

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF July 2, 2020

MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 2, 2020 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Brigitta Gardner, Brian Pearson, Eric Wilken, Randy Dougherty, Justin Yates, Dawn Vader, Kenny Ratliff, Aleia Ream, and Deputy County Clerk Alli Carter. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford the minutes of the Meeting of June 29, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. CARES Applications were turned in by all four schools in the county for the Commission to review. All four superintendents discussed and expressed the concerns/obstacles they foresee for the coming school year.
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second made by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending June 27, 2020 were approved and signed. 2-0
4. The Commission reviewed the Library Board Applications and after a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford, they moved to appoint Judy Baker to the Library Board of Trustees. 2-0
5. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and second by Commissioner Pearson they moved to reject the bid of \$50,000.00 on the Mack GU 713 Granite Dump Truck. 2-0
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for June 2020 in the amount of \$19,565.38
7. The Commissioner reviewed and forwarded for file liquor licenses applications for Casey's Marketing Company in the amount of \$900.00.
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor license application for Lakeside Liquor in the amount of \$300.00.
9. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor license applications for Dollar General Stores in the amount of \$600.00.
10. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor license application for The Harbor Marina and Campground in the amount of \$300.00.
11. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor license application for State Park Marina in the amount of \$50.00.
12. Public Comments:
 - Dawn Vader discussed that she had a request from a citizen of Hickory County to make face masks a requirement. Commissioner Mertz and Commissioner Pearson agreed that they would not enforce that, it would be up to the individual.
13. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Dawn Vader discussed that she had a meeting with the school superintendents, discussing offering COVID-19 tests for free to students that do not have health insurance. Dawn Vader and the Superintendents also discussed that if a child has a fever or any COVID-19 symptoms they will be sent home until the are fever free for 72-hours or receive a negative test result.
 - Dawn Vader asked the Commission if she could move forward with buying 50 COVID-19 test kits. Commissioner Pearson said the Commission would need to discuss it, but he would encourage her not to buy anything until it is approved.



- Bill McBrayer informed the Commission that he would have the old jail open for Market Days on Saturday, July 4, 2020.
- Commissioner Pearson discussed that the Assessors office has been having technical difficulties with their equipment/program. Commissioner Pearson would like to look at potentially updating their software/equipment before the end of the year.
- Commissioner Pearson would like to look into establishing an ordinance in regards to the defacing of statues or monuments.
- Commissioner Pearson discussed the youth group at First Baptist of Hermitage would like to repaint the handrails outside of the courthouse. The county would need to provide the supplies, Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Mertz were both in favor of this.
- Commissioner Mertz brought to Sheriff Brian Whalen's attention that Tom McClure has parked a van in the county ditch with flags up. Commissioner Crawford said that he would call Tom McClure to have it removed. If not removed Commissioner Mertz has asked Sheriff Brian Whalen to have it towed.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Crawford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion.
2-0 vote

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HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 6, 2020
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 6, 2020 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Janice Greenburg, Marc & Karla Dye, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Robert Sawyer, Lori Hayes. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 2, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

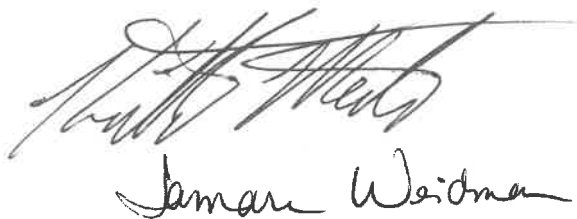
2. Presiding Commissioner Mertz recessed the Commission meeting at 10:00 a.m. and opened the 2020 BOE hearings. BOE hearing recessed at 10:04 a.m. until next called session. Presiding Commissioner Mertz reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Notice of Award letter for Hickory County BRO-B043(12) was approved and signed. 2-0 vote

4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file liquor license applications for Hickory Ridge Hwy 83 Resort in the amount of \$500.00.

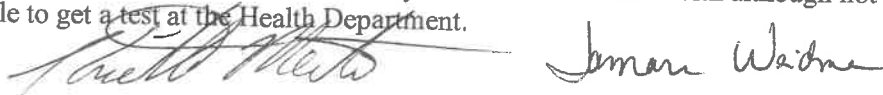
5. The Commission discussed the requests turned in to date, and decided to have all the school Superintendents come in on Thursday July 9th at 10:30 a.m. to go over the requests. They also want to invite Dawn Vader with the Health Department to discuss the CARES money application at 11:00 a.m.

6. Public Comments:
 - Bill McBrayer was happy to see the old jail was spotless on Saturday for citizens to view. The turnout was good and although it was a long day, he enjoyed it. He suggested the Commission get a table or podium to place the guest book on so people might sign and tell where they are from. He also suggested lighting in the old jail.
 - Sheriff Whalen said the public commended Bill McBrayer for commentary of history of the old jail and appreciated it being open for viewing. The public suggested it would be nice if there were a plaque placed with a description of the history for people to stand by and take a picture.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Nathan Salgado with The Donning Co. emailed a new pricing list for the County historical books. The Commissioners feel they cannot burden taxpayers with this project and feels an outside organization should be in charge if interested.
 - Sheriff Whalen informed the Commission there is a lady in the County who is planning on petitioning for a tax to be placed on the ballot in the future. They discussed deadlines for submitting the petition.
 - Market Days on Saturday was a successful day for the Veteran's Memorial project as we now have enough money for the down payment to be made.
 - Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford the Commission voted to go into emergency closed session meeting with Sheriff Whalen pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson to reconvene the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. and to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.


Jamar Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 9, 2020
MINUTES

1. The BOE scheduled for this morning was rescheduled for next Thursday, July 16, 2020.
2. The meeting of July 9, 2020 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Lori Hayes, Dawn Vader, Eric Wilken, Justin Yates, Carolyn Ream, Tim Judd, Randy Dougherty, Jeremy Hulshof with the Index and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford the minutes of the Meeting of July 6, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's monthly fees collected for June 2020 in the amount of \$140.25.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the beginning of July 2020 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected for June 2020 in the amount of \$4,297.65.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected for June 2020 in the amount of \$9,651.00.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Mike Brown's report of monthly fees collected for June 2020 in the amount of \$1,656.20.
8. All Superintendents attended the meeting to answer a few questions from the Commission regarding CARES application requests. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to approve Weaubleau R-III School CARES application as presented. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to approve Hermitage R-IV School CARES application as presented. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson to approve Wheatland R-II School CARES application as presented. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford to approve Skyline R-I School CARES application as presented. Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote The amounts presented in the applications are estimates and the schools will be paid when receipts are presented to the County Clerk's office for reimbursement.
9. The Commission met with Health Department Administrator Dawn Vader regarding the CARES application request. After much discussion, Commissioner Crawford made the motion to table \$16,254 for the concrete to another proposal at a later date for reconsideration of the Commission. Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote The full request with paid receipts submitted is \$59,154.98. After removing the concrete total the reimbursement amount will be \$42,900.98.
10. Public Comments:
 - The Commission discussed road issues throughout the County.
 - Jeremy Hulshof plans to write an apology on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for the problems with the fireworks display on the 4th.
11. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Dawn Vader, Health Department Administrator reported we have 2 positive Covid-19 cases in the County as of today. They are conducting contact tracing and what they have done so far has come back negative.
 - Dawn Vader discussed the plan for schools and procedures for students. The Health Department will test students and anyone that they have been in contact with although not everyone will be able to get a test at the Health Department.



OCHC is limited to getting 5 tests per week while the Health Department can get 50 tests at a time through Greene County.

- Commissioner Crawford informed the Commission he has received a grant for \$16,000 for the bike trail that will provide permanent signs for the trail and possibly other sidewalks or trails in the County.
- Presiding Commissioner Mertz informed the Commission of a NACO meeting via computer on Monday, July 20th.
- Commissioner Crawford made a motion to go into closed session pursuant Section 610.012(3) RSMo. Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
- The meeting reconvened at 11:58 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.



Jamar Weidner

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020
MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 13, 2020 was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Lori Hayes, Teddy McCarty and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of July 6, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file a liquor license application for TYNW, LLC, Alps at SOS in the amount of \$300.00.

3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Sheriff Brian Whalen's report of monthly fees collected for the month of June 2020 in the amount of \$1,383.29.

4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the additions and abatements in the amount of \$9,210.51 and \$265.45 respectively were approved and signed. 2-0 vote

5. Public Comments:

- Lori Hays reported that OCHC had tested 6 people Friday who were all negative. They are having issues getting test kits.
- The water lines at the Blackwell property were repaired by Admire plumbing.

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


- A company called TierOne Solutions has done an inventory analysis of our phone system and internet. They have presented a few solutions as the company is a brokerage. The next step in the process is to schedule a site survey.
- Sheriff Whalen is having issues with Verizon Connect, he plans to disconnect if the service continues.
- Treasurer Kenny Ratliff informed the Commission that sales tax is up \$39,162.81 for the year all together.
- Commissioner Pearson made the motion to go into closed session at 10:33 a.m. pursuant Section 610.012(1). Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
- The meeting reconvened at 11:07 a.m. to discuss several road issues throughout the County with Teddy McCarty.
- Commissioner Pearson said the weekend was so busy with lake traffic that dispatch was overwhelmed and needs more help. The Commission discussed the need to raise wages for next year's budget for all employees.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Jamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 16, 2020
MINUTES

1. Presiding Commissioner Mertz opened the BOE hearing at 10:02 a.m. BOE recessed at 10:46 a.m.
2. The regular Commission meeting of July 16, 2020 was called to order at 10:48 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Carolyn Ream, Aleia Ream with the Index, Kenny Ratliff and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file a liquor license for Hobos Eagle Stop in the amount of \$300.00.
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending July 11, 2020 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County financial statements for the month of June 2020.
6. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Treasurer Kenny Ratliff's six-month financial statement.
7. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file a liquor license for Sheryl's Corner Bar LLC in the amount of \$300.00.
8. Public Comments:
 - Bill McBrayer provided a couple of newspaper articles for the Commission to review.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last night and there has been some reorganization with Penny Swearingin elected as President, Ashley Brown Vice President and Chip Shaddox as Treasurer.
9. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - Carolyn Ream, EMD director, presented a CARES money application to the Commission.
 - The Commission discussed road issues, among those is an intersection at the Wheatland Park on County Road 273. Have received a lot of complaints about that area with more lake traffic.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF JULY 20, 2020

MINUTES

1. The meeting of July 20, 2020 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Crawford, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Lori Hayes, Carolyn Ream and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of July 16, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The encroachment permit for Burt Crockett on Graybridge E. in Pittsburg, MO was tabled to a later date.
3. The 2nd encroachment permit for Jason Turner on County Road 331 in Pittsburg, MO was tabled to a later date.
4. Public Comments:
 - Testing has increased to 6-8 a day at OCHC.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz received several compliments on the road and bridge crew.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
 - The Clerk presented the letter from Department of Conservation for FY2021 MDC CART money for cost share opportunity to help counties with maintenance rock for county-owned, public roadways that serve MDC lands.
 - The Chamber of Commerce meets Wednesday night at 5:30. Commissioner Crawford plans to mention the possibility for the Chamber of Commerce to apply for CARES money for advertising costs to promote tourism in the County.
 - Commissioner Crawford would like to recommend a new hire for road and bridge for the next budget cycle.
 - Presiding Commissioner Mertz discussed an encroachment permit issue involving water drainage with AT&T on County Road 331.
 - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Crawford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and Presiding Commissioner Mertz seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 27, 2020
MINUTES

1. The BOE hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. but postponed to the meeting of Thursday July 30th, 2020.

2. The meeting of July 27, 2020 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Janice Greenburg, Robert Sawyer, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Lori Hayes, Assessor Clint Baker, Gay Hardman, Wayne Francis and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Presiding Commissioner Mertz the minutes of the Meeting of July 20, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the end of July 2020 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote

4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the Resolution for membership to KBRPC was approved and signed with KBRPC to attend a Commission meeting to discuss future plans and past shortfalls. 2-0 vote

5. Public Comments:

- There is a MO 911 service board meeting August 4th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon through the internet.
- Gay Hardman and Wayne Francis attended the meeting to discuss Old Mill Rd in the Pittsburg area.

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

- The Clerk is to send a letter to the Department of Conservation to participate in the CART money program.
- Treasurer Kenny Ratliff explained the CART money came in last week and we are almost \$20,000 down for the year.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. and Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


Tamara Weidman

HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING OF JULY 30, 2020
MINUTES

1. Presiding Commissioner Mertz called for the opening of the final BOE hearing at 10:00 a.m. and closed at 10:05 a.m.

2. The meeting of July 30, 2020 was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Crawford, Janice Greenburg, Robert Sawyer, Bill McBrayer, Sheriff Whalen, Assessor Clint Baker, Sarah Roach, Tommy Holt, Jeremy with the Index, Hollis Presley and Steven Huxley with TierOne Solutions and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2020 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote

3. The Commission met with Hollis Presley and Steven Huxley with TierOne Solutions to discuss upgrading internet and phones in the Courthouse and Sheriff's office. The first step is to get fast reliable internet placed in the Courthouse and Sheriff's office, then look at changing the phone system. A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford to proceed forward with Nitel fiber internet 20 mbps, Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote


4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Crawford the demand warrants and documents for payroll for the pay period ending July 25, 2020 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote

5. Public Comments:

- Anne with Great River Engineering and a representative with MoDot is on the agenda for August 6th for the preconstruction meeting to get started on the County Rd 275 bridge project.

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

- Small businesses can apply for CARES money.
- Presiding Commissioner Mertz read a letter from Secretary of the Interior addressed to the Commission wanting to make a National Garden of American Heroes on U.S. owned land.
- With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. and Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



Tamara Weidman