

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Acting Commissioner Chairman Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Vouchers were approved totaling \$135,081.89.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 3. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Acting Commissioner Chair Bergstrom signed the Determination of Level of Review from Kansas Department of Commerce for the CDBG grant.

Permission to travel was granted for Mike Nondorf to attend the monthly Weed Directors meeting in Abilene on February 12.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend the training session for recipients of the CDBG grants in Stockton on February 11.

E.C. Thompson discussed with the Board the lack of gravel on the east ½ mile of King Road between 130 Road and 140 Road. He receives his mail at this farm but the road has not been gravel for a few years. Commissioner Bergstrom explained unless the road is a school bus route or mail route with persons living at the residence, the road is not maintained as a gravel road. The Board will discuss this road with the road department supervisors. Thompson explained the dissatisfaction with the proposed closure of the 3 ton bridge on Timber Road.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, invited the Board to attend the RCD Quarterly meeting on February 11. No applications have been received but a meeting to sign quarterly reports will be held at TAGS in Scandia.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented a quote for Electronic Reporting Tablets from Safety PAD. Van Meter explained in the near future all EMS transfers will need to be transmitted electronically instead of manually through the mail. The cost for tablets, training and software total \$2,213.00. Van meter has researched 12 different software models and felt Safety PAD was the most compatible with what Republic County's needs. The Board tabled the purchase at this time because the expenses were not in the budget for 2015.

Van Meter asked for clarification when a permission to travel should be requested. Is it just needed for any employee attending an overnight training away from Republic County? Is it needed for one day trainings if there will not be any reimbursements to the employee because a county vehicle is driven? The consensus of the board was, any time an employee attends a training on behalf of Republic County, a permission to travel is necessary.

Permission to travel was granted for Blaine Van Meter to attend the EMS Region IV Board Meeting in Salina on 2-10-15.

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

- 1) Novak presented the Request to Exchange Federal Funds for \$91,243.26. Clerk Marsicek will complete and return to Novak and the Board on February 16.

2) Commissioner Bergstrom discussed the issue of gravel on King Road between 130 Road and 140 Road. Novak will contact the US Postal Department in regards to mail delivery to any address on that road.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak and Cherney. Splichal seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 taking no action.

At 10:55 a.m., the Board, Novak, Cherney and Clerk Marsicek traveled to the Industrial area located at Sec 32-2-3 to meet with Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek and Neal Lewis. The North Central Kansas Industrial Committee, Economic Development, the Board of County Commissioners and the road supervisors discussed options regarding developing an asphalt mixing strip on the southwest part of the northwest land owned by the county. A strip of 600' x 600' = 8.2 acres along the west fence would be the flattest area. This would leave the east and north strip of land for farming and development if needed in the future.

AT 11:35 a.m., the Board returned to the courthouse to finish the regular meeting with a presentation from Luke Mahin recounting the events of the Economic Development from 2014.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Splichal seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 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