

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed 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 Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$562,274.04 were approved.

Raymond Raney reported that the first Point of Dispensing (POD) of COVID vaccine in the 4-H building went well.

Discussion was held regarding reimbursing the Extension Office for allowing the POD clinics.

Justin Ferrell clarified information regarding Republic County authorizing two County newspapers as defined in K.S.A. 64-101 (4b).

The Board of county commissioners of each county shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official county newspaper. Once designated, the newspaper shall be the official county newspaper until such time as the board designates a different newspaper. The newspaper selected for the official publication of the county shall be a newspaper which: (1) Is published at least weekly 50 times each year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any official county publication; (2) is entered at the post office in the county of publication as periodical class mail matter, which county shall be located in Kansas; (3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the county and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and (4) is published in the county publishing the official publication. If there are NO newspapers published in the county, the newspaper shall be printed in Kansas and have a general paid circulation in the county. Ferrell stated that the county designated two county official newspapers. Both newspapers can be used for publications, however; since neither the Belleville Telescope nor Courtland Journal are published in the county, the paper with the largest number of publications and published in Kansas shall receive the legal notices. Any entity that has designated an official paper does not have to change where they are sending their publications. Publications can be placed in both newspapers.

Mike Hadachek, Republic County Development (RCD) banker, presented for signature a lien release for business equipment for Cole's appliance. Hadachek also announced that no monthly RCD meeting will be held in February.

Terry Lambert, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Lambert presented for approval the new supplemental agreement with Cloud County for disposal of material solid waste. Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Lambert reported that he had contacted the solid waste department of Washington County regarding transfer fees and hauling to Topeka disposal location. Lambert asked permission from the commissioners to investigate the option of joining Washington County solid waste for disposal and recycling. Permission was granted.
- Lambert announced that he is applying for a grant to paint lines on all county owned asphalt roads.
- Lambert announced that bridge E-2.4 is complete and final inspection will be held when the weather permits.
- Lambert presented a road improvement projection during 2021.

- Lambert presented for signatures a memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for solid waste fees for 2021.
- Commissioner Garman asked Lambert to review all roads for washboards and correct crowning for water to drain off the roads and into the ditches.

David Strnad, EMS Interim Director, announced that the quotes for the side by side vehicle should be available next week.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Strnad and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:15 a.m., taking no action.

Raney returned to the meeting to present pictures of the POD on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek presented correspondence from Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) requesting that Republic County proclaim February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Splichal moved to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) designating April 9 as Blue Day and that April is National Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

An information meeting for landowners regarding NextEra Wind Transmission line and Turbine lease will be on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in Cuba and 3:00 p.m. in Washington.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to Presidents on Monday and schedule conflicts on Tuesday, the next regular meeting will at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair  
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Edwin Splichal – Member  
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Doug Garman – Member