

## REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Retha Blecha, concerned citizen, shared her concern about placing the Eagle Statue in front of the courthouse because it would block the Memorial Flame.

Danielle Swanson, Administrator for Health Department, presented a list of materials suggested by Belleville Home Town Lumber to install a pitched roof on the health department. An ad for sealed bids to install the new roof will be placed in the Belleville Telescope this week.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, apologized to the commission regarding incorrect information she presented a few weeks back regarding the Second Amendment.

Court Clerk, Kris Kling introduced Judge Regine Thompson as the new Magistrate Judge to the Commissioners followed by discussion regarding remodeling the judges chamber. Classified ads for sealed bids to remodel the judges chamber will be placed in the Belleville Telescope this week. One ad for the relocation of refrigerant lines and lighting and one ad for removal of paneling, patching and painting.

Clerk Marsicek presented an email request for a donation from the Drug and Alcohol fund from Amy Rickard, Pike Valley After Prom Chair. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to donate \$750.00 to Pike Valley After Prom. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners participated in a conference call with Granite Telecommunications. Discussion was tabled until additional information can be received.

Permission to travel was granted for Susan Aaron and Raymond Raney to attend the Homeland Security Exercise in Topeka from March 17 to March 19.

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

- Zenger announced the hiring of Kevin Weber who starts March 3 with a wage of \$11.75 per hour.
- Zenger presented for signature the wage adjustment sheets for the two bus drivers.
- Road crews are busy grading roads.
- Zenger is looking for a replacement pickup for the pickup that was totaled in an accident in January.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, announced that the agricultural values increased an average of 7% for 2020.

Porter shared that Nex-Tech will come on Wednesday to research computer issues from the windows 10 updates and anti-virus. Porter also stated that Wilson Communication completed their computer evaluation and will present a proposal of services available through their company.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, requested a letter of support for a grant through Dane Hanson Foundation.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

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Edwin Splichal– Member

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Marvin Bergstrom – Member