

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from The Belleville Telescope monitored part of 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 in 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 minutes from January 13, 2020. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beth Ball, Deputy County Clerk, updated the commissioners on the updating of computers in the courthouse and the possible need to purchase additional computers to replace older computers because of an issue to install the new anti-virus updates to older computers. Commissioners suggested that Ball research the age of the older computers and if necessary get quotes to replace them or research an anti-virus that will be compatible to that version of computer. Commissioner Jeardoe, Barry Porter and Beth Ball will be meeting with a representative from Wilson Communication regarding IT service on Friday, January 24.

Ball and Clerk Marsicek explained that the county drug testing is now being handled through the health department for new hires, random and post-accident testing. A procedure to include the requirements for employment will be presented to the commissioners for approval. A new change effective January 6, 2020, all CDL drivers hired will now be back-checked with a clearinghouse for driving records and there will be a set fee to process the records.

Clerk Marsicek requested a new credit card for this use and other courthouse general purchases that currently get charged to the clerk's card. Commissioners granted permission to request an additional credit card for County General with a \$500 limit.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2020-16, authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone program for year 2020 in the amount of \$22,500.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Kevin Trecek as Clerk of Willoughby Cemetery #9. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-16. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- Zenger announced the price for gravel has increased for 2020. He will review usage from 2019 and prepare estimate usage for 2020.
- Zenger stated the new oil bulk system that was installed in 2019 should save Republic County \$3,000 to \$5,000 in oil this year because of the bulk rates for government entities.

- Zenger shared that fuel center pumps could be replaced however, they still work and until a further price quotes are received no changes will be done.
- Zenger approves the purchase of safety clothing for employees to include boots, gloves and clothing not to exceed \$150.00 per employee per year.
- Zenger will be attending the Nationwide Conference for Highway Administrators in Alabama representing Kansas on April 19. As an executive board member for the Kansas County Highway Association, conference expenses will be paid for in full by the Kansas County Highway Association.
- Road crews are removing trees and grading roads.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss the 2020 delinquent tax sale. He has received a bid from Vicki Kopsa in the amount of no more than \$200 per tract. Some tracts will be less and as tracts are removed from the listing the charges decrease. Kopsa’s fees include personal expenses, labor, travel expenses and office supplies.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Kopsa. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:23 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data regarding the North Central Kansas Medical Arts building. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Justin Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:33 a.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 27, 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