

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. 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.

Pastor Sang Hak Lee, United Methodist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the October 18, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the October 25, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission to was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend the Fidler Technology Fall Partner meeting in Kansas City, Kansas on November 2, 2021.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell presented updates.

Ferrell reported that he will join Mike Hadachek at next week's commissioner meeting to present the mortgage papers for the Republic County hospital.

Ferrell announced that he has been busy with many court cases. He has visited with Levi Whitley, EMS Director, about planning a presentation for the Republic County Hospital board regarding remodeling plans for a fully covered ambulance bay at the hospital.

Swanson reported that the number of COVID cases in Republic County continues to decline.

Swanson announced that all types of COVID booster vaccines have been approved to be offered but the health department requires that persons meet the requirements before receiving the vaccine.

Swanson explained the billing process for persons receiving the COVID vaccine. If a person is not covered by insurance the billing will be written off.

James Doyle, Belleville Highbanks treasurer, requested permission to partner with Republic County as a pass-through holder for a grant. Since the racing association is a 501C6 organization, they need another organization to partner with to qualify for the grant. The commissioners want to contact our auditor before a decision is made.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, still concern about unnecessary spending by departments such as:

- The Digi-Ticket system purchased was not a necessity but rather just a new convenience.
- The increase of funds needed to transfer retirement benefits from KPERS to KP&F for the ambulance department. Wilber asked how are the commissioners going to justify that benefit to other employees.

Commissioners reviewed the two quotes presented by Sheriff David Cox in last week's meeting. Commissioner Splichal requested that Sheriff Cox join the meeting to answers questions regarding the proposed purchase.

Sheriff Cox explained that the trade-in value of the 2014 Chevy Impala is higher since it has less miles. Cox would like to develop a regular rotation of patrol vehicles.

The quotes presented are:

- Melton Motors 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 \$50,465 minus trade-in \$16,500 =\$33,965.00
- Long McArthur 2022 Ford F150 \$48,460 minus trade-in \$9,465 =\$38,995.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motors. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Trell Grinter, OCCK representative, presented the annual report and review of services offered through OCCK.

Ken Robbins, Nathan Craig, Max Wickstrum and Stacie Bowen presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins announced that the asphalt has been milled from the Courtland main street to the south a couple miles. Overlay will continue when the temperature is in the 50's.
- Robbins presented a utility agreement between Republic County and Nex-Tech to install an underground cable at Union and 30 Rd.
- Robbins requested signatures on a program agreement to share costs on replacing a bridge on Xavier Rd near Talmo.
- Commissioner Garman notified Robbins of drainage issues 1.5 miles south of Fir Rd on 40 Rd.
- Robbins announced that crews have been trimming trees out of the right of way.
- Robbins announced that there is a position open for a truck driver.

Commissioners reviewed the 2022 Holiday schedule and Accounts payable due dates and check run dates.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept these requested dates. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 8, 2021. Due to canvassing ballots the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal – Member

Doug Garman – Member