

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. Commissioner Melvin Jeardoe joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Al Urich, American Lutheran Church in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regular accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$185,751.21. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds accounts payable were approved in the amount of \$249.64.

Commissioner Jeardoe and Splichal will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon today.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, reported that he has been in contact with Cunningham Cable regarding the Nebraska Stations verse Kansas Stations. No decisions have been concluded.

Ferrell has been filing summons and notices to individuals involved in the bullying incident.

Raymond Raney reported that he explained the application process to apply for ARPA funds at the last department head meeting. Raney received one application in response to the meeting.

Sheriff Dave Cox updated the commissioners on the proposed purchase of Digi-Ticket. Cox was notified that there will be a \$1,500.00 charge to connect with Interpol and the maintenance fee for \$785.00 which is not included in the sheriff budget for 2022.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to use the County Equipment Reserve to cover the maintenance charge during 2022. Then Sheriff Cox can include the extra fees in the 2023 budget. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, explained that Scandia has two water wells that are working well. Scandia is looking for a third well as a reserve if needed in the future. Cline also appreciated that the commissioners are looking at alternative ways to save Republic County and cities money by researching other ways to dispose of the solid waste and recyclables.

Cline reported that Scandia has some cold mix but needs some hot oil to mix so if the county has any extra patching materials could it be used in Scandia? Commissioner Splichal advised Cline to contact the county shop. At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe called to order the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearings for Republic County and Rural Fire District No. 1. Seeing no objections by the public, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-46 and Resolution No. 2021-47 allowing Republic County and Rural Fire District #1 to request

funding over the RNR of those taxing entities. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Commissioner Jeardoe closed the RNR hearing at 10:14 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe called to order the budget hearings for Republic County and Rural Fire District No. 1 & 2. Since there were no objections or questions by the public, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the budget hearings for Republic County and Rural Fire Districts No. #1 and #2. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe closed the budget hearings at 10:30 a.m.

Kenneth Robbins and Nathan Craig presented the updates from the county shop.

- Robbins presented the weekly report to the Commissioners and community concerns.
- Robbins explained that an employee tested positive for Covid-19 last week. Therefore, some employees have been put in quarantine and have been encouraged to be tested for the virus later this week if they do not show symptoms. All employees will follow the instructions from the County Health Department.
- Robbins and Craig reported that a railroad car has been ordered as a culvert for the replacement on 210 Rd south of US 36.
- Robbins stated that the parts to replace the fuel center have been ordered and hope they will be delivered in a week or two.
- Robbins announced that another 400-600 tons of cold mix have been ordered but no due date is available.
- Following a discussion regarding the date of the county tour, the date was changed from August 30, 2021 to September 13, 2021.
- Robbins and Craig have been in communication with Mayor Cline to combine the patching in Scandia when the asphalt crew has completed the patching south of Scandia.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe opened the Solid Waste Landlord hearing. Susan Aaron presented a list of 14 properties to be added to the 2021 tax statements. Since there were no objections to the listing, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the listing and close the hearing. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Permission was granted for Raymond Raney to attend the 17th Annual Kansas Association of Floodplain Management (KAFM) Conference in Mulvane, Kansas from August 31 to September 2, 2021.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn in order for the commissioners to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 30, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Doug Garman – Member