

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 4, 2024 was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, 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 December 28, 2023 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the employee leave balances for December 2023.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for December 2023 in the amount of \$943.40.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for December 2023 in the amount of \$149.75.
5. Upon a motion made by Commission Breshears and a second by Commission Pearson, Commission Order #01-01-24 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to pay a refund of \$10,623.16 from over plus land sale to Constance Bonner was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commission Breshears, Commission Order #01-02-24 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to pay a refund of \$1,731.29 from over plus land sale to Michelle Martin was approved and signed. 2-yes 1-abstain
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson, Commission Order #01-03-24 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to pay a refund of \$14,565.85 from over plus land sale to Shawn Brockert was approved and signed. 2-yes 1-abstain
8. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commission Breshears, Commission Order #01-04-24 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to pay a refund of \$1,523.33 from over plus land sale to The City of Wheatland for a tax lien on parcel #056024004024004000 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
9. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson, Commission Order #01-05-24 ordering Treasurer Kenny Ratliff to pay a refund of \$4,991.89 from over plus land sale to Ronald Dean Maberry - \$1,247.97, Bobbie Jo Scott - \$1,247.97, Richard Keith Maberry - \$1,247.97, and Ada Fay Spenny - \$1,247.98 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
10. Public Comments: None
11. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission discussed a county wide speed limit for County Roads. This will be on the agenda for Monday, January 8th.
 - The Commission discussed the Sheriff's 2024 budget and decided to take the new fleet vehicles out of the ARPA funds after determining the purchase qualifies.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



Jama Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 8, 2024 was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Jim Mackie, Chip Shaddox, JoAnn Box, Anita Mertz and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of January 4, 2024 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears, a 30-mph speed limit was placed on all County Road in the County. 3-0 vote This vote supersedes any and all resolutions previously passed by the Commission.
3. Anita Mertz, Chip Shaddox and JoAnn Box with the Pomme de Terre Chamber of Commerce joined the Commission to talk about the progress that's been made to promote tourism in Hickory County. The County has budgeted \$10,000 for the Pomme de Terre Chamber of Commerce the last few years. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to approve the \$10,000 for the 2024 budget and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote
4. The Commission discussed the 2024 budget and the offices that requested increases. The University Extension office requested an increase of \$2,697.91 for the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to approve half of the request to the Extension in the amount of \$1,348.96. 3-0 vote
5. Public Comments: None
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Senate Bill 190 was discussed by the Commission. The Commission would like to work on an ordinance to address the new legislation maybe with the help of Travis Elliott, the MAC attorney.
 - The Commission would like to take a look at how the Local and Tribal monies can be spent. They would like to possibly replace the lights in the jail and courthouse to LED.
 - Unemployment for Hickory County is currently at 3.6%.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



JoAnn Box

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 11, 2024 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Jim Mackie, Jason Sivils 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 January 8, 2024 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 January 6, 2024 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission received one RFQ from Great River Engineering on the Rough Hollow Bridge Project #0260007 on County Road 281.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for December 2023 in the amount of \$5,100.53.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's report of monthly fees collected for December 2023 for CCW revenues in the amount of \$258, Civil revenues in the amount of \$1150, and General Revenues in the amount of \$716.34.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pamela Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for December 2023 in the amount of \$5,704.50.
7. Public Comments: None
8. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The County Commission is working on a Senate Bill 190 resolution to offer tax relief for some County residents.
 - The road and bridge crew are working on County Road 381 today.
 - With no other matters before 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

 

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 18, 2024 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Ryan and Zachariah from Veregy and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 2024 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer opened the budget hearing at 10:04 a.m. The Clerk presented the budget to the Commission. Presiding Commissioner Sawyer asked if there was any discussion and no one responded. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the 2024 budget document was approved and signed. 3-0 vote A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson to close the budget hearing at 10:15 a.m.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Greg Burke's jail facility report for the first quarter of 2024.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Treasurer Kenny Ratliff's 6-month settlement statement and 2023 year end statement.
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson Progress Invoice No. 5 for BRO-R043(13) Dorman Bridge in the amount of \$6,095.51 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
6. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements for December 2023 in the amounts of \$100,655.37 and \$22,348.60 respectively was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Assessment Maintenance Plan for Hickory County for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
8. Ryan and Zachariah with Veregy joined the meeting to discuss the addition to the Courthouse. The Commission discussed the changes they made to the plans Veregy brought a few months ago. The Commission asked them to add on to the West of the Courthouse along with the extension to the North. The Commission also asked them to begin moving forward with tearing down the old part of the Annex building.
9. Public Comments: None
10. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission discussed using the credit that road and bridge has with Scott's salvage in Humansville for re-bar for future bridge work.
 - The Commission talked about seeing if Carolyn, Emergency Manager, would consider working from home for a few months during the winter due to electric costs of the building. The building could then be winterized to save on costs.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote



HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 25, 2024 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Jim Mackie, Susan McBrayer, 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 January 18, 2024 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 January 20, 2024 was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for December 2023.
4. Public Comments:
 - Susan McBrayer explained that she had not deeded the private cemetery to the County because if she does, the cemetery is open to the public. The Commission will check with the County attorney to see if there is a way to keep it a private cemetery and allow no public access even when it is deeded to the County.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Clerk presented the Commission with Ordinance No. 2024-01 to review on establishing a 30-mph countywide speed limit on all unincorporated areas that supersedes all other resolutions previously passed by the Commission. The Clerk also presented letters to the MO State Highway Patrol and MO Department of Transportation for the Commission to sign regarding the speed limit change.
 - 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 JANUARY 29, 2024
MINUTES

1. The meeting of January 29, 2024 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Sawyer. Present were, Commissioner Breshears, Commissioner Pearson, Sue Dorman, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith, Jim Mackie, Carolyn Ream, Larry & 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 January 25, 2024 were approved as presented. 3-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commission Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable was approved and signed. 3-0 vote
3. Public Comments: None
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Commission received a complaint from the Hermitage Postmaster regarding the decision to place a 30-mph blanketed speed limit on all unincorporated County roads. A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears to rescind the 30-mph speed limit for further study on the impact and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. Roll Call vote – Rick Pearson – No, Robert Breshears – Yes, Robert Sawyer – No.
 - Presiding Commissioner Sawyer asked if Carolyn Ream, Emergency Management Director, would be able to work from home due to the high cost to heat the building. She explained she would need a new laptop and it would be an inconvenience. There is a scheduled HAM radio meeting on February 10th at the EOC.
 - Larry Senyard, LEPC chair, sent out tier 2 reports to local businesses and we will be receiving the return receipts. LEPC officers are Larry Senyard – Chair, Bill Copeland – Co-Chair, Laura Copeland – Secretary/Treasurer and Coordinator, and Kathy Neidel – Coordinator.
 - The County Roads are in pretty bad shape with lots of potholes.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 3-0 vote

 Tamara Weidman