

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021, 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 observed most of the meeting.

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

Lay Pastor Al Urich, Lutheran Church in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the regular June 14, 2021 minutes and Special work session minutes on June 15, 2021. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$193,784.48.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for a new shredder for the courthouse.

- File Safe to repair old shredder           \$1,396.00
- File Safe- new shredder                   \$3,475.00
- Central Office Supply -new shredder   \$2,295.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Central Office Supply. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator, proposed the purchase of a credit card machine to receive medical payment. Swanson presented a quote for a tablet in the amount of \$870.00. The machine could be purchased with grant money.

Swanson announced that Pike Valley USD 426 school contract for 2021-2022 will be signed at the next board meeting for USD 426. Republic County USD 109 has hired their own school nurse so no contract will be needed for the 2021-2022 school year.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management, announced that the mandate for the Pandemic in Kansas has expired and will not be renewed unless a new mandate is issued for a new outbreak of the Coronavirus. Raney recommends that Republic County not rescind Republic County's resolution at this time.

Raney has submitted an Emergency Operation Plan to the state for preliminary approval. Raney restated that clear cut uses of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are pending. Several county departments have suggested uses of the ARPA funds in Republic County. Raney present a flow chart to track the use of the ARPA funds.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, explained that all the district courts are to be available to hold in person court if necessary. The Republic County courtroom still needs additional electrical outlets and wiring to comply with the directive from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Judge Kim Cudney mandating the upgrades.

Ferrell shared that the letters regarding the noxious weed issues in Republic County have been written and are approved to be sent out by the Road and Bridge Administrator, Ken Robbins.

Ferrell and Mike Hadachek will present the Republic County Hospital loan information pertaining to the improvements needed at the hospital to the commissioners on Monday, June 28 prior to the regular scheduled Republic County Hospital Board meeting.

Ferrell stated that there has been a delay on finalizing some of the tax sales deeds but all of these will be cleared in the near future.

Commissioner Jeardoe stated that Ferrell has been instructed to start the next delinquent tax sale paperwork as soon as this delinquent tax sale has been finalized. Ferrell stated that he has been in contact with a law office in Wichita that handles delinquent tax sales and does not charge the county directly.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss attorney/client confidential issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion that was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Raney, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:40 a.m., taking no action.

Susan Aaron and Stacey Bowen, Taskforce group, presented quotes for the employee appreciation meals for the courthouse and the county shop areas on July 22 at 11:30 for the courthouse and 1:30 for shop area.

- Candikorn Creativity at \$7.00 per plate
- Jitters at \$7.49 per plate
- Los Primos at \$9.00 per plate

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Candikorn quote and the date of July 22. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kenneth Robbins, Nathan Craig and Stacey Bowen presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented his weekly report and community concerns.
- Robbins presented the letter for citizens concerning the noxious weeds policy of Republic County.
- Robbins is applying for an off-system grant for bridges.
- Robbins will conduct one on one meetings with each employee in his departments. He will meet them at their work sights to see how the progress is going.
- Bowen announced that the transportation drivers are working their regular rotated shifts and it is working well.

Levi Whitley and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, reported on the presentation from the KP&F representative. Employees that work 1000 hours or more receive KPERS benefits. If the county transfers to KP&F only fulltime employees would be eligible. An employee must be employed in a KP&F position for 15 years before an employee can retire with KP&F. Currently, an employee can retire fully vested with KPERS with 5-10 years of service depending on when you joined KPERS.

The Commissioners will review this information. If the commissioners approve the transfer, it will not be effective until January 1, 2022.

Correspondence was received from DVACK outreach stating that June is Elder Abuse Awareness month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim June as Elder Abuse Awareness month. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 28, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair  
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Edwin Splichal – Member  
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Doug Garman – Member