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**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Marvin Bergstrom was present by ZOOM. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope observed the meeting. Others attending portions of the meeting in person were Raymond Raney, Emergency Management, Justin Ferrell, County Attorney and Quinten Bergstrom, citizen. Danielle Swanson, Republic County Health Administrator, Adam Anderson, Belleville City Manager, Michelle Griffin from OCCK, Wanda Backstrom and Dawn Snyder from 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District attended via ZOOM.

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 Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the April 13, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$114,106.88.

Commissioner Splichal will attend the ZOOM meeting of the Republic County Hospital at noon.

Raymond Raney and Danielle Swanson updated the commission regarding COVID-19 in Republic County. Raney informed the Board that Governor Kelly will be announcing the state's plan for reopening businesses or not reopening businesses on Thursday. If the state approves the opening it will be done in phases not all at once. Raney reported that hand sanitizer has been received from Lambert Vet Supply and Prairie Land Electric.

Swanson shared that no new cases have been confirmed in Republic County the past several weeks. Swanson will announce the guidelines for opening businesses as she receives them from the Kansas State Health Department. Swanson stated that the hospital was granted permission to test for Covid-19 for in hospital patients only. Cloud County Health Department is using a drive thru testing for COVID-19 but the specimens must be sent off for results. It takes from 24 to 48 hours for results if delivered to Topeka testing facility and could take up to 3 days if delivered to other testing facilities.

Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell meet to set county guidelines after Governor Kelly announces the states' plan.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the analysis of taxes collected from April of 2018 and April 2019. Coons also announced that there are only 24 parcels left for the 2019 delinquent tax sale.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD), requested signatures on vouchers for the RCED loans.

Dawn Snyder and Wanda Backstrom from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District presented for approval a FY21 Behavioral Health Programming grant application and the FY21 Comprehensive Plans for the Kansas Department of Correction for juvenile and adult programs.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the presented reports from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Michelle Griffin, OCKK, Inc requested permission to install signage of a new bus stop on the west side of the courthouse.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the installation of a bus stop on the courthouse square. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that all three vendors will supply an anti-virus for the presented quotes for 6 computers from Wilson Communication, Lock It and Dan's Tech solutions.
  - Wilson Communication                      \$7,371.28
  - Lock It    \$8,195.65
  - Dan's Tech Solutions                      \$3,300.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Dan's Tech Solutions since it was the lowest bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

- Dusty updated the board regarding reimbursement from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for transportation bus drivers during the pandemic. In the past, KDOT reimbursed the county at 70% of wages but effective March 16 the reimbursement will be 100%. Commissioners agreed that the drivers be paid their full wages until the state has removed the stay at home orders.
- Zenger announced that April 27 is the starting auction date to sell the Cat motor grader and it will end on Wednesday April 29 at 1:00 pm.

- The bridge crew is working on the bridge located on Valley Road then will move to the bridge on Elm Rd and 210 Rd.
- Road crews are cleaning some ditches of trees and debris.
- Commissioners requested that road crews finish the promised grading on Elm Road west of the Kuhlmann farm.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk and Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel employee performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion that was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. A new Zoom room was created for this meeting. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell, Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:25 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse via Zoom.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair  
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Edwin Splichal– Member  
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Marvin Bergstrom – Member