

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 30, 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 and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God Church in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Alkire, Deputy Director of Communications, joined the meeting.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes regarding employee performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Alkire.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m., taking no action.

Chuck Westin, concerned citizen, presented his yearly request that the commissioners consider starting the complex process of zoning Republic County. The Commissioners thanked Westin for his suggestion but the only way the county would become zoned would be by a vote of the citizens.

Clerk Marsicek presented a request from the Pike Valley after-prom committee for a donation to the activity to be held on April 15th. Commissioner Garman made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the Pike Valley After-Prom activities as long as the funds are used within Republic County. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Garman will contact Pike Valley's Superintendent in regards to possible needs for their district.

At 9:30 a.m., the Republic County Commissioners called the Cloud County Commissioners to hold a conference call regarding the 6-month evaluation of the shared County Appraiser, Toby Marco.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners, the 3 Cloud County Commissioners and Marco.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m., taking no action.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners and the Cloud County Commissioners. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:20 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.
- Robbins reported that the cost to stripe the blacktop roads would be \$2,000 per mile.
- The scraper has been fixed and is back in service.
- Robbins announced the retirement of Kevin Kopsa after 39 years. Kopsa's last day will be February 3.
- Robbins presented a memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for solid Waste fees for signature.
- Robbins reported that his department is still short staffed.
- With the retirement of Kopsa, Matthew Murdock will be promoted to District #3 operator along with his duties of running the mulcher.
- Overtime is available for all employees in the R&B department.
- The Commissioners suggested the possibility of outsourcing truck drivers if necessary.

Commissioner Splichal contacted by phone Melby Home Center regarding the details of the requested storage shed for the Health Department.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the purchase of a 20' x 20' shed from Melby Home Center with a cost of \$14,185.03. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Jeff Beikmann, Assistant EMS Director, joined the meeting.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Beikmann.

The board reconvened at 11:25 a.m., taking no action.

Beikmann asked permission to order a Stryker cot. The funds are available in their equipment account. They have applied for a grant to assist with the cot. Beikmann was notified of an increase in the cots and would like to purchase now before the increase.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase of a Stryker cot. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Melissa Miller, RN from Health Department, joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

At 11:34 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Miller.

The board reconvened at 11:49 a.m., no action taken.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 12:00 p.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 6, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member