

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 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 Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from March 16. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

All the Republic County Commissioners will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Permission was granted for the Belleville Assembly of God to host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn on April 4.

The Board discussed the closing of the courthouse for Good Friday Services on April 3. The consensus of the Board was to close the building completely from 12-2.

Barry Porter and Retha Blecha from the Appraiser office related information from the state regarding the Blair Center for the Arts becoming exempt from property taxes. The Blair group may apply for exempt status but according to the K.S.A. 79-1439a, a group receiving rent does not qualify for exemption. Currently, the Blair East is taxed as a business at 25% and the Blair West is taxed as not-for-profit at 12%. Letters have been sent to the Blair Center about classing the Blair East as not-for-profit but papers have not been filed.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the NCK Treasurers and Register of Deeds District meeting in Salina on April 9.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. As formal notice of action, The Proclamation is to be published in the local paper.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, asked permission to purchase a new mower. The current mower is a 2008 Snapper and has 500 hours. The Board granted permission to purchase a mower. Bids need to be requested including trading of old mower if possible. Calkins reported Carlson found one leak in the sprinkler system and it has been repaired.

Rob Kasl, representing the Patriot Veteran Group, presented a list of days the flags will be flown at the courthouse. Kasl noted that the Patriot Veteran Group is pursuing placement of a statue between the two front sidewalks of the courthouse. This statute, "Freedom Keeper", would be an eagle mounted on a globe draped by a flag on top of a memorial to all branches of service. The estimated cost is \$60,000-\$75,000. Kasl will inform the Board when he has more information to present.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, asked when interviews for the Health Administrator would be held. Commissioner Holl stated Clerk Marsicek will be setting interviews starting next Monday, March 30.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach and Linda Wendt to attend ICD10 Training in Overland Park, KS, April 6-8.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Zenger presented a Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit between the Strnad Family LLC and Republic County for signing.
- 2) An Agreement between Republic County and Tony Strnad granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on 290 Road was signed.
- 3) An Agreement between Republic County and RWD#2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on Birch Road was signed.
- 4) An Agreement between Republic County and RWD#2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on Fir Road was signed.
- 5) Zenger asked permission to issue a fuel card for the Munden Fire Department to fill fire trucks. The Board granted permission.
- 6) Zenger has received several calls about putting gravel on roads. Commissioner Bergstrom informed Zenger if a gravel road was a bus route or a mail route it should be graveled.
- 7) Road crews are starting to gravel roads where needed and plans to re-work priority roads is underway.
- 8) Zenger inspected the three miles of asphalt on 180 Rd south of Hwy 148. Zenger proposes patching it this year and revisit the possibility of changing it to a gravel road in the future.
- 9) Zenger suggested an asphalt overlay on the driveway behind the clinic.
- 10) An Agreement between Republic County and City of Munden for solid waste fees was signed.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the application for Disaster Relief for property taxes for the Christopher White fire. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the Appraiser Department led by Barry Porter and the Dispatch and Communications areas by Raymond Raney.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 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