

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 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 Robert Frasier, United Presbyterian 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 minutes from January 13, 2020. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Both commissioners will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$148,265.59.

Beth Ball, Deputy County Clerk, and Commissioner Jeardoe shared information from a meeting with a representative from Wilson Communication regarding IT service on Friday, January 24. Ball was instructed to request a quote for these services from Lock-It also.

Ball and Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator and DER, shared the website from Anytime Drug Testing and additional resources that Anytime offers. In addition, they presented a combination authorization sheet for new employee candidates that will replace multiple other forms currently in use.

Permission was granted for Beth Ball to attend Poll pad user update training in Topeka on January 28.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 2020-17, authorizing the preparation of the 2020 Delinquent Tax sale.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-17. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Honorable Mayor of Belleville Adam Robertson and Belleville City Manager Adam Anderson updated the commissioners on activities in the City of Belleville. Some of the discussion points were:

- The new Mayor and three council persons took their oath of office and started January 13.
- Waterline replacement should be completed by early spring.
- Nuisance Abatement program will be discussed at the council meeting on January 27.
- Citywide clean up is set for April.
- Plans to remove some old houses this summer.
- Planning meeting to set goals for future activities and updates is on the schedule.
- Water tower repairs and painting (inside and outside) scheduled for April.
- Discussion regarding digital speed limit signs on US 81.

Commissioners commended the city street crews on their snow removal.

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

- Zenger presented an asphalt plan to aid with the rotation of repairing, overlaying and sealing roads.
- Zenger presented bids for culverts:
 - Welborn \$40,577.40
 - J&J Drainage \$37,665.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from J&J Drainage. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Zenger make sure all the old drug testing files are to the health department.
- Zenger stated that since the wages for the bus drivers is partially funded through Kansas Department of Transportation, that Republic County should reevaluate wages for the drivers. Discussion table at this time.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Dustin Zenger.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m. taking no action.

Patrick Comstock requested permission to paint two rooms that are used by the Extension Office. Permission was granted.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, asked for permission to approve an increase of 1,698 for additional equipment in the new ambulance. Permission was granted. Beikmann also asked permission to donate older models of the AED to areas that could use a backup.

Susan Aaron announced the Local Emergency Planning Committee will be meeting at the Republic County Courthouse on February 11.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. to attend the Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 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