

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 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.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 9. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, stated that Brian Carlson would be inspecting the water system for leaks today. Calkins estimated the cost to fix any leaks, plant grass and fertilize the courtyard to be \$2,500-\$2,900. Calkins informed the commissioners a representative from Mid-Continent Services delivered rock samples to fix the front steps and will be mailing a quote.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for new executive chairs for the commissioners.

1. Feathered Nest - \$599 each
2. Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Inc. – Do not order executive chairs
3. Central Office Supply - \$288.59 each

Commissioner Holl made a motion to order three chairs from Central Office Supply for \$288.59 each. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented a release of mortgage for Jack & Sheila Cornett, aka Sew Country.

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend a mandatory training session for Division of Vehicles in Topeka on April 22-23.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Ball to attend the Annual County Clerk Conference in Lawrence held May 5-7.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend Year 3 Sanborn Institute Training in Wichita on June 1-5.

Clerk Marsicek presented two Letters for Annual Claim for Exemption for signing.

Barry Porter presented a Disaster Relief Application to be used in Republic County in the event of a homestead being destroyed by earthquake, fire, flood, storm or tornado in accordance with K.S.A. 79-1613. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the use of the Disaster Relief Application. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Porter reported that the total assessed valuation increased 12% for Republic County Real Estate. The new property valuations have been mailed to the public.

Mayor of Munden, Jimmie Blecha, explained the new hall is progressing as funds are available. The east portion is approximately 2/3rds complete.

Blecha said sharing the recycling trailer with Narka is working fine. The trailer is in Narka for 15 days and then moved to Munden for 15 days and Munden residents deliver the recycling to Washington recycling center. The disappointing aspect is the city only receives \$10-\$12 per load (not enough to cover the fuel for delivery).

The City of Munden requests that the county mow the 1.5 blocks of roadway on Granite Rd east out of town. Commissioner Holl will discuss that with the new highway administrator.

Blecha asked if the date for the delinquent tax sale had been set and the Board stated no date has been set but all the notices have been sent out to the owners.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, presented a grant agreement between Cloud County Health Department and Republic County Health Department regarding the implementation of a Family Planning Program for approval. Approval was granted by the signing by Chairperson Linda Holl.

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

- 1) Commissioner Holl requested the road crew mow the 1.5 blocks of Granite Road going east out of the City of Munden.
- 2) Zenger discussed the fees at the landfill for disposal of county tires. The consensus of the board was to allow the county to dispose of the tires at the landfill pick up point but not pay the fees except once a year.
- 3) Zenger presented a contract between Republic County and Robert Cline for reimbursement of crop ground being used for the asphalt mixing strip.
- 4) Zenger presented a list of items being sold at the annual consignment sale on March 28.
- 5) Zenger was contacted by Terracon about paying for dozer work done under the Republican River Bridge for testing. The consensus of the board was to pay the invoice directly to for the work directly to outside source and not to Terracon.
- 6) Three roads need a considerable amount of work this year. Zenger will prepare a cost analysis to prepare these roads or other options.
 - a. The three miles south of Hwy 148 on 180 Rd
 - b. All of the blacktop from Cuba to Narka
 - c. The three miles south of Hwy 148 on 50 Rd between Kackley and Jamestown.
- 7) Commissioner Holl asked Zenger to prepare a new quote for replacing the driveway behind the Medical clinic.

Rich Schintler, Jenny Pachta and Dr. Andy Walker from Blair Center for the Arts visited with the Board about financial matters. Schintler shared that the Blair is in need of support to operate as a not-for-profit organization. There are many events held in the theater where no fees are charged .Such as school sponsored or city recreation programs. There are other social gatherings where a fee is charged. The Landmark Church rents the west part for services each Sunday and the Blair east for office space. Commissioner Holl asked if they were paying property taxes on the buildings and the answer was yes and that was a major expense each year. Holl suggested that the group research filling for tax exempt status as a not-for-profit group. Pachta will contact Appraiser Porter and Clerk Marsicek for paperwork to file for tax-exempt status.

Pachta stated 7800 person went to the movies during 2014.

Commissioner Holl stated that the county budget for 2015 was set in 2014 but the Board would like to donate in the future. When the 2016 budgets are prepared, a new line item from county general will be added to donate to Blair Center for the Arts.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$1,000 out of county general this year to the Blaire Center for the Arts. The Board will evaluate the amount for 2016 when the budget is prepared. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:40 am, the commissioners traveled to the EMS department for a tour by Blaine Van Meter.

Following the tour of the EMS department, at 12:30 pm Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member