

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Doug Garman. Edwin Splichal was absent. 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$209,135.13.

Commissioner Jeardoe will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, reviewed the 3 bids received for IT services for Republic County. He would recommend that the Commissioners to contact an independent IT person to be consulted before any bid is accepted.

Clerk Marsicek reported that since October 13, there have been 87 advance ballots mailed out, there have been 35 ballots returned and 27 voters have voted in the courthouse.

James Doyle, Belleville Highbanks treasurer, announced that the Highbanks racing is requesting a letter of support from the County Commissioners for a grant to assist with the updating of the racetrack and grandstands. Doyle announced that the Belleville Highbanks track is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest facility in the United States. The Commissioners gladly will prepare a letter of support for the racetrack.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented for signature the annual application for Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds.

Sheriff David Cox reported that deputies worked 5 vehicle accidents within the last week and assisted with the shooting incident in Superior on Thursday. Sheriff Cox announced that a candidate for jailer has been offered a job pending pre-employment testing.

Sheriff Cox presented two quotes for a vehicle to replace the 2014 Chevy Impala. The commissioners will review the quotes and get back to Cox.

James Banahan, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, thanked the commissioners and Republic County road crew for the assistance applying asphalt on the main street prior to the annual Cuba Harvest Festival in July.

Banahan suggested that Republic County plan a countywide clean up in the spring. He also invited the commissioners to attend the Hometown Christmas activities in Cuba on November 27.

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 met the Mayor of Cuba, James Banahan, and agreed that it is a good idea to have a countywide cleanup in the spring of 2022.
- Robbins reported that he met with Commissioner J Keith Bramhall from Marshall County regarding preparing for windfarm installations in their county. Robbins encourages the Republic County Commissioners to contact the Commissioner Bramhall and setup a consultation regarding details of a windfarm in our county.
- Robbins announced that the overlay on the Courtland road will begin on Thursday, October 28 and Republic County truck drivers will assist with the disposal of the ground millings.
- Commissioners signed the letter of support for the Transportation Grant for 2022.
- Robbins announced the purchase of a Tilt trailer on Purple Wave in the amount of \$16,500.00.
- Robbins reported that the road crews will be cleaning ditches and trimming trees.

Tim Davis, concerned citizen, requested that the commissioners review the billing procedures of the Health Department pertaining to the administration of the COVID vaccine. He thought the vaccine shot was at no charge, however, his insurance company charged an office visit and administrative fee for each does received.

The Commissioners will contact the Health Department Administrator, Danielle Swanson, to research this concern with billing.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, reported that they received word from the Kansas State Board of EMS that EMS employees are exempt from the COP (Conditions of Participation) agreement regarding the vaccination requirement of Medicare and Medicaid-certified providers.

Permission to use the courthouse square for the annual Christmas on the square activities on November 26, 2021 was approved.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 1, 2021, beginning 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