

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Doug Garman 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.

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

Commissioner Splichal 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 August 28, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Local businessman, David Blecha, reported that there are grants available for historic buildings and he has volunteered to write the grant to assist with the front step repairs if the commissioners give him permission. Permission was granted.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons to attend Election training in Topeka from September 10 to 12.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2023-32, the 2023 rates for solid waste fees per household, business, churches, and schools. The rates were effective January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-32. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal reported that after reviewing the different colors and surface samples from Uni Floor on the commercial building floor, the Diamond ground surface was approved. The vendor was contacted to proceed and has scheduled the date later this month.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, announced that the race season is over but school sports have started and the ambulances will be on call.

Whitley requested an additional credit card that would only be used to purchase fuel on transfers. Currently, the transfer ambulance has a card for Phillips only and sometimes there are not any of those stations on the way to or from a transfer.

The commissioners approved the additional visa card but requested that the Phillips card be cancelled.

Whitley presented statistics from the first 8 months of 2023.

- Given out 39 infant car seats,
- Seventy people have earned CPR cards.
- EMS employees have logged 108.5 hours of training.
- EMS has gone on 450 calls from 911 including 74 transfers to other hospitals.
- The total revenue through billing insurance and private clients is \$280,000.

Whitley asked permission to order 10 additional safety helmets with an estimated cost of \$2,320.00.

Susan Aaron presented 2 permissions to travel for the Emergency Management department and communications department.

- Raney and Aaron to attend the 2023 Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference in Mulvane from September 12 to 15.
- Raney and Colleen Alkire to attend the Kansas Association of Public safety Communications Officials fall Conference in Wichita from September 17 to 20.

Commissioners granted permission for both trips.

Aaron reminded the commissioners that September 5th is the last day to register for the Incident Command System overview for Executives & Senior officials in Concordia on September 12.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 141 fully erected turbines.
- Crews are working on the farm access roads, getting ready for harvest.
- The water truck is watering 70 RD every few hours for dust control.
- The bus drivers will be attending a training course on September 27 and 28.
- The new pump for the fuel center has been received.
- Robbins reported that NextEra is scheduling the testing of the turbines in 6 weeks to prepare for going live in December.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 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