

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session at the JR/SR High school multi-use room on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, 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 Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the March 30, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Anderson, Belleville City Manager, extended assistance to the county with any issues that arise during this Pandemic. Anderson also stated that the Belleville City cleanup will proceed as scheduled to remove the discarded items from residences as quickly as possible. They will use protective gear and loaders to hand the materials. Anderson shared that the City of Belleville council meetings are being held by Zoom.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, and Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator updated the commission on COVID-19. Swanson announced that as of Saturday, April 4 Republic County has its first confirmed case. Swanson explained that activities like the Cruising main street on Friday nights does not follow the stay at home rule authorized by the state. Swanson suggested that the commission consider changing their open meetings to some form of electronic meeting.

Raney has received the 3rd delivery of Personal Protection Equipment supplies from the State Emergency Department.

Raney presented Resolution 2020-22 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution for approval. The resolution is necessary to received FEMA funding because the Governor put the entire state in a disaster awareness.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-22. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, encouraged everyone to be a good neighbor and stay at home like the state ordered. Ferrell had received many calls over the weekend regarding the confirmed case. He asked the commissioners to consider increases the requested leave time from 80 hours to 160 hours if necessary. The commissioners will discuss in more detail as employees use the 80 hours.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary, requested signatures on vouchers for stimulus loans. Shoemaker announced that currently there are 20 businesses that have applied for the loans and have been approved. Shoemaker announced that David Pacht's loan application through RCED was approved for \$21,000.

Correspondence from North Central Kansas CASA requesting that Republic County proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

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

Sealed bids to install a gable roof with trusses to the Health Department were opened.

- Fuller Construction \$51,800.00
- Johnson Company \$58,480.53

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the lower bid from Fuller Construction. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Zenger requested signatures on the local agreement with KDOT regarding bridge E-2.4.
- Zenger announced that two bids were received to conduct bridge inspections for 2020.
 - Kirkham Michael \$87.00 or \$19,836.00
 - BG Consultants \$86.50 or \$19,722.00
- Zenger awarded the inspection to BG Consultants as the lowest bid.
- The drainage tube has been installed on 180 Rd on the east edge of Belleville.
- Zenger asked permission to allow employees leave without pay during the pandemic. The commissioners understood Zenger’s reasoning, but don’t want to make a decision regarding this at this time.
- Road crews are working regular hours on normal projects.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 13, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County JR/SR high school building. There will be a maximum of 10 persons allowed in the room at a time.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal– Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member