


# HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021

## MINUTES

1. The meeting of February 1, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Bill McBrayer, Carolyn Ream, Brian Bennett, Dan Waddlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Assessor Clint Baker, Representative Kalberloh 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 28, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file County Clerk Tamara Weidman's report of monthly fees collected for January 2021 in the amount \$105,421.94.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Assessor Clint Baker's report of monthly fees collected for January 2021 in the amount of \$93.00.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the leave summary report for January 2021.
5. Public Comments:
  - Bill McBrayer invited everyone to come to the new Farmers Market meeting at the University Extension meeting room, on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Commissioner Breshears talked about a few County Road issues on the East side.
  - Camden and Benton Counties have passed a sanctuary county ordinance to protect the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. Commissioner Breshears is interested in the possibility of Hickory County doing the same.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz had a few calls regarding people from other areas coming to Hickory County for vaccinations, leaving a shortage for eligible Hickory County residents.
  - There is a communication meeting with area fire chiefs to discuss the FEMA grant on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Fire Station.
  - Carolyn Ream has talked to OCHC's administrator, Scott Crouch, regarding help installing a new tower for Emergency Management.
  - There is a possibility the Court will need to use the Dollar General building for a jury trial coming up in a couple of weeks. We will need to have the janitor do some cleaning there and try to find tables and chairs to get prepared.
  - Commissioner Pearson discussed some road issues on the West side of the County.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz will call Great River Engineering as well as the MoDot engineer to discuss a water flow issue on the new County Road 275 bridge.
  - Dan Waddlington with Senator Roy Blunt's office joined the meeting to discuss CARES funding and last year's revenues for Hickory County. He feels there will be more money sent to local authorities for PPE and vaccination clinics.
  - Representative Kalberloh stopped by the meeting to discuss a few things his office is working on, one being a bill to change how Cemetery Trust Funds are handled.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of February 4, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Kathy Neidel, Jordan Graham, Brenda Vaughn, Jeremy Hulshof with the Index, Karla Dye, Ernie Brauch, Roger Foster, Sheriff Greg Burke, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Assessor Clint Baker, and Deputy Clerk Alli Carter. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Paul Long with Ollis, Akers, and Arney Insurance Company met with the Commissioners about potentially quoting the county insurance. Paul Long intends to attend another Commission meeting in August.
3. Public Comments:
  - There were no public comments.
4. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff reported to the Commissioners that the new Road and Bridge sales tax was slightly down.
  - Sheriff Burke presented a letter to the Commissioners asking for Presiding Commissioner Mertz signature to become the administrator on the SAMS account. Commissioner Mertz signed the request.
  - Sheriff Burke presented a bill from Omnigo Software to the Commission and wanted the Commission to know that he has tried to contact them to get an itemized bill before paying.
  - Commissioner Pearson brought to Commissioner Breshears and Mertz attention House Bill 59.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn at 11:21 p.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of February 8, 2021 was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Roger Foster, Bill McBrayer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the additions and abatements in the amount of \$14,311.06 and \$2,606.30 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Public Comments:
  - The Clerk presented 2 more CARES applications, 1 from the Hickory County Health Dept and 1 from White's Marine Center. The Commission will review the applications.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz explained the Communications grant requires entities to cover 5% of the awarded amount. The Commission would consider funding that through CARES money if there is money left. Roger Foster explained that HCFR plans to replace the 2 repeaters they own with digital sometime this year.
  - Bill McBrayer updated the Commission on the Farmers Market meeting last Thursday evening. He stated there were not many in attendance but is looking forward to a new Farmers Market on the Courthouse square this year.
  - Robert Breshears discussed a few road issues on the East side of the County.
4. Matter for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Eagleview Imagery flight set to begin late in February/ early March and will take approximately 1-2 weeks to complete. Processing will take between 30-60 days.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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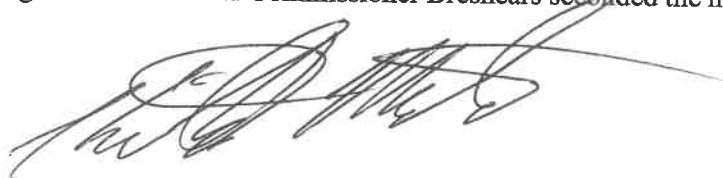
**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of February 11, 2021 was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sheriff Greg Burke, Carolyn Ream, Jeremy Hulshof with The Index, Marc and Karla Dye, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Bill McBrayer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 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 February 6, 2021 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
3. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the demand warrants and documents for accounts payable for the beginning of February 2021 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
4. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears Collector Karen Stokes report of outlawed personal property taxes for the year 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 in the amount of \$4,856.84 was approved and signed. 2-0 vote
5. Public Comments: None
6. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - In 2017, the County reached out to our attorney, Ivan Schraeder, for an opinion on who should be responsible to pay prisoners healthcare, the County or the prisoner. Mr. Schraeder's opinion was the prisoner is responsible for their own medical care costs.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz attended a meeting in Jefferson City this morning to discuss HB443, presented by Representative Jim Kalberloh regarding Cemetery Trust Funds. The bill would allow Commissioners to release funds for the maintenance of the Cemetery's that the County holds.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2021**  
**MINUTES**


1. The meeting of February 18, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Sheriff Greg Burke, Carolyn Ream, Aleia Ream with The Index, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff, Assessor Clint Baker, Bill McBrayer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Circuit Clerk Cee Cee Smith's report of monthly fees collected in the amount of \$3,103.37.
3. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Recorder Pam Hutton's report of monthly fees collected in the amount of \$9,713.00.
4. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Dysart's report of monthly fees collected and disbursed in the amount of \$2,387.00.
5. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file the County's financial statements for the month of January 2021.
6. Public Comments:
  - The Commission had several calls on plowing the County Roads after the snow we received.
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> is the broadband meeting with the University Extension.
  - The Health Department cancelled booster vaccination appointments for the last couple days due to weather conditions and snow-covered parking lot.
7. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - The janitor reported there is a loose tile in front of the women's restroom on the main floor of the courthouse.
  - The Commission is still reviewing CARES applications and are still unsure how they will proceed with the remaining CARES money.
  - Sheriff Burke explained the Omnigo Software bill is okay to pay after discovering we are grandfathered in. If we were to cancel the software and have to reconnect, it would cost double what we are paying yearly.
  - The Commission talked with a representative of a collection company for CenturyLink about County Road 191 in Flemington where CenturyLink has billed the County for cutting a fiber line. The Commission explained that the County will not pay because CenturyLink did not get an encroachment permit for the County Road, therefore proper procedure was not followed.
  - Assessor Clint Baker received a letter from Douglas, Haun and Heidemann regarding the Hermitage Lumber Inc. claim of discrimination. It stated their client, Hermitage Lumber Inc., would like to make an offer of settlement on assessed value, proposing a reduction in valuation on the back storage buildings and leaving the present assessment on the main building as is.
  - Treasurer Kenny Ratliff got notification from Donita at the Senior Center that they will donate the tables and chairs to the County for the old Dollar General building.
  - There will be an LEPC and chiefs meeting on February 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rescue Base.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote



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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of February 22, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Bill McBrayer and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the minutes of the Meeting of February 18, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. The Commission opened bids for yard maintenance. Only one (1) bid was received for yard maintenance from Tri-Lakes Lawncare. The bid will be awarded at the next Commission meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Commission opened bids for road and bridge materials. All bids were submitted by mail or deliver by the deadline, but no one was in attendance for the bid opening. The Clerk will create a spreadsheet and the Commission will award the bids at the next Commission meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. Public Comments:
  - Bill McBrayer says Tractor Supply has purchased Orscheln's Farm & Home.
  - Commissioners offered a big thank you to the road and bridge department for their work during the extreme cold and snow storm.
  - Presiding Commissioner Mertz will contact Donita at the Senior Center to set up a time to pick up the tables and chairs they've donated for use in the old Dollar General building.
5. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:
  - Sheriff Burke delivered a contract to the County Clerk, of which she presented at the meeting. The contract states the County will pay 70% of total gross charges within 30 days of receipt of an invoice from OCHC on inmates. The Commission feels the inmates should be responsible for any medical costs incurred and therefore did not authorize the contract.
  - LEPC/Chiefs meeting has been moved to the Blackwell place on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - CCAM training videos should be ready this week for Commissioners to complete online by June 30, 2021 in order to comply with training requirements of the office and receive a training certificate.
  - A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to do a written letter for an employee issue. This letter will be kept in the personnel file permanently.
  - With no other matters before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

  
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**HICKORY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021**  
**MINUTES**

1. The meeting of February 25, 2021 was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Presiding Commissioner Mertz. Present were Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Breshears, Bill McBrayer, Lori Hays, Aleia Ream with The Index, Sheriff Greg Burke, Treasurer Kenny Ratliff and County Clerk Tamara Weidman. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 2021 were approved as presented. 2-0 vote
2. Colby Bryars called to reschedule his meeting to Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. As only one bid was received, a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the yard maintenance bid was awarded to Tri Lakes Lawncare. 2-0 vote
4. The Commission awarded the bids for road and bridge materials as follows: **Crushed Rock** – A motion was made by Commissioner Breshears and a second by Commissioner Pearson the option to purchase where it costs less to haul and left to the discretion of the road and bridge supervisor. 2-0 vote **Concrete** – Only one bid was received from Ewing Concrete so Commissioner Pearson made the motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Culverts** – Two bids were received, one from Metal Culverts and from Viebrock Sales. Commissioner Pearson made a motion to accept Metal Culverts bid and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Fuel** – Only one bid was received from MFA Oil so Commissioner Breshears made a motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. 2-0 vote **Grader Blades** – Five bids were received for grader blades from Viebrock Sales LLC, Foley Equipment Co., Horton Supply Co., HeavyQuip, and Equipment Blades, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to award the bid to Equipment Blades. 2-0 vote **Road Oil** – Two bids were received for road oil from, Coastal Energy and Apac Central. Commissioner Pearson made the motion to award the bid to Apac Central and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote
5. 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 February 2021 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears to pay a bill from OCHC for \$150 for medical care an inmate received before Sheriff Burke knew the County's legal standing on paying medical bills for inmates in the next payables. 2-0 vote
6. 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 February 20, 2021 were approved and signed. 2-0 vote
7. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and a second by Commissioner Breshears the budget adjustment to the 2021 budget document moving fund 58 to fund 02 for the new road and bridge sales tax was approved. 2-0 vote
8. The Commission reviewed and forwarded for file Public Administrator Venesa Prettyman's report of fees collected, one for December 2020 in the amount of \$140 & one for January 2021 in the amount of \$320.
9. Public Comments:
  - Lori Hays from OCHC attended the meeting to let the Commission know they have given 1328 vaccines, 188 second doses. They have a waitlist of about 50-60 people. Every Wednesday they have a shot clinic at the office, and offer clinics in the Communities they serve as well.
  - Last weekend, the Sheriff's office was in a pursuit where the individual rammed the deputy's car causing extensive damage. Sheriff Burke explained the Highway Patrol did not give an accurate report of the event. He called the Highway Patrol and the report was corrected.
10. Matters for discussion and/or consideration of the Commission:

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- The Commission reviewed a letter from Josie Bock with Clear Basin to Assessor Clint Baker explaining the data needed from GovernMentor. The Commission feels this issue needs to be resolved and Clear Basin installed.
- Treasurer Kenny Ratliff presented Sales Tax number for General Revenue were up \$20,000 and Law Enforcement up \$10,000 so far for the year. Cart money was down \$600.
- Teresa Wise from the University Extension office has resigned her position. Her last day is Friday.
- Presiding Commissioner Mertz was contacted by Sarah Newell, Polk County 911, to inform him that the grant for Enhanced 911 for Hickory, Cedar and St. Clair Counties was approved 100%. This will provide Next Gen capabilities and provide a much safer community.
- With no other matters for before the Commission, Commissioner Pearson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and Commissioner Breshears seconded the motion. 2-0 vote

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