

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Retha Blecha was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Robert Frasier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the October 26, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$1,499.71 for EOC grant funds.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell presented weekly updates regarding COVID and department issues.

Swanson stated that there are currently 17 active positive COVID cases in Republic County. Contact tracing is still in effect. Swanson also reported on vision, hearing and immunization screenings and audits for school children in grades 1-5.

Raney discussed the response trailer he is picking up later this week and presented bids on the two message boards. Commissioner Splichal made the motion to purchase 2 message boards from Apple One Media for \$72,000. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The signs will be ordered and delivery date is set for early December. Randy discussed SPARK funds and stated that invoices needed to be turned in.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding employee health issue. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Swanson and Ferrell.

The board reconvened at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to continue the executive session for another 5 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to continue the executive session for another 5 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 9:50 a.m. taking no action.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding employee performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Raney.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to continue the executive session for another 5 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 10:00 a.m. taking no action.

Terry Lambert, Nathan Craig and Stacey Bowen, county shop and transportation, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Lambert discussed a possible road closure requested by Ladona Dowell at Nickel and 290 Road. Lambert will contact the Hadachek family, who own adjoining property, to see if they concur.
- Craig discussed using the patching crew to form the bridge crew. A bridge crew needs to have a foreman and two-three more laborers to be effective.
- Lambert discussed the demonstrations of skid steer loaders from New Holland and John Deere to see which was preferred.
- Lambert stated that sign repair is being conducted on county road signs.
- Lambert discussed a crane school that could be done in-house for two to three county workers. This school could be conducted with Cloud County to reduce costs. Lambert will look into the matter further. The school would be for 5 days and cost \$7,019 for two certified crane operators and one qualified operator, or \$5,135 for one certified operator and two qualified operators.
- Lambert discussed two insurance claims for county vehicles involved in collisions. These accidents were non injury.
- Lambert stated that Republic County has been approved for funds on bridge K 7.2 which is three miles south of Republic.
- Lambert discussed solid waste transfer costs with Cloud County. Republic County is looking at a 3% increase to patrons. Lambert is looking into proposals for transferring solid waste to Clay County or Saline County.
- Lambert discussed the trade in of two motor graders for the purchase of one. After discussion about trade in values and grader options, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid, with trade in, of \$68,200 for a new grader.
- Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Bowen discussed forward fuel contracting for 2021. No action was taken at this time.

Luke Mahin presented Resolution 2020-42, Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Republic County, Kansas, January 2021. All interlocal parties have agreed to the plan. The plan changes the calendar years, changes the added value to the county from \$30,000 down to \$25,000, and changes the fee to the patron from \$100 to \$200.

Plan will be effective January 1, 2021 if approved by the State of Kansas. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as presented. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to Proclaim November 2, 2020 as Election Worker Appreciation Day. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member