

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and 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 Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church of Belleville/Agenda, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kris Kling, Clerk of District court, presented a bid from Tebow Plumbing to move refrigerant lines up to the ceiling and encase them in the judges' chamber as part of the remodeling of the room for the new judge, Regine Thompson. The Commissioners will tour the judges chamber later in the morning for review other remodeling that is requested.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste administrative assistant, presented for signatures the solid waste agreements between Republic County and the cities of Courtland, Cuba, Agenda and Narka. Aaron also presented for signature a Tower lease agreement between Republic County and Tony Strnad.

Aaron notified the commissioners of a G0402 Incident Command System training to be held in Clay Center on March 12 and registration deadline on February 27.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) Secretary, presented for signature a lien release letter and collateral release letter to Dan Wilber of Dan's Auto Body for completing the loan obligation. Shoemaker also announced that there would be an RCD meeting on March 11 to review a loan application.

Permission was granted for Brynn Alexander to attend an Excel Training Seminar in Salina on February 24th and 25th.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2020-18 for Cash Basis and Budget Law for 2020 for Republic County.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Discussion regarding back ground checks for pre-employment was tabled until County Attorney Justin Ferrell can review the basic requirements.

Commissioner Splichal discussed some remodeling requests for the North Central Medical Arts building in preparation of the new physician's arrival.

Kelvin Blecha, Conrad Trost, Ronda Blecha and Will Popelka from the North Central Kansas Fair Board requested funds to assist with the remodeling of the bathrooms in the commercial building on the fair grounds. Commissioners agree to work with the group on the improvements but need a quote before committing an amount. The fair board is also applying for funds through the Dane Hanson Foundation.

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

- Zenger presented two quotes from Foley Equipment to replace a road grader with no trade in.
 - New 2020, 120-14AWJ \$274,600.00
 - Used 2016, 120M2AW \$186,972.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to purchase the used grader and place the current grade for sale on Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

- Bridge crew will be moving to Valley Road when the Jade bridge is complete.
- The culvert on K St should be complete this week.
- Zenger stated that several culvert projects are on the schedule for this summer.
- Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Zenger review all purchases for safety clothing and equipment.
- Zenger requested an update on his proposal regarding the transportation drivers receiving equal hours and wage increases. This matter was tabled until Zenger can present comparable wages for local bus drivers at the schools and other counties that offer transportation services.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, presented a request to scan all the rest of the record books in deeds office for record preservation. There are 80 deed books with 600+ pages each that contain very old hand-written data. If these books become destroyed by any method, this history will be gone. Fidlar software company presented an agreement to scan all the books and save to a thumb drive for \$15,232.00. Fidlar also agreed to accept payments for three years to spread out the cost. Swanson has carryover from 2019 of \$4,000 to make the down payment and the rest will be paid in December each year until 2022.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agreement with Fidlar. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting.

Commissioners Jeardoe and Splichal and Clerk Marsicek moved the meeting to the judges' chamber to review the requested remodeling. Commissioners want to investigate more extensively the cost of remodeling the room. Not only will the refrigerant lines need moved but the lighting will need to be moved, the drop ceiling removed, the paneling removed with the walls patched and painted. Further discussion with the new judge, the custodian and possible contractors to work on the project will be held as soon as possible.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 24, 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