

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Doug Garman was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable voucher for ARPA in the amount of \$174.28 was approved.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell presented their biweekly updates to the commissioners.

Ferrell reported that he has conducted presentations for several schools in Concordia and is scheduling bullying presentations in Pike Valley and Republic County schools.

Ferrell announced that Resolution No. 2021-48 was sent to the legal counsel for the bank to finalize the mortgage information for the Republic County Hospital loans.

Swanson announced that COVID testing and active cases have slowed down. Swanson also announced that flu shot clinics are being scheduled for later this month.

Raney reported that he and Susan Aaron attend the annual KEMA conference where there were speakers discussing what other counties are purchasing with the ARPA funds.

Raney announced the hiring of Allison Baxter as a dispatcher with a starting hourly wage of \$13.00.

Sheriff David Cox reported that there are 10 inmates currently housed in the Republic County jail. Cox also explained a new communication system proposed for the jail area where inmates will have web visits with visitors instead of current visitation.

Cox announced that there will be three phases to the implementation of Digi-Ticket. The first phase included a video training by the officers. Phase two is a review of all the Statues and fees associated with issuing a Digi-Ticket by the Sheriff for accuracy. The final phase will be installing the Digi-Ticket and printers in each vehicle and proper instruction training.

Arlene Clayton, a concerned citizen, visited briefly with the commissioners regarding an article in the Sunday, September 19, 2021 newspaper.

Ken Robbins presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins stated that the sealing on Fir Road is starting today.
- Robbins reported that Kyle Railroad inquired about giving Republic County 1000 railroad ties. Robbins has not responded to this request, still researching possibilities.
- The bridge crew is busy replacing culverts before harvest as not to close roads during harvest. Some culverts may wait until harvest is complete.
- Robbins announced that Bobby Lawson will be stepping down as road supervisor to pursue full-time farming. No last day has been announced. Lawson will still be available as a resource for special projects.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a Human Resource issue. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Robbins and Clerk Marsicek.

Board reconvened at 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow a road and bridge employee to use 40 hours of banked sick leave. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 10:56 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a Human Resource issue. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Robbins and Clerk Marsicek.

Board Reconvened at 11:01 a.m., taking no action.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, thanked the commissioners for approving the transfer from KPERS to KP&F for full-time EMS employees. Clerk Marsicek stated that a KP&F representative will be coming

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 27, 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