

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021**

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

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the June 28, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, presented for signature the Biannual reports for Kansas Department of Commerce for current loans.

Shoemaker announced that there will be an RCD meeting on Wednesday, July 7 at the courthouse board room.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the new quote of \$7,826.00 from Hood Heating Air to install additional outlets in the District Courtroom. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Garman.

Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson and Justin Ferrell updated the commissioners regarding their departments.

Raney explained that he has created an application for requests to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and will be attaching a condensed list of guidelines necessary to qualify for the funds.

Swanson presented for signature the annual USD 426 school contract for services.

Swanson explained that she is applying for additional grants that are available through Kansas Department of Health and Environment. In one of the new grants, expenses occurring back to January 1, 2021 for COVID vaccine clinics and personnel not covered by other grants could be reimbursed.

Ferrell reported that there is no update on the railroad crossing issue nor on the Kansas vs Nebraska television stations.

Kelvin Blecha and Will Popelka, North Central Kansas (NCK) Free Fair, explained a concern regarding insurance for fairground employees during fair time. Blecha shared that the updates on the commercial building restrooms has not been started and will probably be postponed until after the 2021 NCK Fair in August.

Sheriff David Cox requested a fifty cent an hour wage increase for Shawn Sprayberry since he has completed the law enforcement training. It was approved.

Cox reported that he has applied for funding from the ARPA funds to purchase Digi-ticket machines for the patrol cars. Cox clarified the budget requests for the sheriff's office and jail department.

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

- Robbins presented the weekly report including community concerns, new projects and completed projects.

