

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Doug Garman and Melvin Jeardoe. Edwin Splichal was absent. 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 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 September 11, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garman and Clerk Marsicek will attend the NCK LEPG meeting in Beloit at noon.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2023-33 to make an annual tax levy not to exceed one mil for the purpose of creating a County building fund for a period not to exceed ten years.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-33. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek presented a letter for the Division of Property Valuation stating that Republic County has met the requirements to successfully achieve substantial compliance.

Commissioner Jeardoe presented a proclamation from Pawnee Mental Health designating September as National Recovery Month. The consensus of the board is to proclaim September as National Recovery Month.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, shared thoughts regarding the public entrances at the hospital and noxious weeds on the courthouse lawn.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter into an executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes to discuss job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:55 a.m., taking no action.

Kelvin Blecha, representing the NCK Free Fair board, presented an updated contract from UNI FLOOR INC adding to the quoted cost the addition floor coating to the hallway into the new restroom addition. The contractor will begin to apply the new coating on October 1st. The additional costs will be paid by the NCK fair board funds not the County.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 166 fully erected turbines.
- Next Era will start testing on the turbines in the near future and the testing will last approximately 6 weeks.

- The mowing of the roadways is behind schedule due to equipment issues.

Commissioner Garman complimented the road department on the asphalt repairs on the road to the Pawnee Indian Museum.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. in order for Commissioner Garman and Clerk Marsicek to attend the NCK LEPC meeting in Beloit at noon. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 25, 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