

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek announced the passing of Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom and his service will be Saturday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek, RCD on behalf of Wood Shop Pizza, requested permission to allow the Wood Shop Pizza to reduce their payments to interest only for 6 six months.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the interest only payments for only 4 months. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to give permission for the Belleville City Library to use the courthouse lawn for the summer reading program activities. Also to allow Jitters Mobil Van to park inside the square for various activities throughout 2022, as long as they pay the City of Belleville for the electricity they use. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Danielle Swanson, Brynn Alexander and Cassandra Smith from the Health department joined the meeting to discuss leadership roles after Swanson's resignation effective April 21.

Swanson presented quotes to install a handicap opening on the front door of the health department.

- Peterson Electric \$500.00
- Jackson Glass Shop \$2,728.14

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Peterson Electric. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal negotiations. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Swanson, Alexander, Smith and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:05 a.m., taking no action.

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The board reconvened at 9:20 a.m., taking no action.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal negotiations. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Swanson, Alexander, Smith and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:30 a.m., Swanson offered to rescind her resignation with an increase in wages for her and the employees in the Health Department. Swanson will discuss the offer with her family and will get back to the Commissioners before noon today.

Annette Bredthauer, member of the Republic County Responsible Wind Energy Group, reminded the Commissioners of the meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at the 4-H building in the fair grounds. Commissioner Jeardoe informed Bredthauer that the commissioners had a prior commitment for Tuesday evening and would not be attending. Bredthauer stated that the meeting will be recorded and they could watch it another time.

Marlene Stamm, Washington County Sanitarian, introduced herself and presented a sample contract to commissioners for consideration since Sherry Koster resigned her position. The commissioners will review her credentials and the contract and get back to Stamm when they make a discussion as to who will serve as Republic County's needs for wastewater.

Kenneth Robbins, Highway, Transportation and Bridge Administrator presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- The balance of culverts has been received.
- Robbins presented a wage sheet for a promotion from Operator #2 to Operator #3 for Mark Kolman.
- Several cities have agreed to hold spring cleanups and they will contact the county shop when all the goods are in their holding areas starting April 25.

Commissioner Garman complimented work done on the roads throughout the county.

Trish Voth, Attorney from Foulston, joined the meeting.

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 1 hour to discuss attorney-client information to review the proposed windfarm documents. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Robbins and Voth.

The board reconvened at 11:05 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:06 a.m., Swanson and Smith rejoined the meeting.

Swanson agreed to rescind her resignation and be the Health Department Administrator after an eight-week leave of absence with an increase in her wages and the wages of everyone in the Health Department.

Commissioner Jeardoe accepted Swanson rescinding of her resignation following her leave of absence and accepted the new pay scale for the Health Department. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman abstained from the voting. Motion carried.

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The board reconvened at 1:20 p.m., Attorney Trish Voth will return on Monday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. to present revisions.

At 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Garman – Chair

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Edwin Splichal – Member

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Melvin Jeardoe– Member