

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 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 Sang Hak Lee, United Methodist 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 June 21, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Two commissioners will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Commissioner Jeardoe presented Kathy Calkins with a retirement plaque for 16 years of service to Republic County.

Approval was granted for the Belleville Library to use part of the courtyard for a special summer reading project.

Sheriff David Cox announced the hiring of Kerry Tice as jailer with the starting wage of \$13.00 per hour.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, explained that there is \$12,500, (enough for 5 applications for \$2,500) available for applicants that qualify for funds through the "Demolition Assistance" program. Mahin presented one application for approval.

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

Mahin reported that two of the "Paint the County" applicants have finalized their projects and the \$500 refunds have been paid.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, reported that the number of transfers out of the county and regular calls answered has increased by 100 from a year ago.

Westin Pachta, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, invited the commissioners to the annual Cuba Harvest Festival and tractor road tour on July 17. Pachta also asked if the county has any extra asphalt for use in Cuba?

Kenneth Robbins, Nathan Craig and Stacey Bowen presented updates from the county shop area and transportation.

- Robbins presented the weekly report to the commissioners including community concerns.
- Robbins will make an appointment to visit with Mayor Pachta of Cuba regarding asphalt.
- Robbins presented for signature a waterline agreement between Brad Hobelmann and Republic County to construct and operate an underground waterline under the right of way north of the intersection of 110 RD and Cedar RD.
- Robbins announced the hiring of Clint Del Bosque with a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour.
- Robbins reported that two letters were delivered in person to the landowners regarding the noxious weed issues in Republic County.
- Robbins announced that bids to overlay the Courtland road will be opened on Tuesday, July 6 at 10:00 in the commissioners meeting.
- Craig reported that the regrade on the “L” road between 150 RD and 160 RD should be completed this week.

The commissioners reviewed the budget draft for 2022. A few updates were proposed to be sent to the auditor before a final draft will be published.

At 11:50 a.m., in order to attend the Republic County Hospital board meeting at noon, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess. The board will reconvene at 4:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom to meet with Judge Kim Cudney and staff from the District court concerning requested updates to the courtroom. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The board reconvened at 4:00 p.m. in the courtroom. Attending the open gathering were the commissioners, Judge Kim Cudney, Judge Regine Thompson, Clerk of the court Kris Kling, Randy Junek from Hoods Plumbing and heating, Justin Ferrell, Patrick Comstock and Clerk Marsicek.

Judge Cudney explained that the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District received grant money through the CARES act and several pieces of equipment were purchased to update the courtroom. However, the grants did not include installation of equipment nor the updates to electrical necessities to operate the equipment. The courtroom needs extra outlets and wiring installed to handle the new equipment.

After a clarification of the exact needs of the courtroom, Junek will present a new quote to add additional wiring and outlets to accommodate the increased equipment.

At 5:00 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to the observation of the Fourth of July holiday on Monday, July 5, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

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