

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 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.

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

Lay Pastor Al Urich, American Lutheran Church of Belleville, 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 July 6, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers from regular funding were approved in the amount of \$259,501.79 along with \$5,000 from the RCED Empty Nest Program.

Raymond Raney proposed that the dispatchers whom work night shift receive a shift differential. In order to implement the differential, the proposed budget needs to be increased. Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that Raney contact Sheriff David Cox to develop a MOU to be applied to dispatchers similar to the deputy and jailer positions.

Luke Mahin and Jennifer Mahin from Irrigation Ales presented information in regards to putting a countywide question on the November ballot to remove the 30% food sales requirement in establishments that sell liquor by the drink per K.S.A 41-2646(b).

Following a brief discussion, the commissioners recommended that a resolution be presented to the Board of Commissioners with the exact wording for the ballot. Once the resolution is approved the required ballot information needs to be presented to the County Clerk to add a question to the November ballot.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, reported that the water tower in Munden has been completely cleaned and painted. Blecha also asked when the county would be applying an overlay to the blacktop south of Munden. Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that Blecha contact Ken Robbins for information regarding an overlay.

Blecha also suggested that the commissioners consider using American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist with a water treatment plant for the Republic County.

Kay Shoemaker and Keith Anderson from Republic County Development (RCD) requested an executive session to discuss a loan applicant.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data in relation to an RCD loan application. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was

made unanimous by Commissioner Garman. Attending the session were the commissioners, Shoemaker, Anderson, Blecha and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:15 a.m., taking no action.

Permission to travel was granted for Levi Whitley to attend Barton County IC classes in Great Bend on August 24-25, September 21-22 and October 19.

Permission to travel was granted for Levi Whitley to attend Region 4 bimonthly meetings on August 10, October 12 and December 14.

Ken Robbins, Nathan Craig, Susan Aaron and Stacey Bowen presented updates from the county shop area, solid waste and transportation.

- Aaron presented for signatures the solid waste fees agreements between Republic County and
 - City of Munden
 - City of Scandia
 - City of Courtland
- Aaron also presented a permission to travel for her and Raymond Raney to attend Kansas All-Hazard Regional Incident Management Team Symposium in Salina from August 17 to August 19. Permission was granted.
- Robbins presented the weekly report including community concerns, new projects and completed projects.
- Robbins reported that since the county has received a delivery of cold mix that the patching on Fir Rd has continued.
- Robbins announced that bridge X-19.1 has been selected for the Off-System bridge project.
- Robbins sent two employees to assist with road repairs in Cuba this week.

Commissioner Jeardoe stated that Mayor Jimmie Blecha from Munden inquired about when the overlay will be done on the asphalt road south of Munden.

- Robbins and Craig stated that the Narka asphalt has priority this year.
- Robbins reported that he has visited one on one with a little over half of his employees.

Randy Hofmeier, from Lindburg, Vogel Pierce Chartered, presented a draft proposal of the 2022 Republic County budget to be reviewed and modified as needed before setting a budget hearing. Following several updates, a final draft was presented and the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing will be August 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and the regular budget hearing will be August 23, 2021 at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the District Court budget request for 2022. The amount requested is the same as 2021 at \$95,000. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion that was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2021-38, an Interlocal agreement between Republic County and Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool (KCAMP) to provide insurance to Republic County.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 12:50 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Republic County Commission meeting the week of July 19 to July 22, 2021.

The Commissioners will meet with the Kansas Historical Society Committee on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on the courthouse front steps to discuss replacing the front steps and the sidewalk at the back door of the courthouse. Since the building and part of the sidewalk are registered with the National Historical Society, all improvements must be approved through the Historical Society.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 26, 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