

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 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 watched the meeting.

The chair called the meeting to order, and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Craig Roberts, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$403,196.38.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, presented for approval a loan application for Pivotal Health and Wellness for \$145,000.

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

Clerk Marsicek announced the Republic County valuation for 2023 is 96,631,896. Which is a decrease of 839,855 from 2022.

Brenda Mikesell, John Robison, Corbin Larson, Jerry Strnad and Wayne Pachta from the Republic County Conservation district presented the annual report and updated the board about the needs of their organization. The board asked for an increase in the contribution from Republic County.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Crews are cold patching south of Narka.
- Robbins is researching a portable asphalt plant listed on the Governmental Surplus website. Robbins has contacted the surrounding counties about any interest if Republic County was to purchase the plant. The purchase was tabled until more information was presented.
- Robbins presented for actions 4 easement agreements so the bridge at X-19.1 can be replaced. The total cost of the easements is \$7,900.55.
  - Annis Family Farm, LLC
  - JoAnn Walker
  - K&K Land LLC
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- Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the purchase of the easements. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Director of Emergency Management and Communications, presented the wage increases for his departments.

Raney also presented an updated ARPA financial report and discussed the future purchase of radios for the individual fire departments throughout Republic County.

Raney announced that the generator for the courthouse is installed but is waiting for the control switch.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Susan Sprague, Kendra Krier and Pat Wallerius from OCCK presented their annual report and request for contribution from Republic County.

- OCCK serviced 4790 in 2022 of which 164 were Republic County residents.
- Gave rides to 504 people on the transportation bus 81 Connect.

The commissioners toured the mapping room of the appraiser's office.

For budget purposes only, the COLA rate will be 4%.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 19, 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