

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal and Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from December 29. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins stated Tabernacle Church won the Christmas display on the courthouse lawn for 2014 and will be awarded \$100 in Chamber Bucks.

Calkins expressed his gratitude for the extra holidays and the food basket from the county.

A letter from the Friends of the Belleville City Library announced the winner of the "Friend of the Year award". The Republic County Commissioners and Kevin Calkins were selected as the group winner for 2014. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on Sunday, January 25 when the winner will be recognized.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, asked for an explanation why she did not receive the budgeted wages requested. The Board stated they take all requests into consideration but nothing is decided until December when reviews are completed. Commissioner Holl reviewed the current wages and experience for Frint and agreed they are considerably lower than many register of deeds throughout Kansas. Commissioner Holl suggested to raise Frints' wage proposal for 2015 from \$29,290 to \$31,200. Frint stated she has been working for Republic County since 1994 in the deeds office and the increase would be appreciated.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-1A to rescind Resolution 2014-37 and accept Resolution 2015-1 increasing the wage of the Register of Deeds for Republic County to \$31,200. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced that there would not be a meeting on January 7.

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

- 1) Novak, Cherney and Jones will work together to facilitate the workings of the Road and Bridge department. Finkbiner presented Justin Novak as the contact person at Road and Bridge until the Board hires a Highway Administrator.
  - a. Jones is the office manager and understands the reports, budgets and deadlines for Federal Grants. Cherney and Novak are the road supervisors who know the projects planned for 2015.
  - b. Finkbiner has explained to Novak, Cherney and Jones their responsibility in a smooth transition to a new administrator and the need to stay on top of equipment repairs and new purchases and annual reports on all bridges to KDOT.
  - c. Clerk Marsicek will review files on the Finkbiner computer relating to HR matters.
  - d. Novak and Cherney will report weekly to the Board just as Finkbiner has done as administrator.
- 2) Finkbiner has not heard any response on the grants from NCRPC regarding the Republican River Bridge at Republic or transportation grant from KDOT for a new bus.
- 3) Finkbiner reported more people are dumping trash on the road sides and outside the gate at the landfill. He suggested putting up game camera at the landfill and prosecuting any person recorded on the camera. If the

county does not prosecute, putting up the cameras will not prevent persons from continuing to dump their trash where it does not belong.

- 4) The Commissioners thanked Finkbiner for his service to Republic County and commended him for the grants and funds he found for projects to reduce the county's financial responsibilities.
- 5) Finkbiner stated he would be available to answer any questions from the road and bridge crew.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elect personnel with the Board, Splichal and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Rytych.

The Board reconvened at 11:05 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Holl presented a citation to Rytych from KCCOA for his years of service as a Commissioner.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC), presented the flyer explaining NCRPC is a channel for federal or state program funding. Today the NCRPC serves 13 counties in Kansas. McKinney thanked Rytych for the years of service to Republic County and to NCRPC and served as Vice-Chair in 2014.

McKinney reported the approval of grants will published by the middle of January on the Kansas website and letters will be sent to recipients.

At 11:50 a.m., the Board moved the meeting to the District Courtroom for the swearing in of new Commissioner Edwin G Splichal.

The Board reconvened at the Commissioners' board room at 12:20 p.m.

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

A reception for the outgoing Commissioner Rytych and the incoming Commissioner Splichal was held from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Commissioners' board room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member