

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 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 Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek announced the hiring of Travis Boyer as the Deputy County Clerk. Boyer started August 2, 2021 with an hourly wage of \$13.50.

Commissioners reviewed the suggested list of reimbursements through grant monies that the Health department received and tabled any decision until Danielle Swanson could meet with them.

At 9:30 a.m., the Commissioners moved their meeting to the Register of Deeds office. Register of Deeds, Sandee Swanson, explained the duties of the Deeds office by showing the different historical record books that include deeds, mortgages, mortgage releases, old birth certificates and other information sought after for genealogy tracking and land transfers. Several of the record books have been scanned and uploaded to the computer but there are several older books that need to be scanned and uploaded so the researchers can have easier access to the information.

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners returned to the boardroom to finish the agenda items.

Kenneth Robbins and Susan Aaron presented updates from the county shop and solid waste area.

- Aaron presented for signature the Solid Waste fee schedules for the following cities
 - Agenda
 - Belleville
 - Narka
- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns report.
- Robbins is researching the possibility of outsourcing hot asphalt contractors for 2022. This would free up our local asphalt personnel to work on other projects.
- Robbins reported that the fuel center is having issues because of the age of the equipment and computer software. Robbins is discussing with a vendor the costs involved with completely replacing the current equipment pumps or one pump each year over the next few years. He will report back to the board next week.
- Robbins has inventoried all the culverts on hand and does not plan on ordering additional culverts unless there is not a culvert size to complete the project.

- The commissioners granted permission to order the recycling trailer with the grant money.
- The county road tour is set for Monday, August 30 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting to clarify information of a case filed. It is regarding cattle free ranging rather than noxious weed issues.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 23, 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