

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 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 Roger Walls, Republic Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 23. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-18 to rescind Resolutions 2015-04, 2015-09 and 2015-10 in which Justin Novak and Terry Cherney were appointed Co-Directors of Road and Bridge, Transportation and Solid Waste in the absence of a Road and Bridge Administrator. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolutions 2015-19 to 2015-21 appointing Dustin Zenger as the Road and Bridge Administrator, Director of Transportation and Director of Solid Waste. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Beth Ball-Deputy Clerk and Kay Shoemaker-Deputy Treasurer proposed changing the employee monthly pay period from every four (4) weeks to once a month on a set day. Shoemaker explained the county computer system presents challenges when payroll and or vouchers need to be paid during the first week of the month. The prior months' funds need to be closed and balanced before current expenses can be posted. Since last fall, the monthly bank statements are mailed to the Treasurers' office but are not always received before the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of the new month, making it difficult to close the prior months records. Shoemaker and Ball discussed changing the payroll dates with Auditor Randy Hofmeier as far as the auditing and bookkeeping. Randy said it may actually be better for department budgets to have a set day for payroll.

Ball presented two scenarios for consideration.

- 1) The cut-off date would be the third Saturday of each month and payday on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The cut-off date would be the second Saturday of each month and payday on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to move the pay period from every four (4) weeks to being paid on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month starting with March 2015. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Ball explained when this change takes place there would be two paychecks the first month to get on schedule with the new pay roll timing. The first check, paid on March 5, would cover the regular pay period and the second check, paid March 18, would cover from the end of the last pay period to the second Saturday of the current month.

Clerk Marsicek will enclose a letter explaining the cut off dates and pay days during 2015 with the pay stubs this week. When the 18<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday, the pay day will be on Friday and when the 18<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday, pay day will be on Monday.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented a quote to apply Polyprene on the front east area of the EMS building that has been leaking. Van Meter had requested quotes from several local businesses but only received a quote from Geisler Roofing for \$2,221. The consensus of the Board was to approve the bid from Geisler Roofing.

Van Meter stated there have been several persons applying for the full time and part time positions. Van Meter has hired one full time and one part time person with the possibility of hiring a couple additional part time EMTs in the next couple of weeks.

Van Meter explained the PEER group meeting sponsored by the Kansas Highway Patrol for support and counseling was held last Friday at the Central Christian Church for all persons involved in the fire on February 23. There were several persons attending from EMS, the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Joe Chizek from Cuba explained a waterline replacement project beginning in Cuba. Through the help of Deb Ohlde, Cuba received a grant for matching funds to replace the waterlines in Cuba that date back to 1929. Chizek requested assistance from the county roads department to help paving the streets when waterlines are replaced. Commissioner Holl will contact the road department about this request.

Chizek invited the Commissioner to attend the annual Rock a Thon starting March 15.

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the Spring NCK Treasurer and Register of Deeds District Meeting in Salina on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board signed the Memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Cuba for solid waste fees.

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Raymond Raney and Colleen Alkire from dispatch discussed the need for additional dispatchers. Raney will be interviewing for the open positions.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Raney, Alkire and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 10 minutes seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m. taking no action.

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) Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand, presented the test results of the current gravel Republic County has available. Barclay's results showed some grading variances between what Barclay stated the Alsop quality should be and what was tested. Zenger, Novak and Cherney expressed this is the type of gravel they have always picked up from Alsop. The Nebraska gravel is more course. Barclay expressed his possibility of closing the Scandia Alsop Sand Pit if Republic County will not increase the amount of gravel needed. Barclay restated the county could get more gravel for the same dollars if they purchased the gravel locally instead of Nebraska companies. Zenger requested to table this matter until he has researched the total cost of gravel and freight to all parts of Republic County.
- 2) Barclay stated the gravel roads were in better shape back in the 1970-1980 when Republic County purchased more gravel from Alsop. Cherney shared that it was not the gravel that makes the roads better but the road graders had more time to work the roads and road beds. The road graders only responsibility at that time was to maintain the roads, now these same people are required to put in culverts, trim trees, haul the gravel and work on other projects. Commissioner Holl encouraged Zenger to hire necessary employees to become fully staffed so roads could become a priority.
- 3) The opening of tire bids was postponed until Monday, March 9.
- 4) On March 30, the road and bridge department will start summer hours 7-5:30.
- 5) The dump truck purchased last summer from Purple Wave had a bent frame bed when it was purchased, a bid for a new bed will cost \$3,000-5,000. The board granted permission to purchase the necessary repairs.
- 6) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger and Lisa Jones to attend a Vehicle Order Meeting in Topeka on March 9.
- 7) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger and Justin Novak to attend Culvert Training in Great Bend on March 4.
- 8) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger to attend the District Highway Officials Meeting in Salina on April 1.
- 9) Plans are being made for a hot mix asphalt base for the mixing strip.
- 10) Discussion about the access road from Marble Road to the new asphalt mixing strip resulted in the consensus that an access road will not be needed at this time.

Marcia Hansen-Health Administrator, Sister Mary Savioe and Stephanie Simmons-Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation (MCRMF) announced Republic County will be one of 5 counties to share a \$225,000 grant awarded to the North Central Kansas area. Simmons explained the grant funding supports implementation of a coordinated approach to the prevention and control of diabetes, heart disease, obesity and associated risk factors. Simmons stated Hansen and Savioe have been part of the program with the Chronic Health assessment done in Republic County and thanked them for their work. One of the requirements of the grant is for a member of RCRMF to meet quarterly with the Board of Health in the county which is the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holl invited Simmons to contact the County Clerk to schedule the appointments.

Permission to travel was granted for Karen Henke to attend CE classes in Salina on March 6.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney along with Beth Reed announced the annual Storm Spotter training will be held on March 10. Two bids were received for the meal served during the training.

- 1) TAGS for \$10.89 per plate
- 2) Auntie Char's for \$12.00 per plate

The bid was awarded for TAGS to serve the meal.

Raney announced two workshops held from 9-3 each day will be located at the Bel-Villa Restaurant regarding Animal Diseases.

- 1) March 18-Diseased animals traveling through Republic County.
- 2) April 2-Feeding operations located in Kansas

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioners Holl and Splichal toured the Republic County Health Department.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 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