

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 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 Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$118,533.29.

Commissioners Jeardoe and Splichal will attend the Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Raymond Raney and Danielle Swanson presented updates regarding the Pandemic and their departments.

- Raney stated that there have not been any updates to the American Rescue Plan funding regarding when the county will receive it or the exact amount.
- Swanson reported that the Point of Distribution (POD) held on April 22 was the last POD. Anyone wanting a vaccine for COVID needs to contact the Health Department. All three types of vaccines are available.
- Swanson also announced that the Health Department received a \$123,000 grant from Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The commissioners announced beginning May 1, 2021, the weekly updates from Swanson, Raney and Ferrell will be changed to every other week.

Following a brief discussion regarding the National Heritage Area (NHA) program, Resolution No. 2021-29, Opposing the NHA in Republic County was presented for action.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-29. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:25 a.m., taking no action.

Dawn Snyder, 12th Judicial District, presented the FY 2022 Budget summaries and two grant applications for Republic County's approval.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

The Honorable Mayor of Scandia, Gary Cline, requested cold mix from the county for street repairs and announced that he appreciates the county for stopping to pick up the recycling trailer, taking it to Mankato and returning the trailer to Scandia.

Nathan Craig, Dan Snyder and Susan Aaron presented updates from the county shop area and solid waste.

Commissioner Jeardoe notified Craig that the City of Scandia will be contacting the county for some cold mix.

- Craig shared that grader operators are covering as many miles as possible and additional gravel is being delivered to roads that need it.
- Culvert work has begun on the culvert by the Belleville elevator.
- Craig is pricing additional culverts, steel and aluminum.
- Craig asked permission to purchase a box car culvert to replace the bridge on 140 Rd south of Timber Rd. Commissioners granted permission.
- Commissioners suggested that a reserve fund be set up to replace the current fuel center.
- Commissioner Garman suggested that the operators blade off the roughness of the roads before the new gravel is applied.
- Snyder reported that millings have been delivered to the approach to the cells at the landfill.
- Snyder requested that the dozer is needed at the landfill since the crawler is needing serviced. Snyder and Craig will discuss a schedule to use the dozer until the crawler is fixed.
- Aaron reported that she is filling out a grant application for a recycling trailer and asked permission to include a baler for the solid waste department. Aaron and Snyder explained that if we had a baler we could bale our recycling instead of delivery to another county. Republic County could be a recycling pick up point. In the last two years we have delivered over 72.4 tons of recycled items and received nothing in return. If Republic County became a recycling center, the county could receive some funds to offset the expenses. Commissioners agreed to apply for both the recycling trailer and a baler.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), presented two applications for grants from RCED. One is for paint a home and the other is Empty nester for persons moving out of their home to a smaller facility.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the applications. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman abstained.

Clerk Marsicek presented four letters appointing persons to become Republic County Republican Party Precinct committee men and women to be approved.

- Brad and Kristy Shrader in Norway Township
- Phil and Korin Poppe in the Liberty Township

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made the motion unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he had attended the Juvenile Board meeting.

Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Clerk Marsicek contact the candidates for Road & Bridge Administrator to arrange interview times for May 3 in the afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 3, 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