

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 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 Bergstrom called the meeting to order and welcomed new 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner Edwin Splichal.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented the RCD program income report for KDOC for signing.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church, Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from January 5. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$334,650.00 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion that Linda Holl become the Board Chairperson for 2015, Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's accounting report of funds as of 1/1/2015 totaling \$15,695,008.47. These funds are split throughout all the banks in the county and the Kansas Municipal Pool.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented a report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor body scanner. Blad stated reported that 22,680 persons passed through the scanner in 2014. The scanner counts only persons entering the restricted area. Metal was detected on 68% of the persons scanned. Of those 68%, only 5 persons had suspicious items which were secured in the sheriff's office.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 a.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal suggested regular meetings with the department heads. Each department head would be assigned a time to meet with the Board during regular session to keep the commissioner informed of activities or concerns in that department. Clerk Marsicek will create a schedule and notify the department heads of their assigned times.

Clerk Marsicek stated her goal for 2015 is to set up regular department head meetings monthly.

Chairperson Holl suggested meetings with all city mayors and/or city managers. The Board wants to be aware of activities and problems involving all cities in Republic County. Clerk Marsicek will attend city council meetings in each city and invite mayors to attend a scheduled meeting with the Republic Board of Commissioners. These meetings will make the Commissioners aware of the needs of the cities.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented a report of activity in the Deeds office during 2014.

- 418 Deeds recorded
- 205 Mortgages recorded
- 405 Other Documents recorded
- Total of \$98,937.40 deposited into County general

Melinda Pierson-Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka- Fair Board, Neil Lewis-Belleville City Manager, Gina Aurand-4-H Extension, and Rob Kasl joined the meeting to discuss using the Commercial building as a community center for Republic County. Aurand explained the 4-H building is needing some repairs and updates and the funds are available. However, there are activities that cannot be held in a building designated by the "4-H" sign including any activity where alcohol is served. If the county is remodeling the commercial building is there a need for the 4-H Building? Blecha stated that other towns have buildings used jointly by 4-H and fair activities with a hired person in charge of scheduling activities and maintenance.

Commissioner Holl feels that both buildings are needed at this time even if the commercial hall is remodeled it might be too large for some functions such as auctions that are held in the 4-H building. The discussion about remodeling and the cost is not available until design suggestions can be obtained. Aurand will contact K-State about a possible visit to the North Central Fair Grounds to suggest options for remodeling/repairing both buildings. This subject will be tabled until designs developed.

Scott Finkbiner along with Terry Cherney, Justin Novak and Lisa Jones presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented a Thank You to the Commissioners from the Road and Bridge department for the holiday food basket.
- 2) Finkbiner presented the annual agreement between Michael S. King, Secretary of Transportation, KDOT and Republic County, Kansas.
- 3) Scott and Justin met with Hi-Plains Sand regarding the necessary land to create an adequate mixing strip on US Hwy 36. It was decided an additional 8-9 acres should be sufficient.
- 4) Finkbiner has instructed Justin and Terry where to find reports and other important information in his computer.
- 5) Finkbiner contacted Dane Barclay from Alsop Sand Co. about the gravel prices for 2015. The Alsop gravel includes too much blow sand instead of larger gravel for a higher price than the Nebraska gravel. Barclay will be asked to join a meeting in the near future to review comparison samples.
- 6) Finkbiner asked if the Interim Supervisors will have any input into candidate hiring for the Road and Bridge Administrator. Chairperson Holl stated the Board will narrow the list of candidates, then discuss these with Justin and Terry but the ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Commissioners.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Novak, Cherney and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase Kyle Lervolds' hourly wage to \$13.00 based on outstanding work and meeting probationary requirements. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept appointment Resolutions 2015-2 to 2015-17 as follows:

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| Resolution 2015-2  | Blaine VanMeter – Director of EMS  |
| Resolution 2015-3  | Raymond L. Raney – Emergency Manager (half time)                                 |
| Resolution 2015-4  | Justin Novak and Terry Cherney as Interim Co-Directors of Solid Waste Department |
| Resolution 2015-5  | Steve Zukowske – Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer                        |
| Resolution 2015-6  | Paul Hasse – Volunteer Assistant Emergency Management                            |
| Resolution 2015-7  | Marcia Hansen – Director of Health Department                                    |
| Resolution 2015-8  | Mike Nondorf – Director of Weed Department                                       |
| Resolution 2015-9  | Justin Novak and Terry Cherney – Interim Co-Directors of Transportation          |
| Resolution 2015-10 | Justin Novak and Terry Cherney – Interim Highway Co-Administrators               |
| Resolution 2015-11 | Raymond L. Raney – Director of Communications (half time)                        |
| Resolution 2015-12 | Randy Ainsworth – Assistant Director EMS   |
| Resolution 2015-13 | Raymond L. Raney – County Hazardous Material Advisor                             |
| Resolution 2015-14 | Raymond L. Raney – County Flood Plain Manager                                    |

Resolution 2015-15      Raymond L. Raney – Safety Officer  
Resolution 2015-16      Raymond L. Raney – 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Resolution 2015-17      Raymond L. Raney – Radiological Officer

Marlea James, County Attorney, expressed her disappointment that the Telescope portrayed her and her department as not accomplishing their work. James explained to the Board, her department is responsible for many court cases that take several hours to prepare in addition to the juvenile in need of care cases, collection letters sent on behalf of the county for all departments and the tax sales. James states there have been eight tax sales in the last 38 years. She has prepared two prior to this year and is currently preparing another. Three of the tax sale preparations were outsourced totaling \$18,910 paid from County General Fund. There is no charge to County for tax sales prepared by the County Attorney however, it is very time consuming.

James says, court reports need to be filed promptly and correctly and her staff person has only been exposed to court terminology for a year. Hands on training including visiting the court and reviewing other files of cases is more economical than sending the staff out of county to train.

The consensus of the board gave James permission to request assistance from other departments to aid in completing the 2014 tax sale such as asking the sheriffs' officer to photograph properties or have another department prepare non-legal forms. Permission to hire assistance in tax sale preparation on future tax sales was granted.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:20. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Holl, Chairperson

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

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Edwin Splichal, Member