

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Roger Walls, United Methodist Church, Republic, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 12. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes were requested by Holl seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 taking no action.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, asked for clarification regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) rebate. Coons states that Part 6 Section G has conflicting information. Paragraph 1 says if the property owner is delinquent in payment of property taxes they are no longer eligible for tax rebates but in paragraph 2, it states the owner is late they shall not be eligible for rebate until such payments including interest and penalties have been made. After discussion with the appraiser, director of NRP, it was the consensus of the Board to remove paragraph 1.

Coons explained the sales tax money collected as of January 1, 2015 in the amount of \$1,272,267.65, will cover bond payments for 2015, 2016 and 2017. An estimate of \$40,000 could be collected each month and the balance of the bond money could be available by June 2017. The bond cannot be paid off early but the funds would be available.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, revisited the possibility of starting e-recording deeds and mortgages in Republic County by using Simplifile. The Board requested that Frint contact the E-recording vendor and our computer service provider to make sure our computers and printer/scanner is capable of handling this process. Frint will contact both companies and will report back next week to the Board. Frint explained there are 36 Kansas Counties using E-Recording.

Commissioner Splichal reported there were commissioners from 50 Kansas counties at the new commissioner training in Topeka January 14-15. He thought many good ideas and suggestions were presented to the new commissioners.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Darrell Hanson as Big Bend Township Treasurer. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Joan Holmberg as Richland Township Trustee. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m., taking no action.
- 2) Cherney and Novak suggested the county develop an asphalt mixing strip along the west side of section 34-2-4 in the land Republic County owns. Novak visited with Todd Wecker from High Plains and an area of 330' x 330'

would be necessary to develop a mixing strip. Republic County will discuss with Luke Mahin and Mike Hadachek if Economic Development has any other solutions to the mixing strip area.

- 3) Novak set up a meeting for next week with Dane Barclay from Alsop about gravel (sand) samples to compare with the grade of gravel (sand) received from the Nebraska sand company.
- 4) The dump truck purchased last fall from Virginia needs a new motor because the head is cracked. Sasser will be locating a rebuilt motor for this dump truck.
- 5) Discussion regarding purchasing a motor grader is tabled until a new highway administrator is hired.
- 6) The new pickups ordered from Melton Motor should arrive the last of January or first of February.

Road and Bridge employees including Danny Davis, Kevin Kopsa, Tom Thompson, Allan Carlson and Jeremiah Allen, presented concerns about the road and bridge department.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Clerk Marsicek, Davis, Kopsa, Thompson, Carlson and Allen. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Bergstrom, seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl, seconded by Splichal agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m., taking no action.

The Board suggested the road and bridge employees be patient during this transition of hiring a Highway Administrator. Commissioner Holl told the employees, they all play a key role in keeping our county roads safe and looking good and keep up the good work.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach to attend The District 5 KHCA meeting on January 21 in Salina.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:40 a.m., taking so action.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:00. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Holl, Chairperson

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

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Edwin Splichal, Member