

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 27, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Al Urich, American Lutheran Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the December 20, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell presented updates.

Swanson, Health Department Administrator, reported the department continues to offer vaccines for Flu and Coronavirus. COVID cases are increasing along with several cases of Influenza A and B.

Ferrell reported that there are no in-person court dates set and he will follow-up on the updates concerning the remodeling of the courtroom. One good point to virtual court is there have been less NO SHOWS.

Sheriff David Cox reported that the original vehicle requested for delivery in the spring of 2022 will not be available but an upgraded replacement vehicle will be available for an additional \$1,500.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the upgraded vehicle. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Cox also reported that he has not received any applications for jailers.

Skylar Tuxhorn, county citizen, joined by phone conference in reference to his application for Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). He found out about the program after he had begun his updates to the bowling alley but asked the commissioners to research the situation and make a decision if it qualifies. The commissioners will review the situation with the appraiser and County Attorney then respond back to Mr. Tuxhorn.

Honorable Mayor of Scandia, Gary Cline, reported that his term of Mayor will end in January. The new mayor will be Dana Larson. Cline has been Mayor of Scandia for over 40 years and has been told that is the longest rein of Mayor in the State of Kansas. The commissioners thanked Cline for his years of service and asked what some of his highlights as mayor include. Cline said the building of the Museum, Library, New City office and Firehouse and the fact that every building on Mainstreet has a business.

Ken Robbins and Nathan Craig presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins reported that damaged signs on main roads will be replaced first then the secondary road intersections.
- Robbins announced that the road lift on Lincoln and 240 Rd is scheduled for this week.
- Robbins announced that the county will assist with the demolition of the restrooms attached to the commercial building on the fairgrounds when there is a break in other projects.

Barry Porter presented a wage scale for the positions in the appraiser office.

Commissioner Jeardoe presented the information regarding the NRP application for Mr. Tuxhorn. Porter stated that Tuxhorn should have received the full packet of information along with the application for NRP. If Tuxhorn printed the application himself from the Republic County Website the instructions are with the application and the instructions are very clear that the application must be filed before any work has begun. However, the commissioners have the final authority to approve a project.

Jay Kallman, local insurance agent, presented a quote for Republic County’s insurance through EMC. Kallman explained the details of the quote including deductibles and how the changeover could occur if the county decided to accept the quote.

Clerk Marsicek presented correspondence from the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission requesting support for an USDA grant. Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Clerk Marsicek compose the letter for his review by Wednesday, December 29.

The Commissioners compared the current quote from KCAMP to Kallman’s quote. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to continue to use KCAMP for 2022 but would be willing to entertain quotes for the 2023 year. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Due to the New Year’s Holiday on Monday, January 3, 2022, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

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Edwin Splichal – Member

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Doug Garman – Member