

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and commissioner-elect Doug Garman observed the meeting.

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

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$390,780.11 for regular accounts and SPARK funds were approved for \$31,476.44.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell presented an update regarding purchases with SPARK funding for Republic County and pandemic numbers.

Ferrell stated that he is working on the Agreement for the physicians renting the Medical Arts Building and stated that the tax sale has been moved until the spring of 2021.

Swanson announced that testing for coronavirus has continued to increase along with the deaths connected with the virus. There is ample testing supplies and the vaccine should be available in a week or two. Republic County has been on national news as a county with one of the largest per capita positive test results.

Raney announced that the SPARK committee placed notices on the radio and local paper regarding a grant available to local businesses if the SPARK funds are available. Applications are due by December 15.

Clerk Marsicek reported that the Republic County tax statements for Kansas residents were being mailed today, December 7 and all out of state tax statements were mailed on Thursday, December 3.

Al Uphoff and Ed Glenn have been compiling a list of Republic County military personnel that left for service during war time but never returned home alive. They are proposing black granite inlays in the sidewalk west of the Memorial Monument in front of the courthouse. The commissioners stated that it would be a way to honor those who so bravely fought for citizens of Republic County. Discussion was tabled until more definite numbers of inlays and cost could be presented.

Deb Hadachek reported that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment would not approve the basement level of the Medical Arts building for a daycare facility.

Terry Lambert, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Lambert introduced John Markel from Kirkham Michael to present the bid vendors to replace the bridge located at E-2.4.
 - Reece Construction \$146,673.00
 - L&M Construction \$158,150.00

Markel suggested that Republic County highly consider the Reece Construction bid.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Reece Construction which was seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe. Motion carried.

- Lambert announced the delivery of the new road grader last week and the skid steer loader will be delivered this week.
- Lambert explained that the overlay agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation in regards to the asphalt road through Courtland will be delayed until spring.
- The bridge crew has replaced the culvert on Elm Rd.
- The crane operator training has been set for January 18 to January 22 at the fairgrounds.
- Lambert presented a request to increase solid waste fees by 3% effective January 1, 2021.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the increase in solid waste fees for 2021. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, commissioner-elect Garman and Lambert.

The board reconvened at 10: 40 a.m., taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, left a message informing the commissioners that no meeting would be held in December.

Commissioners approved the publishing of an amended budget for Ambulance equipment fund and Hospital Sales tax to be held on December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, commissioner-elect Garman and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:55 a.m., taking no action.

The consensus of the board was not join the League of Kansas Municipalities for 2021.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member