

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024, 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 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 Craig Roberts, Landmark 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 February 26. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2024-16, to call upon the President and Congress of the United States of America to halt the illegal entry of people into our nation.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 and to send copies to our Legislators and Senators representing Republic County in Topeka. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A notification received from Republic County's Emergency Manager, Raymond Raney, stated that March 4th to 8th is National Weather Awareness week.

Patrick Comstock, custodian, announced that the new doors have been installed in the new county storage building.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, presented a list with community trainings offered from the EMS department.

James Doyle, High Banks Racetrack board, reported that the City of Belleville agreed to contribute \$15,000 to the installation of the handicap ramp at the grandstands. Doyle is completing a grant application to the Republic County Foundation for additional funds needed to complete the project.

Kelvin Blecha, NCK Fair board, announced that the new HVAC system has been installed in the commercial hall at the fair grounds and presented the final invoice for payment. Blecha also presented a list of improvements that are needed at the fairgrounds.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to travel to the Spring NCK Treasurer and ROD meeting in Osborn on April 12. The commissioners granted permission to attend the meeting.

Correspondence from the Kansas Historical Society stating that Republic County was not awarded a grant to assist with the repairs of the front steps was read.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Road crews are installing culverts where needed.
- Robbins announced the hiring of Kirk Duensing as a part-time grader operator with a wage of \$17.10.
- Robbins announced that this week, March 4th to 8th, will be the last week before changing to summer hours.
- Robbins presented Resolution No. 2024-17, appointing Ken Robbins as Weed Supervisor for the balance of 2024.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Garman moved to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes regarding position assignment. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners.

The board reconvened at 10:45 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 11, 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