

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Robert Fraiser, Belleville United Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 23. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to attend the KEMTA training in Hutchinson last week. Van Meter explained that he received 30 hours of CE and learned many helpful updates to share with his department.

Van Meter presented a list of changes he will implement in his department starting with full time set schedules to lower overtime by giving some overtime hours to PRN technicians. Two new part time EMT's will start in April.

Van Meter asked permission to apply for a 10-day course focusing on supervisory management practices relating to emergency medical services. The Course is sponsored by the U.S. Fire Administration through FEMA. The training is free of charge. Students are responsible for room, board and travel to and from Washington D.C. Twenty applicants are chosen twice a year to attend.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, present two quotes for John Deere Mower.

- 1) Model Z920 - \$10,350
- 2) Model Z915B - \$9,350

Trade in value for the 2008 Snapper is \$600 and the blade and thatcher an additional \$1000.

The consensus of the Board is to keep the Snapper, blade and thatcher for use as a spare. The Commissioners granted permission to purchase the 2015 John Deere Z920 but advised Calkins to ask for the same price of the Z915B.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$500 to the Republic County After Prom and \$500 to the Pike Valley After Prom committees. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney and Courtney Van Nortwick to attend the Annual APCO Conference in Manhattan on April 27-28.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend Orion Commercial and Industrial Improvement training in Topeka, KS on May 18-22.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Annual Appraiser's Business Conference in Manhattan, KS on June 7-10.

Mayor of the City of Narka, Nathan Svoboda, explained improvements in Narka to include adding an upstairs bathroom to Denton Hall and ground breaking for the new fire hall. The recycling trailer is shared with Munden and the Narka people are disposing of their recyclable goods. Svoboda asked if the county road department could sweep the streets of excess sand left from sealing of the streets last fall. Commissioner Holl will review the request with Dustin Zenger.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced there will be a RCD monthly meeting on April 8th.

Shoemaker stated the auditor will be in Belleville on May 18 to finalize 2014 financial reports.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Kay Shoemaker as the Republic County Deputy Treasurer effective June 5.

Deb Hadachek informed the Commissioners the Love's contract has been filed and construction will start this summer.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Commissioner Holl asked Zenger to schedule time for sweeping Main Street in Narka.
- 2) Zenger presented an estimate of \$5,000 to repair the driveway at the Medical Arts Clinic with 2" of asphalt but suggested the old driveway will need to be dug up to create a base.
- 3) Jewell County road department contacted Zenger regarding a wooden bridge on 10 Road between Timber and Valley that needs replaced. The expense would be shared with Jewell County. Commissioner Holl asked if the bridge is a size the Republic County bridge crew can replace. Zenger stated it is a little larger than we normally rebuild but the bridge crew can build it.
- 4) Zenger stated items put on the consignment sale did not bring as much as he anticipated but the equipment was removed from the shop area.
- 5) The road department will be closing the following fracture critical bridges during March and April.
 - A. 2-E.1
 - B. 4-D.8
 - C. 16-F.5
 - D. 21-D.3
 - E. W-27.9

At 10:25 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 am taking no action.

Carol Miller, Crystal Paredes, Julie Snavely and Julie Lindberg from CASA explained how important CASA work is to the lives of children in Republic County. CASA's job is to make sure the courts look out for "the best interest of the kids." Miller presented a Proclamation, stating "April is Child Abuse Awareness month."

The Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the Dispatch area where Raney explained the process of recording and dispatching emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for applicant interviews for Health Department Administrator.

At 3:30 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member