

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the January 31, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

This years' regular accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount \$165,639.70 and the bill back vouchers (2021) in the amount of \$32,629.91.

Danielle Swanson, Justin Ferrell and Raymond Raney presented their updates.

Swanson reported that there were 25 new cases of coronavirus last week with 29 current active cases. No one is hospitalized with COVID.

Swanson is scheduling recertification of the nursing staff with the EMS Director.

Raney announced that there would be a LEPC meeting on February 22 at the Republic County courthouse.

Raney presented an email from Laura Leite, ARPA project leader, regarding using ARPA funding to cover employees' wages while out on isolation or quarantine from COVID exposure. Yes, the money can be used in such a way but there needs to be clear tracking and a policy to cover the procedure.

Raney presented a list of equipment, supplies and a drawing estimate of a building plan large enough to store the items.

Ferrell requested an executive session to discuss Windfarm agreement.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss attorney/client information regarding contracting a windfarm attorney. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:30 a.m., taking no action.

Sheriff David Cox presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Interviewing candidates for jailer this week.
- The Digi-Ticket will go live on February 15.
- The new vehicle is scheduled for production in February.
- Requested a copy of minutes or Resolution from 1990's that set the rate for housing inmates from other counties. Clerk Marsicek will research that for Sheriff Cox.

Barry Porter presented quotes for a new desktop computer for the custodian.

- LockIt \$1,133.00 plus setup fees
- Nex-Tech \$1,289.94 plus setup fees

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

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a candidate for the Appraiser's office. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Porter. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 8 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:13 a.m., taking no action.

Ken Robbins, Highway, Transportation and Solid Waste Director joined the meeting. Robbins presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- The road crew is working on Oak Rd.
- The bridge crew is working on the Union Rd bridge.
- Utility agreement between Gehle Trust and Republic County for an underground waterline.
- Due to addition training and responsibilities, Matthew Murdock will receive a compensation increase.
- An agreement between BG Consultants, Inc and Republic County for bridge replacement located at X-27.2.

Ferrell rejoined the meeting to present an Amendment to Resolution No 2021-53 regarding Opiate Requirements and cost that Republic County has occurred in fighting Opiate cases in the county. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Cunningham Cable requested a letter of support for a grant. Commissioner Garman made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by commissioner Jeardoe.

Correspondence was shared from Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) requesting that Republic County proclaim February as Teen Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made in unanimous.

Due to scheduling conflicts, no meeting will be held the week of February 14. Also, because of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 21, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22, 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