

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 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.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Presbyterian Church of Beloit, offered the Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regular accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$512,912.64. The Paint the County voucher was approved for \$500.00.

Kay Shoemaker, Keith Anderson, Tanner Johnson and Mike Hadachek representing Republic County Development (RCD) presented amended requirements for loan to Tuxies Ten Pin for approval.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve amended loan with the new stipulations. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2021-48 for Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, granting permission to list the Republic County Hospital on a mortgage for the additional expansion.

Commissioner Splichal move to approve Resolution No. 2021-48. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Retha Blecha, Daughter of the American Revolution, announced that September 17 to 23 is Constitution Week and asked permission to post signage on the courthouse square. Permission was granted.

Following a brief discussion of transferring retirement benefits for the ambulance employees from KPERS to KP&F, Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-49, to change to KP&F for ambulance employees effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Clerk Marsicek will contact KP&F to prepare the necessary changes.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Mary Simmons to attend the fall North Central Kansas County Clerk's meeting in Mankato on September 16, 2021.

Ken Robbins, Director of Highway, Transportation & Solid Waste, Nathan Craig, Highway Department Supervisor, and Stacey Bowen, Transportation, presented their weekly reports.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns report.
- Robbins announced the closing of bridge on a county road east of Scandia until decisions can be made in regards to repairing it or not.
- Robbins reported that several culverts and cold mix are scheduled for delivery this week.
- Robbins presented a water line agreement between Republic County and Bostwick Irrigation to be installed under 30 Rd.

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

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman requested an executive session for 2 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Robbins and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Garman requested an additional 2 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:49 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners, Robbins, Clerk Marsicek joined transportation driver Carol Nelson for the road tour to see many current projects, proposed projects and completed projects by the road and bridge department. Attached is a drawing of the route.

While in the Agenda area, a break was taken at Millard's garage where the owner treated everyone to a cold drink.

At 3:00 p.m. the group returned to the courthouse.

At 3:02 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTESTED: _____
Kathleen L Marsicek
Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe, Chairperson

Edwin Splichal, Member

Doug Garman, Member