

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 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. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, observed the meeting.

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

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God 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 March 9, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, announced that there is a conference call every day at 1 and 5 regarding COVID-19. One is with KDHE and the other the State Emergency Management team. Raney shared that through government funding counties can apply for reimbursement for supplies and sick leave incurred during this crisis time and for each department to save all receipts regarding special purchases.

Danielle Swanson and Nicole Kraus from Health Department and Clerk Marsicek requested an executive session.

At 8:45 am, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel employee performance regarding pre-employment testing. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Swanson, Kraus and Clerk Marsicek.

Board reconvened at 9:00 am, taking no action.

Roger Lahodny, concerned citizen, stated that the new Eagle Statute should not be placed in front of the Eternal Flame Memorial that was erected in 1970.

David White, Telecommunications specialist, explained the different types of phone systems within the courthouse and outlying county buildings. White would advise Republic County to stay with a local communications vendor rather than Granite Telecommunications located in Massachusetts. Our current phone systems are old as Raymond Raney noted a few weeks back. Upgrading to a new system would be a good idea. If the county wants to search out a new system, White could assist in reviewing quotes to make sure the county receives the best system.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, encouraged everyone to have minimum contact with the public to insure the wellbeing of others and ourselves. The appraiser office can process most all requests for information and questions regarding details of land valuation by phone, internet or mail.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development treasurer, left message that there would be a meeting to review two applications for funding on March 25.

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

- Zenger presented the cost estimates for 4 bridge projects in the KDOT programs and will be contractor built within Republic County during 2020-2021.
- Zenger presented a list of 228 bridges for inspection during 2020 and will send to vendors for bids to inspect.
- Zenger is placing an ad for one full time operator.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss job performance of a non-elected person. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Attending the session were the commissioners and Zenger.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m., taking no action.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Splichal made a motion effective June 1, 2020 that all employees will be paid by direct deposit only. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal– Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member