

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 29, 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 observed most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the minutes from January 22. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Marsicek reported that Terry Loos from CRS Concrete called to report that the samples of the stamp concrete should be ready to present in February.

Commissioner Jeardoe presented information regarding the IRS mileage reimbursement for 2024 which is \$0.67 compared to Republic County's reimbursement of \$0.58. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement in Republic County to \$0.60 effective February 1, 2024. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Patrick Comstock, custodian, presented quotes for the two front doors at the armory.

- Belleville Hometown Lumber      \$8,896 uninstalled or \$17,792 for 2 doors
- Jackson Glass                      \$14,197 installed

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the quote from Jackson Glass. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Comstock reported that the A/C and Heater system that was installed in 2007 must be replaced. He has contacted Tebow Heating and Air for a quote and will contact Trane Heating and Air in Salina for another quote.

Clerk Marsicek presented the signed State of Kansas Declaration for Severe Winter Weather from January 7 to January 21.

Commissioner Garman reported that he attended the quarterly NCKLEPG meeting in Smith Center on Wednesday, January 24.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented for signature two solid waste agreements.
  - City of Courtland
  - City of Belleville
- It has been a tough week trying to work on the county roads.
- All the graders should be running by the end of the week.

- Searching for a gravel truck this year.
- Robbins is reviewing the requirements for training someone as a Noxious weeds Tech.

Comstock returned to the meeting to request a down payment be paid this week to Overhead Door Company for the doors at the Armory. The Commissioner granted permission for the payment to be paid this week.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 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

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Doug Garman, Member

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Edwin Splichal, Member