

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 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 Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, 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 13, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Accounts Payable vouchers were approved for \$87,545.00.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, presented for action two resolutions.

- The first one is Resolution 2021-45 Opposing the Federal Government's 30 x 30 Land Preservation. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-45. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

- The second resolution is Resolution No. 2021-53 to approve and join the statewide litigation Opioid Epidemic. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-53. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Ferrell reported that he has contacted an attorney from Foulston Attorney at Law out of Wichita to assist with the windfarm legal matters because one of their attorneys specializes in windfarm contracts.

Mayor Randy Thayer of Republic inquired if the county can install signage on Washington Street also known as 70 Road entering the City of Republic to detour commercial trucks from coming through town. Commissioner Jeardoe will notify the road administrator to evaluate the issue and install signage if approved.

Thayer also thanked the county crews that cleaned out the ditches on 90 Road.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the monthly Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, presented for signature a grant application through Craft for purchase of a Lucas Device.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding employee performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Whitley and Clerk Marsicek. The board reconvened at 9:50 a.m., taking no action.

Whitley reported that the AEMT classes will begin on January 5th. There are 7 persons signed up for the class.

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

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins reported there were several road signs damaged in the windstorm on Wednesday, December 15.
- Robbins announced that Republic County will receive funds to replace a bridge in 2023. This is part of the offset bridge program that allows funds for one bridge if the county closes another bridge.
- Robbins reported that he, Susan Aaron and Dan Snyder toured several recycling facilities in neighboring counties to assist with plans to possibly implement a recycling center in Republic County.
- Robbins presented for signature an on-call agreement with BG Consultants as the county engineer.

Clerk Marsicek presented two resolutions.

- Resolution No. 2021-51, General Accounting Practice for 2022.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-51. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

- Resolution No. 2021-52, Dates for Commission meetings, Payroll dates, Vouchers due, Voucher check dates and 2022 Holidays.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-52. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

The balance of the morning was used to finalize the annual compensation requests of the employees and elected officials. The department heads and elected officials will receive a \$2,000 increase for 2022. The commissioners will not receive an increase in 2022. In addition, Kenneth Robbins will receive \$1.50 per hour increase as a result of a 6-month evaluation and Levi Whitley will receive a \$1.00 per hour increase as a result of a 6-month evaluation.

Clerk Marsicek presented for approval the Resolution No. 2021-54, wages for elected officials for 2022.

- County Attorney \$56,740.00
- County Sheriff \$54,300.00
- County Treasurer \$45,100.00
- County Clerk \$45,100.00
- County Register of Deeds \$39,100.00
- County Commissioners \$15,000.00

The departments that submitted a wage scale proposal for the employees, those will be implemented in 2022. Those departments that did not submit a wage scale, a 6% increase was approved for 2022 only.

Commissioner Garman advised that a memo be sent to all department heads that did not present a wage scale that one is mandatory by April 1st for the 2023 budget preparation.

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn to join the courthouse during a Christmas floor party. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 27, 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