

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Doug Garman. 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.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gayla Godfrey, Appraiser, presented permissions to travel:

- Korin Huncovsky and Godfrey to attend Orion Appeal Process in Topeka from December 4 to 6.
- Godfrey to attend KAC Annual conference for appraiser updates in Wichita on December 7.

Permission was granted for them to attend.

Godfrey asked whom she should contact regarding a list of locations of the new housing projects that received the county incentives. Commissioner Splichal suggested Mike Hadachek at the Astra Bank.

David Blecha, realtor, presented an update on the new contract to purchase the armory.

At 8:47 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition for 5 minutes to discuss the contract. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Blecha and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:52 a.m., taking no action.

Permission was granted for Melissa Miller to attend the 2023 Kansas Opioid & Stimulant conference in Wichita from November 27 to November 28.

Raymond Raney presented an updated ARPA accounting of funds to review.

Ken Robbins 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. There are 176 turbines that are fully energized.
- Robbins reported that several country roads are in poor shape due to the recent rains, but crews are out working on them.
- The first week of December, Blattner will begin to remove the laydown yard on 240 road.
- Transportation has been a point of focus for Stacey with grants and reports.
- Stacey shared that the number of riders in 2023 has doubled the number of riders in 2022.
- Robbins presented Resolution No. 2023-38 setting the solid waste rates for 2024.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-38. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes about job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Robbins.

The board reconvened at 10:30 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:43 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes about job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:08 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 27, 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