

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 23, 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 Wade Moss, Landmark 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 Splichal made a motion to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$177,241.12.

Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, delivered 2022 calendars and thanked the commissioners for allowing Foley Equipment to be a vendor of products for Republic County.

Susan Aaron, Republic County Taskforce committee, suggested that Republic County issue gift certificates from the two grocery vendors in Republic County for the employee Christmas gifts.

- Full-time employees to receive \$50.00
- Part-time employees to receive \$25.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approved the taskforce's suggestion for employee Christmas gift certificates in the stated amount. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Ken Robbins, Nathan Craig, Max Wickstrum and Stacie Bowen presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins announced that the Courtland overlay is complete.
- Robbins reported that starting this week, the road and bridge employees will begin working the winter hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

At 10:00 a.m., Marshall County Commissioner Keith Bramhall and Marshall County Public Works Director Mike Craig joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the installation of windfarm in Marshall County and to explain some issues that occurred in Marshall County. Bramhall encouraged Republic County to take their time when negotiating the contract with Next Era. A copy of Marshall County's contract is on their website to review. Bramhall shared that there will be some people complain but overall it is a very worthwhile project for the county. They explained that all the improvements to the roads and bridges are covered by Next-Era. One item that surprised Marshall County was the amount of supplies that need to be disposed in the landfill so your solid waste department needs to be prepared.

The Commissioners discussed the hiring of an outside attorney to assist with the contracts for the windfarm. Commissioner Garman suggested that the attorney needs to have experience with Windfarm contracts. The Commissioners will discuss this issue further with the Republic County Attorney, Justin Ferrell.

Commissioner Jeardoe announced that the commissioners need to fill out a delegate list for the Special Election from Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) to be held virtually on ZOOM on January 5, 2022. All the commissioners signed as delegates and Clerk Marsicek will send the form to KAC.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 29, 2021 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