

## **REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

### **TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope and Quinten Bergstrom observed the meeting.

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

Pastor Michael MacWinnie, Zion Church of Munden, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$94,496.10.

Sheila Stout and Susan Sprague, OCCK, presented the annual report and request for funding from Republic County. Stout reported that 136 Republic County residents received assistance from OCCK and 658 utilized the bus services. OCCK is not requesting any increase in funding for 2021 and announced that 2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OCCK. Sprague explained some of the programs available through OCCK and presented the number of Republic County persons that participated in each program.

Commissioner Splichal announced that the Juvenile Detention meeting on June 17 will be held in Belleville in the commissioners' board room.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to return to weekly commission meetings starting June 1. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell announced that Governor Laura Kelly will have a special conference call at 3:00 p.m. regarding the state's plan for reopening businesses. Phase 2 officially started on May 22. Raney requested action on Resolution 2020-27, Public Health COVID-19 Pandemic Extension for another 60 days.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-27. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek, Republic County Development (RCD), requested signatures on vouchers for the RCED modified loans for Coles Appliance, Tami Cakes and Woodshop Pizza. Hadachek requested signatures on the closing loan forms for Sheets and Suds Laundromat.

Honorable Mayor, Adam Robertson, Belleville City Attorney, Coleman Younger and City of Belleville Manager, Adam Anderson, requested an update on the request to remove the delinquent taxes on the property in the Belleville City Land Bank. Anderson cited K.S.A. 12-5909 as documentation. Clerk Marsicek explained that another statute, K.S.A. 79-1703, explains that the delinquent taxes need to be paid to clear the property. Copies of both statutes were given to the Republic County Attorney to research or contact the Attorney General for his opinion on the correct statute to apply to the delinquent taxes.

Mayor Robertson requested clarification on the traveling restrictions for Republic County citizens. How are the restrictions set and by whom? Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell were requested to join the meeting to explain the restrictions. Swanson and Ferrell created the travel restrictions in regards to the number of active coronavirus cases in the counties. The reason is to help prevent the spread of coronavirus into Republic County. Each county can establish the travel restrictions for their county.

At 2:55 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job duties in the absence of a Road Administrator. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 3:10 p.m., taking no action.

Robert Lawson, Nathan Craig and Stacy Bowen joined the meeting from the Road and Bridge and Transportation and Solid Waste.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained to the group that Lawson and Craig have been selected to be Co-Interim Directors of the Road and Bridge department until a new Administrator has been hired. Jeardoe also explained that Daniel Snyder and Bowen have been selected to be Interim Directors in Solid Waste and Transportation respectfully.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the resolutions regarding the new duties.

- Resolution No. 2020-28, Robert Lawson and Nathan Craig as Co-Interim Directors of the Republic County Highway Department.
- Resolution No. 2020-29, Daniel Snyder as Interim Director of the Solid Waste Department.
- Resolution No. 2020-30, Stacy Bowen as Interim Director of the Transportation Department.

Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners requested that these persons meet regularly with the commissioners to update on projects as the director would to create a smooth transition until an administrator can be hired.

Bowen announced that the transportation buses started picking up riders today.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand, requested assistance with traffic control from the road department while Alsop Sand repairs an area of road adjacent to their property on 90 Rd south of Scandia. Barclay will supply the road work and sand if the county will supply the traffic control and finish grading when base work is complete.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to assist Alsop Sand with road improvements to 90 Rd when time allows. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 3:50 p.m., Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job duties, position changes and wage changes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 4:00 p.m., taking no action.

Swanson rejoined the meeting and stated that Governor Laura Kelly has placed all reopening responsibilities on each County Health Officer and County Commissioners. The Phases originally set for openings are no long in force. Swanson recommended that Republic County use the original Phases to assure that Republic County reopens as projected.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, announced taxes collected from March 24 to May 26 were \$3,550,652.60, leaving a balance of \$949,263.17.

Jeff Beikmann, Assistant EMS Director, announced that he and David Holloway will view a virtual tour of the new ambulance later this week. Beikmann requested permission to advertise the old ambulance on Purplewave auction site.

Permission was granted to advertise on Purplewave auction site.

After reviewing resolutions changing job duties of the EMS Director and Assistant EMS Director, Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to approve the following resolutions affective June 1, 2020:

- Resolution No. 2020-23, Rescinding previous Resolution No. 2020-5, appointing David Holloway as EMS Director.
- Resolution No. 2020-24, Appointing Jeffery Beikmann as the EMS Director
- Resolution No. 2020-25, Rescinding previous Resolution No. 2020-6, appointing Jeffery Beikmann as Assistant EMS Director.
- Resolution No. 2020-26, Appointing David Holloway as the Assistant EMS Director.

Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe stated that David Holloway's wages would decrease to \$17.10 per hour and Holloway would be allowed to use his accrued vacation and sick leave and Republic County would continue to pay his health insurance until December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Jeardoe stated that Jeffery Beikmann was to receive a raise to \$18.25 per hour and his benefits would not change.

Clerk Marsicek announced that the annual audit of financial funds for 2019 is completed and that the auditor has suggested carry over transfer amounts for 2020. These transfer amounts will be presented at the next meeting.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 1, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair  
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Edwin Splichal– Member  
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Marvin Bergstrom – Member