

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 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.

Pastor Sang Hak, United Methodist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts Payable vouchers were approved for \$100,116.27.

Danielle Swanson, County Health Administrator, announced 21 new cases in the last 10 days but only 15 cases are active and several persons are being tested daily.

Raymond Raney and Laura Leite, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projector manager, presented information regarding the differences between contract services and sub-recipient along with the rules pertaining to each type.

Leite suggested that the commissioners initiate a public meeting to advise anyone interested in using the ARPA funds of the rules and regulations. Leite requested a copy of the county policy handbook and procurement regulations to protect the county from fraudulent use of the funds.

Commissioner Jeardoe announced the winner of the courtyard decorations was Kling Farms.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, presented a performance review and wage request for 2022 for her office. Swanson reported an increase in regular document filings and in the number of e-recordings during 2021.

Swanson explained that there is plenty of work to keep two full time employees busy. The office is continually working on digitizing documents and back-indexing in order to make the documents available for searchers through the offices' on-line Laredo software system. Swanson revisited her suggestion of moving the part-time Deputy position to a full-time position.

Commissioner Garman asked Swanson to review her approved budget for 2022 for funding to cover a full-time Deputy position if approved.

After Swanson left the meeting, the commissioners discussed her suggestion of making the Deputy position full time and reviewed their budget notes. It was the consensus of the board to approve a full time Deputy position starting January 1, 2022.

Steve Scofield, member of the Republic County Foundation, presented the annual review of projects funded by the Republic County Foundation.

Ken Robbins presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented photos of the Courtland overlay that was in question showing how the road does have a seam but it is an overlay seam and not a center seam that will hold moisture.
- Robbins presented for signatures the agreement with Cloud County for the charges for depositing and handling Republic County solid waste for 2022 with a rate of \$71.58 per ton.
- Robbins presented for signature the 3-year lease agreement with C&W Farm supply for a skid steer loader. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented the performance reviews and wage requests for 2022 for his departments. Raney is understaffed by one full-time dispatcher and has not received any applications. Raney suggested that the starting wage of dispatcher be set at \$14.00 per hour.

Brady Hedstrom, BG Construction, presented thank you gifts for the commissioners and thanked Republic County for the business in the past and expressed his anticipation of services in 2022.

Jay Kallman, Kallman Insurance Services LLC, reported that he will present a complete quote of insurance on all Republic County properties on December 20. Kallman thanked the commissioners for appointing him to the Silver Legislative board at the state level. The Silver legislators has not been this year because of COVID but looks forward to sessions during 2022.

Clerk Marsicek presented the performance reviews and wage requests for 2022 for her department.

Susan Aaron announced that the Veteran Association (VA) representative is scheduled to return in January 2022 for its regular rotation of visits if COVID permits. They suggested that if Republic County wants to promote a presentation of benefits some evening a representative will come and explain the benefits available to veteran families.

At 1:05 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Doug Garman – Member