

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 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.

The meeting was called to order 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 Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Patrick Comstock at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garman announced that there will be a special meeting of the North Central Kansas Local Environmental Group on Wednesday, February 21 at Jewell County.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes about employee performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:15 a.m., taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek presented Section 303, page 31-Introductory Period from the Republic County Policy and Procedure Handbook for review. After discussion regarding the new wage scales, Commissioner Garman made a motion to have paragraph 3 starting "At the end of the introductory period" be removed effective February 20, 2024. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Patrick Comstock, Custodian, presented bids to remove four trees on the south border of the armory property.

- Svoboda Tree Service \$3,400.00
- Abe's Tree & Lawn Service \$4,000.00
- Solida Tree & Lawn Service \$3,900.00

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the bid from Svoboda Tree Service for \$3,400. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous.

Brenda Hoard, representing the Pike Valley After Prom committee, explained the plans for the Pike Valley after Prom activities to be held in the PV Elementary School building on April 13 and asked if Republic County would contribute as done in the past.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the PV After Prom activities. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made the motion unanimous.

Nathan Craig presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and turbine project information:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Craig shared that 3 road graders are out of service.
- Craig announced the hiring of a part-time grader operator.
- Craig stated that there will be a meeting with Blatner this week.

Sheriff Dave Cox presented updates from his department.

- There is an opening for a corrections officer.
- Cox has hired a deputy.
- The Tahoe ordered should be delivered in August.
- The new refrigerator for the kitchen will be delivered today, February 20.

Wayne Pacht, citizen, shared that he finally has received the well drilling permits that he requested. One from August 2023 and four from the January applications.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 26, 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