

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

- *Commissioners present: Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe, and Doug Garman
- *Others present: Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, to record meeting minutes; Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, to monitor part of meeting.
- *Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m., attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- *Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.
- *Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Splichal - motion, Commissioner Garman 2nd, so moved.
- *Approval of August 23, 2021 minutes: Commissioner Garman - motion, Commissioner Splichal 2nd, so moved.
- *Travel Permission granted to Raymond Raney & Susan Aaron to attend the 2021 Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) Conference in Mulvane, Kansas, September 13-17, 2021.
- *Travel Permission granted to Susan Aaron to attend the Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) in Junction City, Kansas, November 8-10, 2021.
- *Commissioner Splichal attended the Juvenile Detention Meeting in Junction City on August 18, 2021
- *Commissioner Jeardoe attended the Pawnee Mental Health Meeting via Zoom last week
- *8:40 am, Barry Porter, Appraiser, requested to meet in Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance and wages. Commissioner Garman - motion, Commissioner Jeardoe 2nd, so moved. Attending: Commissioners and Porter. Session ended at 8:50 am. No action taken.
- *Porter discussed land values in relationship to the proposed wind generators
- *9:00 am, Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, presented an update on the Courtroom COVID-related set up. Kling also discussed the lack of meeting room availability for the upcoming Jury Trial participants, which is scheduled for October. The Commissioners agreed to utilize and update the Court's Vault Storage room for the upcoming and future court proceedings. They requested a memo be sent out to all department heads requesting all stored items be removed from the storage room by the end of this week.
- *9:30 am, Dawn Snyder, 12th Judicial District, presented the Kansas Department of Corrections Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan. Snyder also presented a Funding Allocation Comparison breakdown for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. Snyder then asked the Commissioners if they would approve the Year End Outcome Report. Commissioner Splichal - motion, Commissioner Garman 2nd, so moved.
- *10:00 am, Ken Robbins, Director of Highway, Transportation & Solid Waste, Nathan Craig, Highway Department Supervisor, and Stacey Bowen, Transportation Department Supervisor, presented their weekly reports.

- Robbins presented a proposed Street Phasing Layout Plan for an area near the Love’s Travel Plaza in Belleville.
- Robbins gave an update on the status of the employees exposed and affected by COVID.
- Robbins reviewed Culvert Installation & Replacement requests, Drainage Issues and other community concerns.
- Robbins explained that patching is paused until more materials are received. They currently have 50 tons of Cold Mix which is reserved for and will be used at Courland prior to the milling and overlay project in that area.
- Robbins reported that drainage improvements were made at the Republic County Museum and that a 7,000 lb slab of concrete was placed under a vintage Jail Cage.
- Robbins indicated that the Highway Department web page has been updated with links to their Weekly Reports.
- Craig explained that the Rose Creek Bridge, on 210 Road and south of Highway 36, will be replaced with a railcar tanker that has been recycled into a 48 x 10 ft steel tube. Equipment has been mobilized to the project site and demolition of the existing bridge has begun. The tube is expected to be delivered August 31.
- Robbins presented an aerial view of the area affected by the March 7, 2021, grass fire in Jefferson Township. Robbins reported that KCAMP is still looking into the damage caused by the fire.
- Robbins presented the Commissioners with two Road and Bridge applications, one for a part-time position and one for a full-time position. Commissioners approved and signed the applications for hire.

*10:45 am, Commissioners entered into a phone conference call with Danielle Swanson, Republic County Health Director, to visit about the current CDC quarantine requirements and restrictions.

*10:50 am, Levi Whitley, EMS Director, and Jeff Beikmann, EMS Assistant Director, inquired about the status of the KP&F coverage for EMS employees. The Commissioners will look into and report back to Whitley. EMS has been busy with transfers and calls.

*11:20 am, Loretta Gurtler, with Diversified Drug Testing, presented information to the Commissioners regarding their DOT, non-DOT and pre-employment drug screening mobile services.

*11:45 am, Adjournment of Meeting: Commissioner Garman - motion, Commissioner Splichal 2nd, so moved.

Due the Labor Day on Monday, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTESTED: _____
 Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds
 Pro Temp

APPROVED: _____
 Melvin Jeardoe, Chairperson

 Edwin Splichal, Member

 Doug Garman, Member