

## **REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Doug Garman. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Splichal 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 Garman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the minutes from July 24, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Due to the wet conditions, the tour of the windfarm project was postponed until August 14.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary/treasurer, presented 6 release letters for COVID 19 Emergency Business Stimulus loans that have been paid off.

- Cuba Cash Store
- Foodmart Thriftway
- B Defined Fitness LLC
- Republic Oil Company
- Blair Center for the Arts
- C&W Farm Supply

Shoemaker announced since no loan applications have been received to review, there will be no meeting in August.

Shoemaker reported that the RCD board would like County Attorney Justin Ferrell to be consulted about paperwork for loan closings for the revolving loans through RCD.

Clerk Marsicek reported that inquiry letters were sent on July 19 and no applications for appraiser have been received. Marsicek is to schedule a phone conference with the Cloud County Commission for the next meeting.

The commissioners reviewed the quote from UNI Floor INC about applying a finish to the floor in the commercial building. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the floor coating once samples of four types of coating are applied to the floor to assess. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. This would not occur until the County Fair is over.

The commissioners requested an updated report on ARPA funds. Clerk Marsicek will present it at the next meeting.

Ken Robbins presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and turbine project information:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 91 fully erected turbines.
- Hickory Rd in several areas was damaged by the hailstorm that went through the county Sunday night.
- The cold patch is complete on Kackley road.
- The re-grade to 70 road will begin on August 7.
- Robbins presented for signatures a utility agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone to install fiber under 270 road.

Commissioner Splichal suggested that Robbins look at the road and ditch area near where the new Rolling Hills project will be erected.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, reported a large increase in sales tax collected in the month of July.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 7, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

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Melvin Jeardoe, Member

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Doug Garman, Member