

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 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 Mark Imel, Belleville Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 17. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$296,931.21 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Splichal will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Blaine Miller and Deb Hadachek requested an executive session with the Board of Commissioners.

At 8:32 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential financial data relating to a private corporation. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:47 a.m., taking no action.

Sherry Koster, LEPC representative, presented the semi-annual report of activities and finances from July 2014 to December 2014 for the LEPC organization.

Marcia Hansen, Health Department Administrator, requested the signature of the Board Chairman on the Grant Application to the State of Kansas. Hansen applied for \$16,154.80 for Immunization Action Plan, Maternal & Child Health and State Formula. The Board thanked Hansen for all the grants she applies for on behalf of Republic County.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, informed the Board of repairs needed to the 2006 Chevrolet Equinox used by various departments. The 2006 Chevrolet Equinox has 90,000 miles and is needing replaced while there is trade-in value and repairs are minimal. The consensus of the Board is to contact Melton Motors for quotes on a new or used vehicle with under 10,000 miles. Porter returned later in the morning stating James Melton will be attending an auction this week where several vehicles will be available meeting the counties' specifications.

Mayor Tim Garman from Courtland expressed his gratitude for allowing the mayors of each city to share activities and problems within their cities. He encourages the Board to attend all activities planned in the cities of the county. Garman shared the recent pancake feed was well attended. Courtland businesses are going strong and expanding thanks to county citizens. Garman voiced a concern regarding the asphalt along the edges of the new streets and requested the county road crew pack and reseal the streets when the asphalt

becomes available. Commissioner Holl assured Garman she would pass on that request to the road and bridge department.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented two bids for a 2015 Chevrolet 1500 4WD, including trade-in.

- 1) Sheriff's Auto-partners \$43,450.00
- 2) Melton Motors \$26,940.00

The consensus of the Board was to order the truck through Melton Motors.

Commissioner Splichal gave a brief report from the Juvenile Detention meeting he attended on February 18.

Clerk Marsicek and Beth Reed will organize the Republic County Employee Appreciation supper to be held on March 23 at the 4-H Building on the Fair Grounds.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, along with Terry Cherney and Justin Novak, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak contacted Robert Cline regarding the 8.2 acres of ground rented from Republic County in Section 34, Township 2, Range 3. Cline agreed to work with the county for a fair settlement on the wheat crop being destroyed to establish the asphalt mixing strip.
- 2) Novak and Zenger had contact with Dane Barclay regarding gravel issues. Barclay will be attending the Board meeting at 11:00 today.
- 3) Commissioner Holl stated the Mayor of Courtland, Tim Garman, has requested some asphalt work when the county has asphalt available.
- 4) The road crews are out cutting trees which hang over many of the country roads.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger, Novak, Cherney and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m. taking no action.

The Board of Commissioners toured the Register of Deeds Office, the Sheriff's office and jail area this week.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Company manager, expressed his disappointment with the decline in the amount of gravel purchased from a local business in the last 15 years. Commissioner Holl explained one reason for the decrease is that the number of gravel roads has decreased in the last 15 years. Commissioner Bergstrom stated the quality of gravel offered from Alsop Sand did not match the quality of gravel purchased in Nebraska and if Barclay could provide equivalent gravel, Republic County would increase its orders. Barclay presented samples of different grades of gravel from Alsop. Barclay presented research information regarding the freight charges Republic County has been paying to the companies from Nebraska and savings ordering from Alsop could give to the county.

Barclay explained after the meeting last year, he met with the Road and Bridge Administrator, as requested, to discuss changing the grade of gravel but the Road and Bridge Administrator would not discuss ordering any additional gravel. Barclay apologized for not rescheduling a meeting with the Board to pursue the issue. Commissioner Holl stated, the Board was not aware Barclay had contacted the Road and Bridge Administrator with the offer to change the grade of gravel. Commissioner Holl apologized to Barclay about this lack of communication and stressed Republic County needs to support local businesses if all possible.

Novak and Cherney expressed the gravel samples displayed today do not match the gravel they have in piles at the supply area. Barclay agreed to join Zenger, Novak and Cherney after lunch to examine the gravel piles and preform a grading test of gravel. Barclay will return next week to meet with the Board regarding the results of the sample test.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented an outline of responsibilities of Republic County regarding the CDBG grant paperwork associated with the \$343,000 granted for the Republican River Bridge at Republic.

- 1) All paperwork will need to be kept in a secure place for 15-20 years after the project has been completed.
- 2) The income surveys have been reviewed and accepted by the KDOC.
- 3) The next step is to prepare an Environmental Review and have the results published. This could take 60-90 days but must be completed before any letting of bids this fall.
- 4) A copy of Republic County Procurement policy, conduct of the Board policy and Civil Rights Policies need to be sent to Deb.
- 5) The original two copies of Grant Agreement No. 15-PF-026, Determination of Level of Review and financial papers including signatures need to be sent to KDOC by March 15.
- 6) Republic County must participate in a Fair Housing activity such as a publication of Fair Housing in the county paper.
- 7) A separate special fund account needs to be set up to receive the grant monies and to pay invoices for this grant project.

Beth Reed presented a request from Matt Farmer, Manager for Kansas Wildlife and Parks, for Republic County support regarding a national grant. Commissioner Holl made a motion to support the Kansas Wildlife and Parks regarding the grant. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member