

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal, 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 Craig Roberts, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners Jeardoe and Splichal will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$189,746.29.

Sheriff David Cox reported that the motor in one of the sheriff's vehicles needs repaired or replaced. Cox presented a quote to replace the motor. The quote amount is \$10,922.01. This vehicle recently had a new transmission installed with a 3-year warrantee and this motor would also have a 3-year warrantee. The consensus of the board is to have a new motor installed.

Cox reported that a vehicle has been seized and is located in the armory until August 16 when it will be sold.

Jeardoe reported that he met with Ron Leifert, Leifert Construction LLC regarding specific details of the sidewalk, steps, and patio replacement project. The 1st draft of the proposal was reviewed, and additional items were suggested to be added. Jeardoe will meet with Mann & Company Engineers and Leifert Construction later this week to finalize the additional details and request a new quote. Jeardoe announced that Leifert was sure they could have the project completed early this fall.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management, presented pictures of the Kid's Safety program that occurred last week. Raney presented a list of tower improvement estimates.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report was presented.
- The road crews continue to patch roads and work on Republic Lane.
- Some culverts were replaced last week.
- Robbins shared a statistical report of the Republic County Public Transportation service from 2017 to 2023.
- Robbins stated that 70 Rd S of US 36 is being prepared for recycled asphalt. The installation of the recycled asphalt project should be the first part of August.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he contacted Jenny Russell, Republic County Economic Development, to set up a meeting with State officials of the KDOC, local Senator Elaine Bowers, local Representative Lisa

Moser, and local individuals in the Republic County Development to discuss the HUD funds that are being asked to be returned to the State of Kansas.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 29, 2024, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe, Chairperson

Doug Garman, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member