

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 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. Katy Duryea 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.

Pastor Craig Roberts, Landmark Church in Belleville, 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 November 20, 2023. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Account payables were approved in the amount of \$327,008.34.

Mike Hadachek, Republic County Housing Program, notified the board that the RCHP will be supplying a list of the locations of the houses approved to receive the incentive grant to County Clerk Marsicek to give to the Appraiser.

At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes regarding employee evaluations. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:43 a.m., taking no action.

The Commissioners gave condolences to Ken Robbins on the passing of his father.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- All 233 turbines are fully erected. All 233 turbines are fully energized, and testing has begun.
- Robbins announced that the weekly meetings at the laydown yard will be moved to the new headquarters for NextEra at the former Rolling Hills building.
- The KDOT triennial onsite audit of the County's Public Transportation Service will be on November 28 at the county shop.
- Robbins explained that since the recent rain many county roads are being reviewed for updates.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes regarding an employee application. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Robbins, Wickstrum, Bowen, Craig, and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Duryea, Belleville Chamber, requested use of the courthouse square for Annual Father's Day Cruise-In on June 16, 2024.

Commissioners granted permission for the activities to be held on the courthouse square.

Terry Loos and Jim Springer, CRS Concrete, requested copies of the blueprints for the front steps in order to create a quote. Loos visited the board a couple of weeks ago and returned with the owner of the company to explain what CRS could offer.

Commissioner Garman requested a list of projects that the commissioners could review along with a sample of stamped concrete that could be presented to the Kansas Historical Society for approval if CRS is chosen to replace the steps.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 4, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member