they were told their ham radio operations equipment could not be placed near the new radio equipment installed by RCS Communications due to FCC regulations so therefore they could not use the communications towers that are located in the County. They believe this is false information.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported that sales tax is down for the year in General Revenue about \$4,100, Road and Bridge is up about \$600, and LE Sales Tax is down about \$2,000.
 - 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


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 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, Larry and Linda Senyard, Carolyn Ream, John Cahill with Great River Engineering and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of December 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 payroll for the pay period ending December 9, 2023 was approved and signed. 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 December 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for November 2023 in the amounts of \$63,116.73 and \$30,229.02 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the budget adjustments to the 2023 budget document was approved. 3-0 vote
6. John Cahill with Great River Engineering attended the meeting to give an update on the Dorman Bridge project. A cultural resource survey must be completed to check for Native American artifacts in the area. He has contacted MSU to conduct the survey, which should be completed by mid-January, once college courses resume after the holidays. Also, a threatened and endangered species study will need to be completed before moving forward.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission discussed several road and bridge issues throughout the County.
 - The Clerk is to budget for a salt and calcium chloride storage facility to be shared by road and bridge in the 2024 budget document.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

MEMORANDUM

To: County Commission
From: County Clerk
Date: December 14, 2023
Subject: Adjustments to 2023 Budget Document

After completing an analysis of the revenues and expenditures as presented in the 2023 budget document, and comparing them with the respective financial statements, there are several adjustments which need to be made. These adjustments are in part due to unexpected revenues and expenditures and several line-item changes and adjustments. The changes are significant and necessary to give a correct accounting of all funds. The financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2023 are indicative of these needed changes. With the recommended adjustments as presented we will have a more realistic financial account of the year. It is respectively recommended the Commission authorize the following adjustments to the 2023 budget:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

Estimated 2023 Revenues:

01-400-120	Interest Income	Increase by \$20,000
01-400-136	Opioid Settlement	Increase by \$30,000
01-400-104	Govt Entitlements	Increase by \$1,500
01-400-106	Prisoner Board Bill	Decrease by \$18,000
01-400-116	Recorder Reimbursement	Decrease by \$7,000
01-400-126	Misc Reimbursement	Decrease by \$1,000
01-400-132	Sidewalk Grant	Decrease by \$10,000
01-418-162	EMPG Grant	Increase by \$4,860
01-418-164	Special Needs Grant	Decrease by \$3,000
01-421-162	Flo Study Grant	Decrease by \$500
01-850-802	Transfer In	Decrease by \$5,531

Total Revenue Increase by \$11,329

2023 Approved Expenditures:

01-400-412	Insurance	Increase \$3,400
01-400-432	911 Addressing	Increase \$1,500
01-400-505	Sidewalk Grant	Decrease \$10,000
01-400-413	Publications	Decrease \$2,500
01-403-334	Equipment Maintenance	Increase \$1,500
01-403-413	Publications	Increase \$2,500
01-418-102	Director	Increase \$20,000
01-800-808	Transfer Out	Decrease \$15,000

Total Expenditures Increase by \$1,400

Net Effect on the General Revenue fund balance for the above recommendations will be an increase of \$9,929.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

Estimated 2023 Revenues

02-900-120	Interest Income	Increase by \$14,000
02-900-175	CART	Increase by \$50,000
02-900-176	Motor Veh. Sales Tax	Increase by \$17,000
02-900-179	MoDot Bridge Projects	Decrease by \$490,000

Total Revenue Decrease by \$409,000

2023 Approved Expenditures:

02-900-702	Road Maintenance equip	Decrease by \$29,000
02-902-70313	BRO Dorman Bridge	Decrease by \$470,000
02-900-602	Grader Lease Pmt	Increase by \$110,000

Total Expenditures Decrease by \$389,000

Net effect on the Road and Bridge fund balance for the above recommendations will be a decrease in expenditures of \$10,000. This makes the projected ending fund balance \$738,000.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FUND

2023 Approved Expenditures:

04-501-511	Training	Increase by \$100.00
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P.A. ADMINISTRATIVE HANDLING COST FUND

2023 Approved Expenditures:

11-503-543	M.O.P.S.	Increase by \$25.00
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ELECTION SERVICES FUND

Estimated 2023 Revenues:

41-403-261	MCVR Efficiency Grant	Increase by \$2,312.72
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2023 Approved Expenditures:

41-403-531	Efficiency Grant	Increase by \$2,360.34
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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Estimated Revenues

43-243-140	Interest Income	Increase by \$9,000
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COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTITUTION

Estimated 2023 Revenues

46-400-204 Fees Increase by \$3,000

Total Revenue Increase by \$3,000

Net effect on County Law Enforcement Restitution fund balance for the above recommendations will be an increase of revenue by \$3,000. This makes the projected ending fund balance \$35,000.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX

Estimated 2023 Revenues

52-501-184 Equipment Grant Increase by \$8,900

2023 Approved Expenditures

52-501-440 Equipment Grant Increase by \$8,900

Net effect of Law Enforcement Sales Tax for the above recommendations will be no change.

CARES/ARPA ACT

Estimated 2023 Revenues

56-400-120 Interest Income Increase by \$12,000

Total Revenue Increase by \$12,000

Net effect on CARES/ARPA Act fund balance for the above recommendations will be an increase in revenue of \$12,000. This makes the projected ending fund balance \$680,000.

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 18, 2023 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Jim Mackie, Sue Dorman, Tim and Lily Brenner, and Deputy County Clerk Tommy Holt. Commissioner Breshears was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of December 14, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer to open the start of the 2024 budget process. 2-0 vote
3. Public Comments: None
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission discussed quote and payment options for purchase of 2024 John Deere 410-P-Tier Backhoe Loader.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

 Jamar Widner

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 21, 2023 was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Jordon Graham, Matt Ford and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Commissioner Pearson was absent from the meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer the minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. Public Comments:
 - Jordon Graham with Central Fire asked if extra batteries were purchased from RCS Communications. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer reviewed the invoices and determined that there were no extra batteries ordered or at least billed for.
 - Central Fire will be staffed March through October of 2024 and are planning on 2025 being staffed for the whole year. They are obtaining ALS which means they can treat patients the same as ambulance personnel. The only limitation will be transporting the patient. They will also have equipment that will communicate directly with the hospital staff so they know ahead of time what medical is coming.

3. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Clerk was in contact with Bell Bank on the grader lease payments and determined the County still owes \$96,120.86 on the 2015 John Deere Graders and \$445,627.38 on the 2 Caterpillar Graders that were purchased in 2022. The Clerk did a budget adjustment to pay an extra \$150,000 on this loan. The Commission would like to pay off the 2015 John Deere Graders (\$96,120.86) and put the remainder toward a down payment for a back hoe.
 - Road and Bridge Supervisor Jason Darby has found a 1 ton truck at surplus property for \$3,000 he would like to replace the Ford Explorer with.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Breshears made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 28, 2023
MINUTES

1. The meeting of December 28, 2023 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Sheriff Burke, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Richard Reeves, Aleia Ream with The Index, Jeff Gray and Jason May with Murphy Tractor 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 December 21, 2023 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 410 P-Tier Backhoe Loader Stock #234567, with travel time and mileage for warranty repairs included for life of warranty, was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. 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 December 23, 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
4. 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 2023 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the Commission revised the salary schedules/plans policy in the handbook to read "Each time the scales, including steps are increased by a vote of the Commission, current employees' longevity will be adjusted accordingly so as to keep the salary schedules in line" beginning January 1, 2024. 3-0 vote
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of monthly fees collected for November 2023 in the amount of \$129.75.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported CART money is up 14% for the year.
 - Commissioner Pearson called Terri with RCS Communications for a radio communications update this morning and left a voicemail. He asked for status on the east side tower and when can we expect the project to be complete.
 - Road and Bridge Supervisor, Jason Darby, was able to purchase 2 used trucks from MO Surplus Property. One is a 2011 Ford F250 with 86,017 miles for \$17,575 and one 2003 Ford F350 with 140,860 miles for \$3,000.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

 *Jason Weidman*