

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Doug Garman and Melvin Jeardoe. 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 and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Presbyterian Church of Beloit, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$169,036.86.

No commissioner will be attending the Hospital Board meeting at noon today.

Sheriff Dave Cox explained activities occurring late Saturday night into Sunday morning. Luckily there were no injuries.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- The new employee, Eric Isaacson, will start on June 27 with a wage of \$16.52 per hour.
- The cold patch material will arrive this week.
- The transportation buses will be inspected this week.
- Twenty-five percent of the turbines are complete.
- Cold patching old 81 and Kackley roads are on the schedule next.
- Plans to seal the Narka road, old 81 and Kackley roads will be later this year.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for tires on the county car from Duffy's 36 Service.

- Kumho Solus \$174.70 each
- Hankook Kinergy \$196.80 each
- Thunderer Ranger \$130.50 each

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the Kumho Solus. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Susan Aaron, Emergency Management secretary, invited the commissioners to attend a G0402-Incident command system overview training in Concordia on September 12, 2023.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes about non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was

made unanimous by Commissioner Garman. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell, and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an added 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:27, taking no action.

Wes O'Bannon, Central Valley Ag, thanked Republic County for allowing the Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB) for their project and asked if there were any questions moving forward.

Clerk Marsicek presented an email from Sarah Steele requesting a motion to clarify that no payment is required by CVA for in Lieu of Taxes.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to confirm the intent of the County is to issue IRBs without requiring an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes; provided, Central Valley Ag Cooperative makes all payments under the original agreement with the County. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Regional Juvenile meeting last Wednesday in Abilene.

After viewing the letter of engagement from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce Faris Chartered about preparing the 2024 budget for Republic County, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to sign the engagement letter.

Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Garman made unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented for approval a permission to attend the National Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conference in Nashville, TN from August 6th to 9th.

Raney received permission to attend the conference.

Raney announced that an electrician will be here on Tuesday, June 27 at 10:00 to review the wiring for the new generator.

Raney reported that he has ordered the new GIS equipment system.

Raney announced that a new grant application through Local Safety and Security Equipment Grant Program (LSSE) is available, and Laura Leite is completing and sending it to the state.

At 10:35 a.m., the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek traveled to Cloud County to hold a joint meeting with the purpose of interviewing candidates for County Appraiser.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes to interview a candidate for appraiser. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners, Cloud County Commissioners-Ron Cople, Gary Caspers and Mike Cleveland, Interim Appraiser Shea McMillan, Cloud County Clerk Shella Thoman, Candidate #1 and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an added 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:35 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:42 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes to interview a candidate for appraiser. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners, Cloud County Commissioners-Ron Cople, Gary Caspers and Mike Cleveland, Interim Appraiser Shea McMillan, Cloud County Clerk Shella Thoman, Candidate #2 and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 12:12 p.m., taking no action.

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes to review a candidates' information. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners, Cloud County Commissioners-Ron Cople, Gary Caspers and Mike Cleveland, Interim Appraiser Shea McMillan, Cloud County Clerk Shella Thoman, and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 12:30 p.m., taking no action.

Republic County Commission will meet as scheduled for their regular meeting on July 3. Since Cloud County commission will not meet until Thursday, July 6, the Republic County Commissioners will meet in a special meeting on July 6 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a conference call with the Cloud County commissioners to discuss any possible decision of the candidates.

With all agenda items completed at Cloud County, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 3, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom. The commissioners will also meet in a special meeting on July 6 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member