

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the November 29, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts Payable vouchers were approved for \$803,842.34.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, presented employee performance review and wage request for 2022 for the administrative assistant for his office. Ferrell reported an increase in first appearances for persons charged with crimes.

Commissioner Garman recommended that Ferrell create a wage scale for his department.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, presented performance reviews and wage requests for 2022 for his office. Porter reported that he has received three applications for the opening for data collector and will be visiting with candidates.

Waylon Sheetz, Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, extended a big thank you to Patrick Comstock and Frank Tabor for extra trimming around all the memorial flag markers. Also, Sheetz suggested that the Transportation bus pick up citizens to see the Rocky Pond lights and possibly see lights in other towns in Republic County.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, asked for an executive session.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Garman requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to review the performance reviews and wage requests for 2022. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Coons.

The board reconvened at 9:10 a.m. taking no action.

Sheriff Dave Cox reported that there are 8 inmates from Cloud County housed in the Republic County jail. Cox described some updates to the jail area including a KIOSK computer system that will allow better communication between inmates and family and lawyer consultations.

Cox expressed his gratitude to the employees in the sheriff and jail departments and recommend that the commissioners approve his wage requests for 2022.

Ken Robbins presented updates from the county shop area.

- Robbins presented the weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented for signatures 2 agreements:
 - Rural Water District 2 to install underground line at Nickle and 200 Rd.
 - Kirkham Michael to proceed with bridge bids for the bridge at X-19.1.
- Robbins is searching for a second opinion on a bridge weight limit.
- Robbins presented a bid from C&W Farm supply for lease to purchase a New Holland Skid Steer Loader.
- Robbins presented a compensation study for the departments that are under his supervision.

Levi Whitley and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, presented performance reviews, wage requests and wage scale for their department.

Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator, presented performance reviews and wage requests for her department.

Clerk Marsicek presented a contract with Lindberg, Vogel and Pierce to provide audit services for the next 3 years for Republic County. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 13, 2021 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