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**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Quinten Bergstrom observed the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Sang Lee, United Methodist Church of Belleville/Agenda, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$270,023.36.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, announced that she would be out of the office March 4 to March 10 and asked permission for Peggy Frint to assist in the afternoons of these days at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Permission was granted.

Rob Kasl, Patriot/Eagle Project, updated the commission on the Eagle Project explaining that the casting is done and it is now being bronzed. The designer will be visiting Belleville to evaluate the location where it is to be erected. Kasl will return next Tuesday, February 18 and will demonstrate where the statue will be placed.

Starla Nelson requested the protocol for purchasing used county equipment. Nelson offered to purchase the IPAD she used as magistrate judge. Commissioner Splichal stated that all county property must be advertised before it could be sold and all electronic devices must be wiped clean of prior county information. Commissioner Splichal suggested that Nelson contact Lock It regarding instructions to remove prior information and about resetting the IPAD back to original defaults. If the IPAD can be reset then it could be advertised to the general public by sealed bids and Nelson could submit a bid.

Correspondence was read from the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) requesting that Republic County proclaim February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Honorable Mayor of Courtland, Neely Kohmetscher, updated the commission on activities in Courtland. The City of Courtland will be working on water tower repairs and sewer updates.

Commissioners Splichal and Bergstrom congratulated Kohmetscher on her new position and wished her the best.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, notified the commissioners that courtesy letters are being mailed to owners of all the parcels listed on the delinquent tax list in order for owners to pay off their taxes before the final listing is published. Ferrell has also sent letters to the Physicians of the North Central Kansas Medical clinic in regards to rental agreements.

Ferrell reported that the Kansas Historical Registry recommends a listing of updates before work begins to assure the Historical structure is maintained correctly. If the owner of a building that is listed on the Historical registry plans to remodel rooms to the original fixtures, there is usually no problem with the approval of the plans.

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

- Zenger asked Ferrell what options are available to deal with persons that destroy non-paved country roads. Ferrell suggested that the local law enforcement be contacted to inspect the situation and issue tickets if necessary. Some drivers truly are lost but some drivers are trying to take non-paved roads to bypass the weigh stations.
- Zenger asked what options are available when farmers plant crops in the right of way. Ferrell suggested that warning letters be mailed listing the situation and the possible consequences if the farmer continues to plant in the right of way.
- Zenger asked permission to repair the crawler loader at the landfill which needs an undercarriage. The cost estimate is \$10,000 to \$12,000. Permission was granted.
- Bridge crew is welding the beams on the bridge on Jade road.
- Zenger is developing a summer project list.
- Commissioners signed an agreement between Republic County and City of Republic for solid waste fees.
- Commissioners signed a Tower lease agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad.
- Commissioners signed a Utility line agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone.
- Zenger presented an updated wage request for the transportation drivers for the commissioners to review before the next meeting.

Correspondence was received from the Merle Dake family in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resolution article in the Belleville Telescope. Clerk Marsicek explained that the newly requested Resolution to support the preservation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment in Republic County has been dismissed. After researching other resolutions for Republic County, Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2013-18 signed on March 11, 2013 by Commissioner Linda Holl, Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom and Commissioner Frank Rytych to preserve and defend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution, therefore, the new resolution would be a duplicate.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann from EMS requested permission to order a heart monitor to replace a monitor that will be outdated later this year. A quote from ZOLL Medical Corporation, a company that supplied the monitors in the past, is \$31,651.15. The funds from 2019 EMS equip fund will cover the cost.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to Monday being President's Day, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 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