

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 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.

Pastor Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the minutes from October 30, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brad Boyer, Ryan Boyer, Justin Sly and Don McChesney from the High Banks Hall of Fame Museum explained a request for funds if available. Brad shared that the museum was dedicated in 2004. In 2014 an additional wing was added to accommodate donated race cars and the museum needs to expand again. Commissioner Splichal shared that the board would review the availability of undesignated funds from the windfarm contribution before the end of the year and notify the museum board of the commissioners decision.

Clerk Marsicek presented a letter and supporting documentation for Kansas Department of Transportation grant.

Travis Boyer, Taskforce representative, reported that the taskforce is looking for options for the Christmas gift to the employees. The Taskforce suggested increasing the full-time employees gift card to \$100 and the parttime employees will receive a \$50 gift card. The gift cards will be businesses within Republic County selling food products.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to increase the gift card amounts. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Levi Whitley and Amy Mullis-Havel, EMS, presented supervisor survey results and other EMS updates.

- EMS has partnered with the Republic County hospital to purchase 10 AED units for Republic County.
- EMS has partnered with the RFD to install smoke detectors.
- Permission was granted for the purchase of the 3 rescue tools and battery adaptors.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 228 fully erected and 176 turbines that are fully energized.
- Robbins presented updated motor grader district maps.
- Robbins presented the Solid Waste management plans for the next 5 years as part of the NCK Solid Waste organization and Resolution No. 2023-35 to approve participation in and adoption of the Solid Waste Management committee.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-35. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Robbins presented the bridge quote that was approved by KDOT for King Construction as the vendor with a bid of \$561,153.
- Robbins shared that the red blinking lights should go dark by late December.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes regarding job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Robbins and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:40 a.m., taking no action.

Arlene Clayton, citizen, praised the Republic County Physical Therapy department for the great job they do for the patients.

Gayla Godfrey, Appraiser, reported that her team is making great progress with the suggested changes she wants in the Appraiser's department. Godfrey explained that starting in 2024 the appraisers will not be sending out the annual personal property report with the census information to all landowners but rather only personal property report to persons with personal property.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes regarding job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Godfrey.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m., taking no action.

Amy Burr and Rhys Baker, Meadowlark Hospice, presented a proclamation that November 2023 is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to proclaim in Republic County November 2023 is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, presented several items regarding activities in the Register of Deeds office.

- Transactions January through November 3 brought in \$72,754.85.
- The number of documents during that same time period was 1,122.
- Swanson requested an increase in the Deeds budget for 2024.
- Swanson presented the employee evaluation.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes about job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Swanson and Clerk Marsicek.

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

County Attorney-Justin Ferrell and realtor-David Blecha presented a disclosure of like exchange from the owners of the old armory building for signature.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss attorney-client privilege for 5 minutes about legal issues. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:51 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes about job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:56 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14, 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