

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 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 Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$126,647.93.

Sheriff David Cox updated the commissioners regarding the sheriff and jail departments.

- The new showers will be installed this week.
- Beth Ball will replace Kathy Calkins as the Office manager in the Sheriff/Jail's department at her current wage.
- Although the new lines for parking spaces look very nice, the parking area for emergency vehicles was decreased by two spaces with the current lines.
- Sheriff Cox thanked the commissioners for their support of equipment and personnel to assist making their job safer.

Each commissioner received an email from Kay Shoemaker, secretary for Republic County Development (RCD) announcing that there would not be an RCD meeting in May.

Clerk Marsicek announced that Beth Ball will be resigning as the Deputy County Clerk and Deputy Election Officer effective June 1, 2021.

At 8:55 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, County Attorney Justin Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:05 a.m., taking no action.

Ferrell stated that the delinquent tax sale is planned for May 27. Ferrell also stated that he would be sending a notice to the Belleville Telescope regarding county road right of way and letters to landowners that plant on that right of way.

The Honorable Mayor of Agenda, Kent Kalivoda, stated that Agenda is unfortunately decreasing in population. The city is removing delapidated buildings on unoccupied lots. Kalivoda also requested that the commissioners research fire damage that was started by burning brush around March 27 and 28 near Section 24-4-1. The fire damaged some fencing in the SE corner of 24-4-1.

Nathan Craig, Stacey Bowen, Dan Snyder and Susan Aaron presented updates from the county shop area, solid waste/landfill and transportation.

- Snyder announced that the dozer is at the landfill and Snyder is using the dozer as much as possible to cover debris from the Belleville City clean-up and regular deliveries to the landfill. Snyder estimated there were several loads delivered but the total was less than the 2020 clean-up.
- Snyder stated that the crawler is awaiting parts. Craig said the parts have been ordered.
- Aaron announced that a citizen called to Thank the commissioners and Republic County for signing the amendment to Resolution No. 2013-18 supporting the 2nd Amendment in Republic County.
- Aaron also announced that two grant applications have been completed and submitted. The approval of the awards should be received in July.
- Bowen shared that she contacted the county's insurance company in regards to the fire damage to a pasture and fence in Jefferson Township Section 28-3-2 in early March. KCAMP will present a final analysis.
- Bowen announced that a new bus driver will start on May 11.
- Bowen asked for an update regarding the US 81 Connection bus and support of \$500.00 per year for this transportation service through OCCK.
- Bowen asked permission to order parts for the 1998 Peterbilt and the commission approved the purchase of the Allison transmission.
- Craig shared that the blade operators from district 7 are sharing responsibility in covering roads in district 2 until a new operator can be hired.
- Craig stated that the truck drivers are delivering gravel to many parts of the county.
- The bridge crew installed 2 culverts last week and the next bridge project will be on 210 Rd however no starting date has been established.
- There has been no update as to when APAC will repair the approaches to the bridge south of Scandia and on Fir road near Republic.
- Currently, there aren't enough employees to develop an asphalt patching crew without discontinuing other projects.

Commissioner Jeardoe shared that the Mayor of Agenda, Kent Kalivoda, wanted information regarding fence damaged by a fire in Section 24-4-1 around March 27/28 and asked if it is protocol to contact landowners around an area when a burn is planned. Craig stated that the landowners are usually notified.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess in to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Craig and Bowen. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

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

At 11:20 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess in to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:40 a.m., taking no action.

Danielle Swanson and Brynn Alexander, Health Department, joined the meeting.

Swanson announced that the COVID vaccines are now administered at the Health Department and there has been several persons walk in and request the vaccine.

Swanson also announced that she is holding interviews this week for a billing clerk.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 17, 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