

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Doug Garman was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

The meeting was called to order 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 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 26. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Clayton, citizen, expressed her praise for the work that Physical Therapy does through the Republic County Hospital.

Patrick Comstock, custodian, reported that the roof of the courthouse has a leak in the southeast area. The commissioners instructed Comstock to contact area roofers for quotes to repair the roof.

Comstock stated that the boiler will need a full inspection before winter and the tree trimmers will trim the trees this week.

Susan Aaron, Deputy Emergency Manager, presented a grant for signatures.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he attended the open forum in Marysville with Dr. Roger Marshall regarding the 5-mile-wide transmission line. Dr. Marshall is against the transmission line.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he and commissioner candidate Doug Jackson and Clerk Marsicek attended the 12th Judicial district Commissioner meeting on August 28 in Concordia.

Following a discussion about the renovations to the east parking lot and walkway, the commissioners moved the meeting to the east parking lot to discuss options the removal of additional curbing and not to replace the curbing in the center of the parking lot.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the regional Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City on August 18.

Faye Jones, Health Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss Health department services.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes regarding employee performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Attending the session were the commissioners, Jones, and Clerk Marsicek

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

Jones announced the retirement in October of long-time employee Donna Moravek.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented 3 wage sheets for approval.
 - Danny Davis for longevity.
 - Matt Murdock for longevity.
 - New hire of Jacob Danekas.
- Bridge crew is working on low water bridge crossing on Penn.
- Robbins reported that Blattner crews are working to restore the laydown yards back to crop ground.
- Robbins requested a meeting with Trish Voth on September 16.
- Cold mix materials have been ordered for a couple of cities in Republic County.
- Robbins is researching dump trucks through auction vendors.

Levi Whitley presented for signatures a grant application for reimbursement of EMT training that requires the person to commit to work 20 hours a month with the Republic County EMS.

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

Due to trainings, the next meeting will be on Monday, September 16, 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