

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 30, 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. Doug Jackson-District 3 Commissioner Elect monitored most of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Paul Osborn, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

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

The Commissioners presented a retirement plaque to Colleen Alkire for her 38+ years of service to Republic County.

Mike Hadachek, RCD representative, presented for signature the loan papers and first draw down check to Blossom Salon & Spa, AKA Charity Comstock and Skyler Skocny.

Arlene Clayton, citizen, announced the death of President Jimmie Carter.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, announced the hiring of Caroline Scoville as a part-time EMT with a starting wage of \$21.66. Scoville has many years as an EMT, and she will start in January 2025.

The Commissioners suggested Whitley add a training to his schedule in 2025 with the local Rural Fire Departments regarding chain of command and other safety trainings.

Retha Blecha, Deputy Appraiser, presented a quote for new carpeting in the appraiser's offices. Three companies were contacted for quotes but only one returned a quote.

Tibbetts Bros. Inc in the amount of \$4,294.11.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase of carpet from Tibbetts Bros. and to use the County building fund to cover the expense. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion and Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Ken Robbins presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge, and Turbine project information.

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins presented Resolution No. 2024-29, proposed Solid Waste (S/W) fees for 2025 including a 3% increase. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the 3% increase in the S/W fees for 2025. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.
- Crews are working on King Road east of US Hwy 81.
- Robbins reported that only a skeleton crew will be working through the holiday week.
- Commissioner Garman mentioned that he had received calls regarding haybales on 60 Rd that are blocking the former right of way. Robbins will evaluate the situation.

The Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek performed a complete walk around the outside of the courthouse to evaluate the parking lot, sidewalks, front steps, and front patio project to insure that all repairs and upgrades have been completed. After this final inspection, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to pay the final invoice to Leifert Construction. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal commended Commissioner Jeardoe on taking charge on the project spending many hours with the construction company and consulting firm and assisting with the installation of wiring.

Clerk Marsicek presented the County Budget certification to the Conservation District for signature. The commissioners granted Clerk Marsicek the approval to sign the certification papers.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, joined the meeting to answer questions regarding the wage scale for his department.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 6, 2025, 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