

## REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Splichal 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 Garman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff David Cox presented information from his department.

- A conditional offer of employment has been given to an Office manager pending pre-employment testing.
- Sargent Andrew Bates is in Texas starting K-9 training with the new K-9 for Republic County named Jax.
- Law enforcement has been busy issuing tickets on both US 36 and US 81.

Justin Ferrell and Brooke Oman, County Attorney's office, presented quotes for a copier and 2 laptop computers.

- Copier:
  - Central Office Supply                      \$2795.00 County purchases the equipment and they service it.
  - Image Quest                                      \$2360.40 Lease for 60 months we do not own after 60 months.
- Laptops
  - Amazon    \$489.41 each
  - Wal-Mart    \$511.21 each

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the copier purchase from Central Office Supply and the laptop purchase from Amazon. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ferrell updated the board that the tax sale was progressing, and the project sale could be after the first of the year 2024.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste secretary, presented three agreements for signatures. The agreements were between Republic County and Scandia, Belleville and Courtland.

Faye Jones, Republic County Health Department Administrator, presented a report of activities and projects from her first year as director.

- Jones introduced Lydia Pachta as a new RN starting July 14 with a wage of \$25.50 per hour and Pachta will be the Home Health nurse.
- Jones requested permission to attend the Health Officer of Kansas meeting in Wichita on September 27, 2023. Permission was granted for Jones to attend the meeting.
- Presented for signatures longevity raise for Melissa Miller and Lori Benyshek.
- Presented quotes for a new computer for the new nurse.
  - LockIT    \$959.00
  - Amazon    \$1,071.39

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the computer from LockIT. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The Health Department continues to deliver meals on wheels to Scandia.
- The Health Department received a grant to aid with the remodeling of the conference/break room.
- Jones thanked Pat Comstock and R&B employees for their help in the installation of the shed and ground preparation.
- Family planning started July 1, 2023.
- There were 24 cribs received through grant funds
- Jones explained that the Health Department helps citizens in Republic County in countless ways through many aspects of health care.

Commissioner Splichal commended Jones about all the programs and improvements to the Health Department since she started in July 2022.

Ken Robbins presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and turbine project information:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 74 fully erected turbines.
- The thistle issue needs prevention and eradication for the future not just cut off today. There is an organic herbicide that can be applied to the thistle and the noxious weeds director will research where it can be bought.
- The projected completion of the turbines is Mid-December 2023.
- The road work on 70 Rd should be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- Four hundred tons of cold mix has been received.
- Robbins presented information about an OpenGov (Cartegraph) Asset Management software system that he would like to pursue for the public works department.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, thanked Mike Nondorf, Weeds director, for spraying the bind weed in the alley near her home. The weeds are responding properly. Clayton announced that the weekly Farmers market has been a success this summer.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 24, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

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Melvin Jeardoe, Member

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Doug Garman, Member