

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jear DOE, Edwin Splichal, and Doug Garman. 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 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 Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$86,646.00.

Clerk Marsicek mentioned that several employees had asked if the county is going to be closed on Friday, July 5 since it would give employees a 4-day weekend. The consensus of the board was to remain open and if someone wants to take vacation day the supervisor would determine if it would be appropriate. The offices are to remain open at least with a skeleton crew.

Due to a lack of quorum the week of June 3, the board of county commissioners will not meet.

Following a brief discussion regarding the need for a county sanitarian, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to join the NCK LEPP that is based out of Washington County effective June 1, 2024. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Jear DOE made unanimous. Clerk Marsicek will contact Washington County and Marlene Stamm to get the Interlocal Agreement prepared.

Clerk Marsicek presented an email from Mann and Company requesting an engagement letter in order to view and contact the vendor bidding on the front step project.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Mann and Company to be the engineering facility for the front step project. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jear DOE made it unanimous.

The commissioners granted permission for Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer training in Wichita from June 12 to June 14.

Sandee Swanson requested permission to update the public computer desk and chair in the research area. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchases. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jear DOE made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented three transfer resolutions per the boards discussion on May 20.

- Resolution No. 2024-18 Transfer from R&B to Special Highway \$200,000.00
- Resolution No. 2024-19 Transfer from Ambulance to Special EMS equipment \$80,000.00
- Resolution No. 2024-20 Transfer from County General to Capital Improvement Reserve \$25,000

Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to approve all three resolutions. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Adam Anderson, City Manager for Belleville, reported these items.

- The city pool opened on Sunday May 26.
- The installation of the new engines is progressing.
- The water treatment system project has not been completed but is making great progress.
- The city is removing several dilapidated houses.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented a utility line agreement for signature between Rural Water District #1 and Republic County to construct and operate an underground line under 70 Rd south of Valley Rd.
- Road crew is hot oil patching the Narka road, Munden road and Fir Rd.
- Robbins will interview a part-time grader operator today.
- Craig reported that he and Tyler Frye physically inspected the used 2015 JD grader on the Gavel Auction site and found that it was in great shape. Republic County is bidding on this grader and while in the meeting, Craig received a message that Republic County won the bid on the grader. The winning cost was \$155,250.00.
- Robbins presented the updated wage scale that includes the position of part-time grader operator.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the wage scale for the R&B department with the addition of the part-time position added.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiations for 10 minutes to finalize agreement details. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Robbins, Craig, and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:25 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to a lack of quorum the week of June 3, the next meeting will be on Monday, June 10, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners’ boardroom.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe, Chairperson

Doug Garman, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member