

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 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 Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church, Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from January 19. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the updated requirements of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) removing paragraph 1 of section "G". Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to allow the refund to two participants that did not qualify under the old qualifications to be refunded in June 2015. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl request an executive session to discuss confidential financial data of Republic County Hospital for 15 minutes with the Board, Deb Hadachek and Blaine Miller. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. taking no action.

The Board signed two Tower Lease agreements between Republic County and Joe Strnad and Republic County and Jerry Strnad for 2015.

The Board welcomed Belleville City Manager, Neil Lewis, for the first scheduled report to the Board of Commissioners from each city by a mayor or city manager.

Commissioner Holl requested an explanation of non-payment of the "In Lieu of Tax" from Grandview Housing Unit for 2014. Commissioners understood the housing unit would no longer collect the "In Lieu of Tax" but thought it would start in 2015 instead of 2014. Lewis explained, that Deb Sells approached the city council regarding this "Tax". Sells explained to the council other housing units associated with HUD programs had been exempted by cities. The city council of Belleville agreed to apply the exemption to Grandview.

Splichal made a motion to approve the exempt status and waive the payment of "In Lieu of Tax" by the City of Belleville housing unit; however, if the housing unit has collected the 2014 "In Lieu of Tax", it should be paid to the county since budgets were approved including said income. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Neil Lewis, Belleville City Manager, reported Belleville has many projects underway for 2015.

- 1) The first phase of the city trails is planned to start between M Street and the high school.
- 2) Cleaning Rocky Pond and developing a water resource to refill the pond for recreational use.
- 3) Redesigning the Belleville swimming pool so it will be ADA compliant.
- 4) The more activities available in Belleville will draw others to Belleville and Republic County.
- 5) The purchase of land for the Loves Station is moving according to plans and final closing papers should be signed in February.
- 6) The city council is in full support of the county with the updating of the commercial building at the NCK Fairgrounds to be used as a community building.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Marcia Hansen, Republic County Health Administrator. Hansen has dedicated over 30 years as the Health Administrator and stated June 22 would be her last day. Hansen knows considerable training will be

necessary for her replacement and advertising for this position should be started as soon as possible. Over the years, Hansen has learned to do more with less and the medical field of county health care has changed greatly.

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

- 1) Novak presented solid waste agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for solid waste fees for 2015.
- 2) Novak stated Hall Bros from Marysville will be submitting a bid for mixing cold mix asphalt for Republic County if there is an asphalt mixing strip available. High Plains Company has mixed the cold mix in the past and has delivered it to Republic County and would like to submit a bid as soon as a mixing strip is available. The Commissioners will be meeting with the Republic County Economic Development committee later this morning and hope to have information regarding an asphalt mixing strip.
- 3) KDHE has approved the opening of another landfill cell and the county will begin digging this spring.
- 4) Novak and Cherney stating the road and bridge department is operating as normal. Since the weather is unpredictable it is difficult to start some spring projects.

Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek, Jimmie Blecha, Rod Woods, Neil Lewis and Randy Wise from Republic County Industrial committee met with the Board regarding the Industrial area on the Northwest corner of Belleville.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss confidential data with Industrial committee for 10 minutes with the Board, Industrial committee and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. Commissioner Bergstrom requested an additional 10 minutes. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m. taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, announced the quarterly meeting will be February 11 at TAG'S in Scandia. Shoemaker present the first drawdown check for The Bel-Villa Restaurant.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board toured the Driver's license office, the Treasurer's office and the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned for lunch break at 12:00. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board will reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for Highway Road Administrator position.

At 1:05 p.m., Holl requested an executive session for the purpose of interviewing the four Road and Bridge Administrator candidates. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 4:30 p.m. taking so action.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member