

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 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 monitored most of the meeting.

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

Pastor Kevin Weston, Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, offered Morning Prayer.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe presented a proclamation from Pawnee Mental Health proclaiming that May is Mental Health Month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion for Republic County to Proclaim May as Mental Health Month. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arlene Clayton, concern citizen, visited about the services she received from a Community Health Worker.

The commissioners granted permission for Gayla Godfrey to attend a training to Review of Tax Exemptions in Wichita from May 29 to May 30.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer joined the meeting.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 15 minutes about employee performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Coons, and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m., taking no action.

Travis Boyer, HR deputy, joined the meeting.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 5 minutes about a Human Resource issue. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Boyer, and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:35 a.m., taking no action.

At 9:36 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 10 minutes about employee performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Coons, and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:46 a.m., taking no action.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- The roadside mowing should begin this week if it stays dry.
- The meeting with NextEra is scheduled for May 14.
- Robbins is submitting grants for bridge replacements.

- Robbins traveled to Norway to evaluate the road issue after the recent rain. Robbins will develop a plan to assist with the drainage issue near Norway.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session regarding non-elected personnel for 15 minutes about a Human Resource issue. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Robbins, Boyer, and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

Amy Havel-Mullis, Assistant Director of EMS, presented a longevity increase for Brittany Henderson and announced that EMS Director, Levi Whitley, delivered his own daughter at home last week.

Commissioner Jeardoe will send the drawings of the plans for the front courthouse steps to the engineering company that first designed the steps. Commissioner Splichal stated that this project needs to be completed as soon as possible.

The 2025 proposed budget from District court was presented. Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the budget as submitted. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 6, 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