

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 17, 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.

Pastor Sang Hak Lee, United Methodist Church of Belleville, 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 January 10, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, reported that he contacted an attorney that has experience in windfarm contracts at Foulston Attorney at Law. Ferrell will contact that attorney for an in-person meeting with the commissioners.

Commissioner Garman presented a letter to re-appoint Tena Elwood as a member to the Board of Directors of the NCK Area Council on Aging and there was a consensus to approve the re-appointment.

Ken Robbins via phone conference reported on activities regarding his departments. Susan Aaron presented information from Robbins.

- Aaron presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins explained that crews were on standby during the storm on Friday.
- Robbins announced that the new guardrail has been installed on bridge J-26.3 damaged as a result of a vehicle accident.
- Robbin explained damage to bridge T-22.7 by vandals last week.
- Aaron presented an agreement between Republic County and Kansas Department of Transportation as part of the off-system bridge replacement or rehabilitation project No. 79 C-5150-01 for signature.
- Robbins plans to visit the Clay County landfill site and visit with the county employees regarding their expenses in developing and maintaining the facility.

Aaron presented two permissions to travel:

- For Aaron to attend L0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program in Wichita from January 31 to February 2. All expenses are covered by KDEM. Permission was granted.
- For Aaron and Raymond Raney to attend KS-132 KS Exercise Discussion Based Exercises in Wichita from February 8 to February 11. Permission was granted.

Jeff Beikmann, Assistant EMS Director, presented a permission to travel for Paris Yungeberg to attend Paramedic school in Garden City two days a month through October. Permission was granted.

Beikmann explained that the roof over the education room at the EMS station still has a leak and requested suggestions as to roofing companies to repair the roof.

Beikmann also requested a permanent increase in their department credit card. When the card was set up many years ago, the limit was adequate but now with the additional expenses it is maxed out quickly.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to permanently increase their card from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Beikmann announced that Advanced EMT classes started last week and will continue through April 30.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, explained that the county needs to research options regarding the courthouse generator in the basement. The generator was purchased back in the 1980's. The radiator has been leaking and Raney is researching replacement parts but it might be time to consider a replacement. An estimate of replacing the generator could be close to \$25,000.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made in unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Doug Garman – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member