

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2024, 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 the Belleville Telescope monitored 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 Garman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from April 1st. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$319,862.05.

Clerk Marsicek explained that with every election, there is to be a public test of the equipment before the election and again after the canvass of the election. The Pre-election public test was held after poll worker training. The Post-election test will be at the commissioner meeting. The purpose of these tests is to make sure the machines produce the same election results in both public tests. The Commissioners will cast the test ballots and the totals report will be printed and compared to the Pre-election reports. After the report was produced it matched the Pre-election report.

Clerk Marsicek announced that three elected officials have filed for reelection, Sheriff David Cox, Register of Deeds-Sandee Swanson, and Clerk Kathleen Marsicek.

Robin Carlson, from Pivotal Health and Wellness, presented a letter of support for a grant to fund the implementation of Community Health Workers in our community.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins announced that there will be a meeting with NextEra on April 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- Robbins presented for signatures a solid waste agreement between the City of Cuba and Republic County.
- Robbins presented for signatures a Utility line agreement to construct and operate an underground electrical cable under 60 Rd near Marble Rd.
- Robbins reported that the trip to Ellsworth to evaluate the cold asphalt overlay was highly informative.
- Robbins presented the 6-Year Capital Plan for equip. Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the plan. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss contract negotiations for 15 minutes regarding haul route roads. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Robbins and Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:35 a.m., taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek reminded the commissioners of the North Central Kansas area Commissioner's meeting in Concordia on April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he contacted Mann and Company Engineering from Hutchinson for a quote for services to repair the front steps.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes to discuss job descriptions. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:30 a.m., taking no action.

Patrick Comstock, custodian, asked permission to purchase an edger for the courthouse lawn. The commissioners granted permission to purchase the needed equipment.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 15, 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