

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 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 by Commissioner Splichal 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 Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested a change in the minutes regarding where the additional incentive funds for the Republic County Housing program will be used. Coons suggested the money market accounts not the investment accounts.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2023, amending the funding source for the Republic County Housing incentive to the money market account. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

All the commissioners will attend a tour of the Medical Arts clinic. Commissioners Splichal and Jeardoe will then attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Patrick Comstock presented a quote to inspect the hydraulic elevators from QIS. Total charges would be \$482.50. The consensus of the commissioners is to allow QIS to inspect the elevators.

Permission to travel was granted for Diane Reed to attend Rural Maternal Health Symposium on September 29 in Salina.

Permission to travel was granted for Lydia Pachta to attend Kansas Infant Death & SIDS Network Certification training on September 28 & 29 in Wichita.

Permission to travel was granted for Diane Reed to attend Maternal Mortality on October 20 in Salina.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2023-31 to Rescind the Interlocal agreement between Republic County and Cloud County for a shared Appraiser.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-31. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he visited with Kelvin Blecha and the vendor for the floors at the commercial building will be applying the sample colors this Thursday morning. Each commissioner will separately go there Thursday afternoon to view the floor samples and report to Clerk Marsicek which color they prefer.

Retha Blecha, Interim Appraiser, joined the meeting.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel about appraiser candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe

made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Blecha. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:45 a.m., taking no action.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 133 fully erected turbines.
- Robbins presented for signatures the solid waste agreement with the City of Cuba.
- Robbins meets weekly with the windfarm project manager to discuss matters pertaining to the roads within the footprint.
- Robbins reported that after the recent rains there are several roads that need work.

Sheriff David Cox announced the resignation of Deputy Kade Odell on September 29. Odell will become a local field agent at the KBI.

Cox reported there are 15 inmates in our facility.

The Cloud County Commissioners called to announce that they have hired an Appraiser for Cloud County.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to move the meeting to the North Central Kansas Medical Arts building to meet with the Republic County Hospital board for a tour of the clinic. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

With all agenda items and tour completed, Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to Labor Day on Monday, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Jear DOE, Member

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Doug Garman, Member