

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Due to the recent snow storm in Republic County, the Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. instead of on Monday, February 2. 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 Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 26. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personal for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Bergstrom. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to offer the position of Road and Bridge Administrator to Dustin Zenger. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Zenger was invited by phone to attend the commissioners meeting at 10:00 am.

Sheriff Ron Blad served the Board of Commissioners a listing of parcels on the tax sale Case NO. 15-CV-02.

Luke Mahin from Economic Development rescheduled his groups' meeting with the Board via phone call for February 9 at the same time.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, informed the Board of a leak in the roof of the EMS building. The Board approved any repairs needed to fix the leak. Van Meter asked permission to purchase two recliners and dispose of the worn out divan. Permission was granted to purchase two recliners locally. The EMS department meets monthly for trainings. Van Meter will send a copy of the minutes of these training sessions to the County Clerk to keep on file with an attendance listing. Funds have been raised to distribute an AED device for the city of Republic. Republic is the last city to receive this emergency device.

Ken Johnson from Campbell & Johnson, representing Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors, requested a donation from Republic County to assist in the maintenance of the monument at the 6th Meriden located at the northeast corner of Republic County and northwest corner of Washington County. The estimated cost to maintain the monument and the grounds around it is \$600 per year. Currently, Washington County, the Nebraska Society of Historical Land Surveyors and Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors have shared the cost. With cut backs in funding to the Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors, Johnson hoped Republic County would make a donation. The monument was erected in 1986.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$200 from the Parks and Recreation fund. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Larry Stephens was appointed Albion Township Clerk.

The Board signed a memorandum of agreement with the City of Scandia for collection and payment of solid waste fees.

Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker, county treasurer's department, explained a computer programming error that distributed a shortage payment to the State of Kansas. After discussing the issue with the county auditor and the computer programmer from Thomson Reuter, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to pay the shortage from County General funds. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. The program has been fixed and will function properly for distributions in 2015 forward.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Dustin Zenger attended the commissioners meeting at 10:00.
- 2) Commissioners expressed appreciation for the clear road after the snow last weekend.

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak and Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:08 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak, Cherney, Zenger and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:14 a.m. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 15 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Bergstrom, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion that Dustin Zenger start work February 23, 2015 with a salary of \$45,000 and after six months the salary would be reviewed. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 3) Novak has mailed requests for sealed tire quotes to several businesses in Republic County and the bids will be opened on March 2.
- 4) Novak and Cherney will post bridge closed signs at the two bridges KDOT inspectors have requested to be closed after February 25.
 - a. T-18.8
 - b. 19-Y.5
- 5) Novak asked if any decision had been made about the asphalt mixing strip. The Board explained a couple options but the meeting with the Republic County Industrial Committee and Economic Development was postponed to next week due to the weather. Novak and Cherney stressed the need to act as soon as possible so the base could be prepared for use. The land needed must be flat and not hilly or sloping. They suggested the land on the southwest corner of the north portion of land owned by Republic County would work very well.
- 6) Cherney asked the Board if they had any knowledge of products being traded between Republic County and Cloud County during the past Administrator's tenure. The Board said there was some talk about Cloud County trading MRA to cover work done by Republic County but nothing was in writing. Zenger will visit with Cloud County Administrator once Zenger starts to work.
- 7) There are 3 operator 1 positions open.
- 8) Lisa Jones, road and bridge secretary, will set up the pre-employment testing for Zenger.
- 9) Bill Strait, Kirkham Michael, congratulated Republic County on receiving the CDBG Grant from the State of Kansas in the amount of \$343,000 for the bridge located at Republic. The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC) will contact Clerk Marsicek with the final contract and requirements on receiving this funding.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member