

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Holl, Nelson and Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez gave a progress report on the city/county fuel containment project.

James Kenley, Republic City Councilman, visited with the Board and Mr. Perez about Road and Bridge matters.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

During the public forum period, Terry Alstatt and Wayne Pacht visited with the Board about the Resource Conservation and Development Program. The RC & D provides a joint effort between the local people and USDA to promote and accomplish community projects. There will be an informational meeting January 29, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewell City Community Center, Jewell, Kansas. Several counties could go together, create a steering committee and by-laws for the organization. USDA pays the coordinator to assist the counties in a RC & D.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to appoint Anita Strnad to replace Beth Ball on the Area Council on Aging Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl.

Ambulance Director David Strnad presented a permission to travel for Secretary Beverly Reynolds to attend the KEMTA Medicare Workshop, January 27, 2004 in Great Bend, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. sent a letter to Sherry Quakenbush to put her on notice that she must pay her RCD loan balance or vacate the premise by February 1, 2004.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers invited the Board to the Economic Development Banquet supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Commissioner Nelson as the county's representative to the North Central Kansas Industrial Development Management Board. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion. Mr. Nelson agreed to serve. Motion carried.

Chairman Nelson signed a Certification of Building Permit Requirement for N.C.K. Feed and Ag Services, L.L.C., Scandia, Kansas. The letter certifies that a building permit is not required for repair or replacement construction at 1015 90th Road, Scandia, Kansas.

At 10:34 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber.

At 10:44 regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the City of Scandia and one between the County and the City of Munden for solid waste disposal in 2004.

The Board approved a permission to travel for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly meeting, January 15, 2004 in Abilene, Kansas.

The Board approved a permission to travel for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend a board meeting, January 15-16, 2004 in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5th Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber.

The Board would like each county department head to send a list of items from their department that might be listed on a county surplus sale. Items that have been replaced and are no longer needed should be listed and sent to the County Clerk's Office.

Following a luncheon recess the Board resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Randy Chatfield to the Area Council on Aging. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber.

The Board took formal action to reorganization for the year of 2004.

With Chairman Harold Wilber presiding, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the entire list of Republic County committee appointments as amended. The motion to accept the appointments as listed was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution number 2004-1 through Resolution number 2004-10 to complete the reorganization by appointing the following:

- Alvin Perez as Republic County Highway Administrator
- Alvin Perez as County Solid Waste Director
- Steve Zukowske as County Volunteer Radiological Officer
- Paul Haase as a Volunteer Assistant to the Emergency Preparedness Director
- Raymond Raney as the County's half-time Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- Raymond Raney as the County's Hazardous Materials Advisor
- David Strnad as the Director of Republic County Emergency Medical Services
- Marcia Hansen as the Republic County Health Department Director
- Steve Pounds as Director of the County Weed Department
- Mark Nordell as the Director of the Communications Department

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give a 25-cent per hour Cost of Living Raise to all county employees who are paid by the hour, with the exception of employees serving their 6-month probation period. Salaried employees and elected officials will receive \$520.00 annually with the exception of the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Nelson.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about the county car that broke down near Courtland, Kansas. The car was left a Jensen Tire and Service in Courtland as that was the nearest service center. The Board visited by speakerphone about the needed repairs and the estimated charge for those repairs. Since the estimate was reasonable and the stalled car is on the premises, it was agreed Jensen Tire and Service will proceed with the car repair.

Ms. Hansen also spoke with the Board about an Inter-local Agreement with Cloud County for a Nurse Practitioner at monthly health clinics. Ms. Hansen will visit with Diane Kramer and get back to the Board.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004, Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Holl, Nelson and Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Progress on the City/County SPCC Fuel Containment project continues. The cost share estimate for the project is 56 per cent to be paid by the city and 44 per cent to be paid by the county.

Mr. Perez reported that the county owned crane sustained nearly \$5,500.00 in damage when vandals shot through its windows. The gunshots went through the glass on the door and on to damage the brake drum mechanism on the crane's pulleys. The crane was parked near King and 280 Road south of Narka, Kansas.

Mr. Perez and Darlene Havel received permission to travel on January 27th to the CTD Transportation Bus meeting in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Mr. Perez received permission to travel to the KDHE Grant Workshop, February 25, 2004 in Manhattan, Kansas.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for Solid Waste Disposal.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Courtland for Solid Waste Disposal.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board signed a permission to travel for Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer's Association Legislative Conference, February 11-13 in Topeka, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. They want to purchase a vital signs monitor at a cost of \$3,800.00 for the department. At the present the Ambulance Department borrows one from the hospital when they go on ACLS transfers. The Board agreed the monitor could be purchased and Clerk Hall will inform Mr. Strnad that the purchase will be out of grants, gifts and/or 2004 budget allocations.

Mr. Strnad informed the Board that five Ambulance employees plan to take the upcoming EMT-I Class. The cost is approximately \$460.00 per student paid by the county if students sign a contract guaranteeing they will work for Republic County upon successful completion of the class. If the student doesn't fulfill the contract by working for Republic County they will reimburse the county for the class.

Mr. Strnad noted that Brad Shrader has successfully completed the EMT Course and will be working part-time for the Ambulance Service.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received permission to replace the fax machine in her office.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board about various matters.

The Board recessed for lunch. The Jewell County Commissioners and Clerk Waugh joined the Board and Clerk Hall for lunch at the Belleville Pizza Hut.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board resumed regular session at the Courthouse. A joint meeting was held with the Jewell County Commissioners to visit about matters of mutual interest.

Sharon Kalivoda visited with the Board about RCD matters. She reminded the Board that she would retire in the fall of this year. She suggested it would be good to start training someone else to serve as secretary/treasurer of RCD.

The Board followed the recommendation of the RCD Committee. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the RCD Loan in the amount of \$33,500.00 for Annette Coonrod and her new business, Annie's Vineyard. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement between Cloud County Health Department and the Republic County Health Department as they relate to the implementation of the Family Planning (EP) Program.

The Board signed a permission to travel for Julie Lindberg to attend the Quarterly Billing Meeting, January 27, 2004 in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2004, Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Holl, Nelson and Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. Grader blade bids were opened with the low bid of \$29,630.88 from Berry Equipment. The bids were as follows:

Berry Equipment -	\$29,630.88
Welborn Sales -	\$29,632.28
DC Wholesale -	\$29,785.03

A utility agreement was signed to give permission to Brian Rosene to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way commencing 2540 feet south of NE corner of Section 25; T2S; R5W crossing into section 30; T2S; R4W.

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A utility agreement was signed to give permission to Brian Rosene to construct and operate an underground electric line on certain public road right-of-way commencing 1320 feet south of NE corner of Section 25; T2S; R5W crossing into Section 30; T2S; R4W.

Mr. Perez visited about purchasing additional salt to mix with the road material. The only place to get the material is from Hutchinson for \$25.00 per ton. He may need to get more salt for the ice and snow removal on county roads.

On January 21, 2004, Mr. Perez met with the Belleville City Manager, the City Attorney, and other city employees to discuss the SPCC Plan and the contract for the fuel containment structure. It was decided to have Dennis Bowman from Butcher, Willis and Ratliff give a presentation to the Belleville City Council and the Board of County Commissioners in a work study session at 6:30 p.m., on February 9, 2004 at the Belleville City Office.

This is to inform both entities of the requirements. The contract needs final approval of both parties before work on the project proceeds.

Mr. Perez noted that his department has had several pieces of equipment with mechanical problems this last week due to the cold icy weather. The repairs were made as quickly as possible to get the men and equipment back out to clear the roads.

Roger McCartney requested that trees on the county right-of-way between sections 21 and 28 in T4S-R3W be removed. The Board visited about the matter and asked Mr. Perez to visit with Mr. McCartney.

At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. The Board and Mr. Perez were present.

At 9:19 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Other topics were the annual inspection at the landfill, recycling projects and household hazardous waste disposal.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County and the City of Agenda for the payment of solid waste fees.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve a request from Clair E. Hoelsing, 995th Maintenance Company, Kansas Army National Guard to stage personnel and equipment at the NCK Fairgrounds prior to movement on to Ft. Riley. It will be a limited stay, and would be required only if the unit is mobilized. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Hall will forward a Waiver of Liability form to Mr. Hoelsing along with the letter approving his request.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 19th meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The Courthouse was closed on Monday, January 26, 2004 due to a strong winter storm.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Sherry Quackenbush visited with the Board about her RCD Loan. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. was also present at the meeting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow Ms. Quackenbush until noon on February 17, 2004 to bring her RCD loan payments up to date. Ms. Quackenbush agreed to pay all delinquent payments and late fees up to date or she would walk away from the business, agree to foreclosure and turn the keys over to the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

At 10:24 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber.

At 10:39 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

A permission to travel was approved for Vickie Hall and Cheryl Loring to attend a HIPPA Seminar, February 6, 2004 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Chairman Wilber signed the letter showing the county's in-kind contributions to the Republic County Head Start Program. The Head Start van and bus are housed at the Republic County Road and Bridge parking lot in Belleville.

Don McChesney, school bus driver for USD 427, stopped voice his concerns about the road south of Munden, Kansas. He noted it was solid ice making driving conditions extremely hazardous.

County Appraiser Barry Porter informed the Board about the system and/or procedures used for tax abatements by the State Board of Tax Appeals. He also reviewed the process for reduction of penalties on personal property. Penalties for late filings are required by the Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A. 79-1422).

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept with regrets the letter of resignation from Randy Chatfield. Commissioner Wilber seconded the

motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Mr. Chatfield had very recently been appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the Area Council on Aging. Mr. Chatfield noted that he would like to serve on a committee that met locally but was unable to commit to a committee requiring a good deal of travel.

The Board also accepted the letter of resignation from Robert E. Holt, MD, Director of Republic County EMS, as of February 2, 2004. The Board appointed D. L. Paige, P.A., to serve as the Medical Director for Republic County Emergency Medical Services.

The Board adjourned for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the courthouse.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board about the RC&D informational meeting held in Jewell County.

A permission to travel was approved for Mark Nordell and Winter Kuehn to attend a HIPAA & EMS/Dispatching Training, February 6, 2004 in Russell, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney and Beth Reed to attend the Emergency Management (EMSAK) Annual Conference, March 2-5, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

A county department head meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the employee manual. The Board issued a memorandum to all Salaried Department Heads about leave-time. They also distributed a draft copy titled Salaried Department Heads, that they would like to have included in the updated policy and procedure manual for all employees.

February 26, 2004 was chosen for a county party at the 4-H Building. Employee's and their spouses or significant others will be invited to join the Board of County Commissioners for a meal at 6:30 p.m., employee recognition and program. The county will provide the meat for the supper and employees will bring other dishes of food.

At 3:22 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. County Health Director Marcia Hansen attended this session.

At 3:33 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek met with the Board to discuss various matters. Brad Shrader will service as a part-time EMT for the service. It was also noted that there are 4 people taking the EMT-I Class.

At 3:38 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Strnad and Dusek were present for this session.

Regular session resumed at 3:53 p.m., with no action being taken by the Board.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Scandia Community Center. The afternoon session will be at the Courthouse in Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., at the Scandia Community Center, Scandia, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present were County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deb Hadachek.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. All were in agreement that the winter storms have made it difficult for the Road and Bridge employees. The men have worked long hours and into the weekends to get the roads cleared for traffic.

In addition to the extreme cold and drifting snow, Mr. Perez noted that they have had some equipment breakdowns. The men are working hard to improve driving conditions.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Dr. Andy Walker as the Medical Director of the Republic County Health Department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Dr. Sean Wheeler as Medical Director for the County Ambulance Department and Dr. Kevin Schierling as the Medical Director at the County Health Department. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Wilber signed routine ad valorem tax abatements.

County Clerk Vickie Hall received permission to purchase a Hewlett-Packard laser printer for her office.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy lunch at the Scandia Coffee House.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Belleville.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the afternoon prayer.

From 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., department heads met with the Board to go over the draft copy of the new Republic County Policy and Procedures Manual. The book is nearing completion but the page on vacation pay was tabled and will be reviewed again next week. Those present for the meeting were: Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Treasurer Cindy Coons, County Clerk Vickie Hall, Appraiser Barry Porter, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Custodian George Bean, Communications Director Mark Nordell, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Health Director Marcia Hansen, EMS Director David Strnad and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez.

At 2:30 p.m., Chairman Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Mr. Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried.

At 2:45 p.m., regular session resumed with no action being taken by the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped by to visit with the Board. He visited with the Board about Valley Vegetable and Intrust Bank. He also spoke with the Board about the Quackenbush RCD Loan.

Kathy Calkins resigned as the county attorney secretary and has relocated in New Mexico. Barbara Buchanan accepted the position of county attorney secretary and will be paid \$8.30 per hour.

At 2:50 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Mr. Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 2:55 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

At 3:00 p.m. the Board joined Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers to tour the PDM Building.

The Board returned to the courthouse at 4:00 p.m. to resume regular session.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County and Cuba City for the payment of solid waste fees.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received signatures on his Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2003.

Communications Director Mark Nordell received permission to purchase a new fax machine. He is also going to check prices on a new laser printer. The Board suggested he check and see if the printer could be purchased from the Homeland Security Grant Funds. Mr. Nordell will get more information about the printer.

There being no further business, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Due to the Presidents Day Holiday this coming Monday, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement on Adjoining Roads from Thayer County, NE to cover the maintenance on the state line roads. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

Mr. Perez visited with Mr. Roger McCartney about the road on Xavier from 150 Road east to Highway 81. Mr. McCartney agreed that the road right-of-way could be vacated since the right-of-way has never been developed into a road. The Board directed Mr. Perez to visit with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. for direction on vacating the right-of-way.

Mr. Perez visited with Sheriff Ron Blad about the relocation of the shooting range. Mr. Perez will visit with our KWORC Insurance representative, Carl Eyman about the matter.

At 8:56 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Regular session resumed at 9:01 a.m., with no action being taken by the Board.

Sherry Quackenbush visited with the Board about her RCD Loan payment.

Mr. Eyman visited about the position of Safety Coordinator and a Safety Committee for Republic County. He also suggested that the Board might want to encourage employees to learn CPR and First Aid Training.

The Board signed a permission to travel for Mr. Perez to attend the KDHE Conference on Recycling, Composting and Household Hazardous Waste, March 23-25, 2004 in Lindsborg, Kansas.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about National Association dues.

Ambulance Director David Strnad talked to the Board by telephone. He was concerned about December 25, 2004 being on Saturday. If the County observed the holiday by closing on December 24th he would still have a very hard time finding workers to volunteer on Saturday, December 25, 2004 without additional overtime pay as an incentive.

It was the consensus of the Board to make a change in policy by adding the following to the Policy and Procedures Manual. Emergency Medical Services employees, 911 Communications employees, Jailers and Sheriff's Deputies will observe the actual calendar day for each County declared holiday. The Courthouse employees, Health Department employees, Weed Department employees, Road and Bridge employees,

Transportation and Waste Department employees, Secretarial staff for EMS and Secretarial staff for the Sheriff's Department will all observe the holiday on the designated holiday, which will at times be moved to Friday or Monday.

The Board met with Michael Hadachek, Sharon Kalivoda and Sherry Quackenbush to visit about RCD Loan matters. Ms. Quackenbush brought in \$3,155.00 from thrift shop sales and private donations. She is approximately \$500.00 short of bringing her loan up to date. She will try and have the balance later in the day or by the first of next week.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend a comprehensive workshop on leadership and management, March 4, 2004, in Salina, KS.

A permission to travel was approved for Raymond Raney to attend the Fundamental Course for Radiological Officers, March 21-23, in Topeka, KS.

The Board enjoyed lunch at the Republic County Hospital to share information and hear a proposal about assisted living housing in Belleville, Kansas.

At 1:30 p.m., County Department Heads met with the Board to finalize the County Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board approved the policy manual as amended with the effective date of March 1, 2004. Those attending the meeting were County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Custodian George Bean, County Appraiser Barry Porter, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Sheriff Ron Blad, Weed Director Steve Pounds, County Health Director Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited about the upcoming County Holiday Party, February 26, 2004. Dale Huncovsky submitted the low bid for the meat. The county will pay for the meat and the rest of the supper will be potluck food. They noted that a reminder invitation about the employee recognition and evening meal would be put in employee's paychecks.

Kelvin Blecha visited with the Board about improvements at the NCK Fairgrounds. Due to the June flooding the Road and Bridge employees were unable to make the planned improvements at the fairgrounds. There is \$15,927.96 in the carnival account to date.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez returned to visit with the Board. At 2:53 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes with Mr. Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous.

At 3:03 p.m., regular session resumed with no action being taken by the Board.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the revised Republic County Policy and Procedures Manual as amended for county declared holidays. The new manual will

become effective on March 1, 2004. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made the motion unanimous. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to increase payment for mileage to 33 cents per mile effective March 1, 2004. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to purchase additional memory for the computer in the County Attorney's Office in the Courthouse. The cost estimate from Computer Solutions, Inc. was \$424.90 and the payment will be made from the Diversion Fund.

There being no further business Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. He noted that Brad Swanson was promoted to Road Foreman starting March 1, 2004 and will be paid \$10.89 per hour.

Mike Kasl visited with the Board and Mr. Perez about the county grader leaving large rocks and other debris on a portion of Penn Road. Mr. Perez noted that complaints were received and his employees reworked the road on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Perez noted that signs have been installed at sidewalk entrances to direct handicap persons to enter the Courthouse through the east door. Handicap parking is also available on the East Side of the building.

The crane inspection was completed last week and it was not a good report. A written inspection report for White Star will be here this week. The 1967 crane had 28 items marked on the inspection report that are listed as unsafe to operate. There are 76 other items that need to be repaired to insure that the crane is in proper working order. Some items are minor but a majority of the items are high dollar items such as boom sections, tires, etc. These repairs will need to be made by a certified crane service shop due to the need for large repairs. Mr. Perez told the Board it might be better to look at investing in a different crane. The Board directed Mr. Perez to study all the options and bring that information to the next Board meeting.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County and the City of Munden for solid waste disposal.

Mr. Perez received signatures on the restrictive covenant for the landfill. This will be filed with the Register of Deeds Office and sent into Kansas Department of Health and Environment as part of the new permit at the landfill.

Chairman Wilber also signed the Permit Modification Request for an Existing Solid Waste Landfill. This is required to add new cells or activities on land, which currently has a permit. Bucher, Willis and Ratliff, Project #2003-3363 will be processed for Republic County's Construction/Demolition Landfill.

Mr. Perez checked on the price for an extractor for the Freon from recycling units. It would cost somewhere between \$700-\$800 for such a unit. He spoke with the Board about the grant process and starting a recycling program in Republic County.

A permission to travel was signed for Alvin Perez and Brad Swanson to attend a KAC workshop on Legal Aspects of Supervision, March 31, 2004, to be held in Manhattan, Kansas.

Wayne Pachta, chairman of the Republic County Soil Conservation District, and Terry Alstatt, District Conservationist, visited with the Board to explore the creation of a multi-county agency that would access funds from the US Department of Agriculture for local community projects. There will be a meeting March 15, 2004 in Lincoln, Kansas to determine which counties want to

proceed with a Resource, Conservation and Development District. It was the consensus of the Board that Republic County would be supportive of forming a RC&D District.

Communications Director, Mark Nordell visited briefly with the Board.

The Board signed a permission to travel for Kimberly Joerg, a 911 Dispatcher, to attend NCIC Training and Certification, March 11, 2004, in Salina, Kansas.

At 9:30 a.m., Highway Administrator Alvin Perez returned to visit with the Board. He mentioned that he would like to begin a regular schedule for chain saw replacement. He suggested that the county buy and trade-in one or two chain saws per year to update the present equipment.

Mr. Perez also visited with the Board and received approval for hiring a second secretary for the Road and Bridge Department. The new employee will assist with secretarial duties involving Road and Bridge, Transportation and Worker's Compensation.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion passed. Mr. Perez was present at this meeting.

Regular session resumed at 9:50 a.m., with no action being taken by the Board.

The Board visited with Mr. Perez about the Xavier Road near the James Larson residence. After some research it was found that the road was closed in 1977. It was never officially filed in the Register of Deeds Office. This is the road right-of-way that Roger McCartney was interested in a couple of weeks ago. The County Clerk will certify the Resolution and make sure it is on file in the Register of Deeds Office.

The Board signed a permission to travel for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy Cheryl Loring to attend the Spring County Clerk's meeting, March 18, 2004 in Lincoln, KS.

The Board gave approval for Communications Director Mark Nordell to attend the Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification Course to be held April 19-22 in Jackson County. Following certification, Mr. Nordell plans to teach the course to other employees.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Permission to travel was approved for Beverly Reynolds to attend the Medicare Workshop, March 26, 2004 in Great Bend, Kansas.

Doug McKinney from North Central Regional Planning and Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board. A copy of the Equipment Supplier Contract for services was shared with the Board. The 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplier will be ARJO Inc. of Roselle, Illinois.

Mr. McKinney also brought a letter and budget amendment form, which will allow the budgeted architectural fees out of the CDBG grant funds. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the contract amendment for the CDBG Grant. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board he had hired Richard Benyshek as a full time deputy at \$8.50 per hour.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board noted that they appreciated all the effort the elected officials and department heads put into the County Holiday Party and recognition supper. The Board felt it was a big success.

Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD Matters.

The Board adjourned for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the County Sales Tax. Collections are a little ahead of schedule. \$220,523.58 has been collected to date.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received signatures on the SLA or State and Local Assistance Funding Application. Mr. Raney stated that the County received \$4800.00 plus \$2200.00 Supplement in late December and he did not have a chance to get the \$2200.00 spent. He would like to spend the money to buy equipment for a trailer. The County Clerk will call the auditor to seek guidance as the 2003 books are closed.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers gave the Board a review of her department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Brian Isaacson's RCD Loan Application in the amount of \$7400.00 provided he has a qualified cosigner. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the procedure to file a certified copy of the County Commissioner's Resolution for a road closing that took place many years ago.

Chairman Wilber made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Thompson from the RCD Committee. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board not to join Cloud County and Lincoln County on the Joint Law Enforcement legislation.

The Board will meet on Friday, March 5, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. to canvass Belleville City Primary Election ballots for Second Ward.

There being no further business, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, KS.

APPROVED _____

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited about Road and Bridge matters.

The Board approved a utility agreement between Republic County and Sprint/United Telephone Co. of Kansas to install an underground telephone line Section 30-1-5 and Section 31-1-5 for Bill Roe.

A utility agreement between Republic County and Wayne Gardner doing business as Every Angle Covered was approved to install an underground electric line to go across the road known as Kackley Drive to the Paul Langston residence in Beaver Township.

A utility agreement between Republic County and Republican Valley Cattle Feeders was approved to operate an underground water pipeline on public road right-of-way on the county road between 20-3-4 and 19-3-4. The water pipeline would also cross between 19-3-4 and 18-3-4.

A second utility agreement between Republic County and Republican Valley Cattle Feeders was approved for underground water pipeline on certain public road right-of-way on roads between 18-3-4 and 19-3-4 as well as 19-3-4 and 24-3-4.

The Road and Bridge Department recently acquired a pickup truck that was previously used by the Weed Department. The pickup was outfitted to use as a tire repair truck for the Road and Bridge Department. Weed Director Steve Pounds and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez along with the Board agreed no money would be exchanged from one department to another for this pickup.

Mr. Perez is studying the repair options on the department's crane. He will get prices for making repairs to the county crane and prices if trading up a few years would become necessary.

Mr. Perez noted that an ad for the secretarial position at the Road and Bridge Department has been forwarded to local newspapers. He also shared a rough draft of a building layout for office space at the county yard.

Accounts payable vouchers were signed throughout the morning.

The Board signed an accounts payable voucher to the State Board of Tax Appeals to pay the fee for the Valley Vegetable Exemption Application. Clerk Hall was asked to forward that bill on to Intrust Bank in Wichita for reimbursement.

Dr. Sean Wheeler gave the Board an update on the proposed truck stop.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received a signature from the chairman of the Board with \$18,481.00 total grant funds requested for the Health Department. The applications amounted to \$18,000.00 in grant money.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2004-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF REPUBLIC, KANSAS, APPROVING THE SALE OF PROPERTY PLEDGED TO INTRUST BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR \$3,000,000 INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES B, 2002 (VALLEY VEGETABLES COOPERATIVE PROJECT) ISSUED BY REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS.

A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED was also to be signed and the UCC FINANCING TERMINATION STATEMENT AMENDMENT. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried. Chairman Wilber duly signed these documents. This will allow Intrust Bank to get the documents to the Title Company for filing following the sale.

John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning, stopped to visit with the Board. The main topic of discussion was the interest in the proposed RC&D Plan.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board about the LMI Survey and other ongoing projects.

Larry Rundus stopped to visit with the Board about the roads in his area.

Following a luncheon recess, regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Belleville City 2nd Ward Primary Election results was finalized by a flip of the coin to break the tie between Don Slaughter and Doug Kramer. Don Slaughter was the winner. The names of Roger McCartney and Don Slaughter will appear on the Belleville City 2nd Ward General Election ballots.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion for Republic County to sign a Proclamation and proclaim the month of April as the Fair Housing Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez returned to visit with the Board about various matters. At 2:25 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

At 2:35 p.m., regular session resumed with no action being taken by the Board.

At 2:55 p.m., there being no scheduled appointment, Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. asked the Board to return to their office and reconvene for a few minutes, as they had not left the premises.

At 3:00 p.m., Chairman Wilber called the meeting to order.

The Board visited with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. about the real estate deed from Republic County to Chris Morris. Mr. Spurney will also draft an Assignment for Sherry Quackenbush to direct pay her RCD loan payment.

There being no further business, Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for the day. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

APPROVED _____

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez stated that the old pit at the landfill is being closed and Construction/Demolition debris will be put into the new cell at the landfill. The site is coming together well and should be completed in a few days if all goes well.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 29, 2004 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. at the Courthouse to discuss the proposed Priority Five Year Plan for Republic County Roads and Bridges. The purpose of this is to review projects to be added to the plan in which Federal Funds are sought. Discussion will cover the Fiscal Years of 2004-2009. The public is invited to attend.

A representative from Barry Equipment will be up to look at the crane. They have been asked to provide us with a cost estimate to repair the crane.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

Terry Alstatt visited with the Board during the Public Forum portion of the meeting. Mr. Alstatt and Wayne Pachta will be attending the meeting in Lincoln, Kansas this evening to discuss organization of a RC&D.

The Board signed a letter to House of Representative Joann Freeborn. The letter thanked her for inviting Republic County to participate in the proposed legislation for joint law enforcement in Cloud and Lincoln counties. The Board would like to see legislation that is designed with proposals specifically tailored to meet the needs of Republic County and declined her invitation.

Chairman Wilber made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-12. THE RESOLUTION NOTING CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS ADJUSTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CASH BASIS AND BUDGET LAWS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. gave the Board a Quit Claim Deed from Donald and Nina Breeden to Republic County, Kansas d/b/a Republic County Development Corporation. Another Kansas Warranty Deed was signed this day as the Board of County Commissioners of Republic County, Kansas as the grantor to Christopher D. Morris grantee all the following real estate in Republic County, Kansas.

The East Thirty-five and One Half (35 ½) Feet, more or less,
Of Lot Eleven (11), Block Nine (9), of the Original Town
Site of Belleville, Republic County, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters in that department. At 10:16 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a period of 10 minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried. The Board and Mr. Strnad were present for this meeting.

At 10:26 a.m., regular session resumed with no action being taken by the Board.

The Board signed a grant request for the Ambulance Department to apply for additional AED's, Automated External Defibrillators, and money to provide basic life support training for the county employees.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board recessed for lunch.

The Board of County Commissioners, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez traveled to Mankato to have lunch with the Board of County Commissioners from Jewell County. Following lunch the Boards held a joint meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Regular session resumed at 2:00 p.m., Courthouse, in Belleville.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board. Others present were Belleville City Attorney Doug Simms and Mike Hadachek. Plans were made to update the Economic Development Interlocal Agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville.

Doug Simms will draw up a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by Republic County and the City of Belleville for cooperation on the PDM Building.

The Board signed a settlement agreement between Republic County and Terry and Carol Garman. This document is in reference to the Scandia Grocery Store and a RCD Loan.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about various matters in his department. Mr. Raney asked the Board to allow him to spend \$2,200.00 out of the Courthouse General Fund. He stated that his department received \$2,200.00 over and above the regular anticipated funding from the State of Kansas as supplemental revenue. The money was received in December of 2003. The State of Kansas gives the county an apportionment to supplement the counties tax dollars raised to fund the Emergency Preparedness Departments. The Board approved Mr. Raney's request.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and Steve Waggoner, Sales Representative for Berry Equipment Company, visited with the Board. The crane owned by the county is a 1971 model and parts cannot be found to make the needed repairs. Mr. Waggoner is checking with other dealers for a quality used crane, one with a current inspection certification.

The Board signed a Utility Agreement with Krob Trenching (SWBT) was granted permission to construct and operate an underground telephone line on public road right-of-way commencing 1320 feet North of Penn Road on 170 Road, thence boring under road from west to east SW ¼ of Section 11; R3W; T3S.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried. Mr. Perez attended this session.

Having taken no action the regular session resumed at 9:35 a.m.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters. Mr. Strnad told the Board he had hired Josh Noxon as a full time EMT to work in the ambulance department. Mr. Noxon will start March 24 and will make \$7.50 per hour.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the list of 2003 Republic County Ambulance Write Offs, in the amount of \$15,890.35 be approved as listed. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Melinda Pierson gave an update on the Belleville Main Street Program and Farmers Market that will open June 5, 2004. She also noted that Greg Davis, Kansas State University horticulture teacher, and students from his advanced landscaping class will be in Belleville sometime in April. Mr. Davis and his students have been asked to draw up plans to landscape the Republic County Courthouse lawn as a class project.

Ms. Pierson told the Board that Greg Davis and his advanced landscape and horticulture students from Kansas State University will be here some time in April. They have been asked to create landscape plans for the courthouse lawn as a class project.

The Cloud County Extension Board has committed to forming an Extension District. Commissioner Nelson gave a report on the informational meeting held on March 15, 2004.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the Amendment to Interlocal Agreement providing the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility to allow for disposing of personal property from time to time, and a written agreement and procedure to establish and utilized to facilitate such sales of public property. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried. Chairman Wilber signed the amendment for the County.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures on the Bio-terrorism Readiness Plan for Republic County.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received approval for payment of bills from grant money on the Republic County Hospital Improvement Project.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m., to join the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch, followed by the regular hospital board meeting.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Secretary Beth Reed visited with the Board about the courthouse telephone system. Wayne Gardner was unable to attend the meeting and will visit with the Board on March 29, 2004.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board to review various matters.

Kelvin Blecha, Kevin Jensen, James Popelka and Conrad Trost visited with the Board about fairground improvements.

Courthouse Custodian George Bean visited with the Board about maintenance projects.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the renovation of the Courthouse steps. She noted that Eric Johnson stopped to see her this morning. Ms. Rahe will order a second set of drawings for the front Courthouse steps and get the drawings to Mr. Johnson.

It was the consensus of the Board to send letters to the auctioneers in our county to see what dates they might have open to do a County Surplus Sale. Letters will also go out to the small cities to see if they would care to participate in such a surplus sale.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 29, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. They visited about the recycling project. Mr. Perez will submit a grant application for two recycling trailers.

Pastor Ray Gilstrap offered the morning prayer.

Larry Baxa stopped to visit about the county surplus sale.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. He gave the Board a letter summarizing his finding from visiting with Sheriff Ron Blad and Communications Director Mark Nordell.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about the changes in Medicare reimbursements. Mr. Strnad will visit with other services and see if they plan to make increases in the base rate.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Wilber opened the Official Public Hearing for the Republic County Five-Year Road Plan. Jack Smith, Ethlyn Smith, Amos Blecha, Frank Nielander, Paul Freeman and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez were in attendance.

Mr. Perez explained that it is often cheaper for the Road and Bridge Department to build bridges. The group discussed problem roads and possible solutions as well as time lines for getting to those projects.

A short department head meeting was held to discuss the county's accounts payable procedures. The date to have vouchers into the County Clerk's Office was moved to the 10th of each month. Those in attendance were Weed Director Steve Pounds, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Retha Blecha, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Communications Director Mark Nordell, Reta Boswell, Jan Kauer, Health Department Director Marcia Hansen, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Custodian George Bean and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

At 11:34 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Alvin Perez was present for this session.

At 11:39 a.m., regular session resumed with no action being taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers reviewed the Home and Garden Show and other activities.

The Board adjourned to eat lunch and attend a noon meeting at the Republic County Hospital.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. It was noted that Dr. Sean Wheeler will be leaving Republic County and moving to Texas.

Wayne Gardner met with the Board to discuss the courthouse telephone system. Mr. Gardner said that a new card to allow for more lines into the courthouse would cost \$645.00 and \$70.00 to install it. Each card handles four lines. It was the consensus of the Board not to increase the lines at this time.

A permission to travel was approved for Karen Bonner and County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the North Central Kansas County Treasurer's Spring Meeting, April 13, 2004 in Smith Center, Kansas.

A second permission to travel was approved for Kay Shoemaker and County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend Reality Check 2004 a special educator meeting to be held April 7, 2004 in Concordia, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

At 3:15 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a two-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

At 3:17 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

A permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall, Cheryl Denk and Robin Walker to attend Johnson County's Election School on March 30, 2004 to view the new touch screen voting machines and attend the election board workers training session.

At 3:30 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board and visited about various matters. Mr. Perez is going to go to Salina, KS this week to view a used 1979 Crane.

Mr. Perez noted that the Solid Waste Committee would meet April 13, 2004.

Weed Director Steve Pounds, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous.

Regular session resumed at 9:00 a.m. with no action being taken by the Board.

During public forum, Larry Baxa visited about the Republic County Surplus Sale.

Terry Alstatt stopped by with an informational sheet about plans for the RC&D. A meeting has been set up in Ottawa County Courthouse basement meeting room, Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. for the core RC&D group meeting. The Courthouse is located at 307 N. Concord in Minneapolis, KS.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board to discuss upcoming events.

The Board approved a permission to travel for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Kansas County Clerk's and Election Officials Conference, May 11-14, 2004 in Wichita, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited about various matters in the Ambulance Department.

The NCK Fair Amusement Committee met with the Board. Those present were Barry Bottger, David Wilber, Ron Huncovsky, Duffy Strnad, James K. Melton, Curtis Klima, Mark Miller and Raymond Raney. It was the consensus of the Board to have a contract signed with the Board stating which fair board was responsible for specific areas on the fairgrounds. The amusement committee will review past contracts from the early 1990's and update it. They will then submit it to the Board for modification or approval.

Sharon Kalivoda received signatures on the Security Agreement for Annie's Vineyard. She noted that the next RCD Meeting would be April 8, 2004.

The Board approved a permission to travel for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the district meeting, April 15, 2004 in Mankato, Kansas.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Larry Hadachek as the Richland Township representative on the NCK Fair Agriculture Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Greg Zenger to represent Richland Township. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

At 12:00 noon the Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m., when the Board and Clerk Hall went to visit the County Weed Department. The Board plans to visit each department in the upcoming months.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Tom Lesovsky to serve on the RCD Committee. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wilber and made unanimous by Martin Nelson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Tandy Rundus, Gerald Blazek and Lester Shoemaker visited with the Board about forming an Extension District with Clay, Cloud and Washington County. Republic County Extension Council has agreed this would benefit Republic County. To proceed, the Board would need to pass a resolution and publish that resolution for two weeks in the Belleville Telescope. After the 2nd week of publication there would be a 60-day protest period. The Kansas Attorney General then would act on the forming of an extension district provided a qualified protest petition is not filed with the county clerk.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rodney Dusek visited with the Board. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2004- Republic County Emergency Medical Services Base Rate Charges to be effective April 5, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

Having no further appointments the Board and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez drove out in the county to view roads.

The Board will canvas ballots from the Belleville City Election on Friday, April 9, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room.

The Board noted that the Courthouse and Health Department would be closed this Friday from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for Good Friday Services.

At 4:30 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn for the day. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, KS.

APPROVED _____

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various Road and Bridge matters. Kansas Department of Transportation personnel reviewed the projects and completed field checks on project 90-01 and 96-01. It was determined that on the box project on Fir Road it would be beneficial to extend the box 4 foot on each end and eliminate the need for guardrail on this project. It was the consensus of the group that the extension would be the best solution on this project.

At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Mr. Perez was present during this session.

At 9:14 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Perez reminded the Board about the Solid Waste meeting, April 13, 2004.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters.

Tandy Rundus and Lester Shoemaker were present as Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-13 to approve the proposed extension district. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. All commissioners cast yes votes thereby approving the resolution. The extension district would include Clay, Cloud, Republic and Washington Counties. The resolution must be published two times in the Belleville Telescope.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers throughout the morning.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited about the PDM Building. The Board felt the City of Belleville should cover the cost of the paint for the PDM building.

Raymond Raney visited with the Board about emergency preparedness matters. He noted that capability plans and mitigation plans must be in place by November 2005 in order to apply for certain grants. The State of Kansas has been allocated \$5,975.00 for Republic County. Mr. Raney said he planned to hire a person to write the plan and those funds should be sufficient to cover that cost. The county would need to write the check for payment to the contractor. The State of Kansas then reimburses \$5,975.00 to the County.

A permission to travel was approved for Mr. Raney to attend an Exercise Design and Evaluation Class, April 20-23, 2004 in Wichita, Kansas.

A permission to travel was approved for Mr. Raney to attend the Train-The-Trainer Radiological Class, May 2-7, 2004 in Amiston, Alabama. The county will only be responsible for Mr. Raney's meals.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon. They attended a lunch meeting at the Republic County Hospital to gather information on the assisted living proposal.

A permission to travel was approved for Julie Lindberg and Susan Swanson to attend the KWIC Training, April 19-23, 2004 in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Sharon Kalivoda visited with the Board about RCD matters. After some discussion about the Veteto loan application, it was a consensus of the Board to loan \$5,000 for the inventory portion of the loan. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve a total of \$28,000 on the RCD loan application of Lonnie and Theresa Veteto, doing business as Reliable Auto Service. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

At 1:50 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous.

Regular session resumed at 1:55 p.m. with no action being taken by the Board.

There being no further appointments scheduled, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

APPROVED _____

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

A permission to travel was signed for County Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Kansas County Appraiser's Annual Conference, June 5-9, 2004 in Manhattan, KS.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board. She noted that thirty-two tour operators from across the United States, taking part in the Operator Familiarization (FAM) tour, would be in Republic County on April 21, 2004. The tour is a complimentary trip offered to travel professionals to acquaint them with what a destination, attraction or supplier has to offer. "Unlock the Magic of Kansas" is an effective method to promote Kansas and to encourage group tour operators to schedule more tours to Kansas destinations.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2004 meeting as amended. The correction would insert the words "that the paint for the PDM Building be paid out of the \$50,000 building reserve fund". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Nelson. Motion carried.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that he had met with the monitor of the On The Job Training Program, Salina, KS.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Rhonda Montgomery, State National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator, visited with the Board. Ms Montgomery presented commissioners a sample floodplain management ordinance. Next week a resolution will be signed by the Board to allow all residents of Republic County to purchase flood insurance.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss various Road and Bridge matters. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the Change of Scope for Engineering on the ER Project No. 79C-4096-01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. Motion carried.

The Solid Waste Committee voted in favor of a recycling program for Republic County. The Board signed a letter of support to include with the Recycling Grant Application.

At 1:23 p.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 1:38 p.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez stated that he had hired Beth Reed as a part-time secretary for the Road and Bridge Department, Transportation Department and Weed Department in addition to her present duties as secretary for Solid Waste and Emergency Preparedness. Her duties will begin today, April 19, 2004.

A utility agreement was signed for Charles McEwen to grant permission to construct and operate an underground electrical line on certain public road right-of-way in Section 23; Township 1S; Range 4W. A utility agreement was also signed with Sprint United Telephone of Kansas to grant permission to construct and operate underground telephone lines on certain public road right-of-way.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer's Association Spring Meeting, May 12-14, 2004 in Wichita, KS.

Sharon Kalivoda received signatures from the Board on a RCD letter to Lonnie and Theresa Veteto.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. She received permission to travel to the Regional Training Council Meeting, April 27, 2004, to be held in Beloit, KS. Permission to travel was also approved for Ms. Hansen to attend a Public Health Conference, May 11, 2004, to be held in Abilene, Kansas.

Ms. Hansen noted that Healthy Start Home Visitor, Marge Nelson, plans to retire at the end of June.

Permission to travel was also approved for Juanita Ashby, Donna Moravek and Nila Skupa to attend the Home Health Aide Inservice meeting, April 26-27, 2004, to be held in Hays, Kansas.

Larry Woodman and Ed Pick represented the Kansas-Nebraska Amateur Ham Radio Club and asked the Board if they could put an antenna or repeater on the county's tower as they assist in civil defense exercises. The Board indicated that they would check with K-Camp, the county's liability insurance company, to see if there would be a liability issue for the county. The Board encouraged the men to explore other locations.

Mike Hadachek, Keith Anderson along with Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Veteto visited with the Board about RCD matters.

There being no further business the Board adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The Board visited with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez by telephone. Mr. Perez has found a certified crane for sale. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to allow Mr. Perez to offer \$63,000 for this crane and go up to \$65,000 for that purchase from Crane Rental in Salina, Kansas. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about a meeting she attended in Manhattan, Kansas.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to hold the County Surplus sale on May 22, 2004. Novak Brothers & Gieber will serve as the auctioneers for the sale and it will be held at the NCK Fairgrounds. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to donate \$100.00 out of the parks and recreation fund toward the upkeep of the 6th Principal Meridian Marker located a mile west of Mahaska where Republic, Washington, Thayer and Jefferson counties meet. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0. The marker was established in the 1800s, and was used to plat a wide portion of the Midwest.

Phyllis Hofts stopped to ask when they would start work on the Byron Road.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He asked the Board about purchasing a blade for the chop saw that is at the ambulance barn. The saw has a blade for metal but Mr. Strnad would like to buy a blade that would cut through wood. The Board had several questions about the use of such a saw by medical personnel and did not encourage such a purchase.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into an executive session for 15 minutes with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board visited with Lonnie and Theresa Veteto and Mike Hadachek about RCD matters. The Veteto's said they were not interested in the loan if they were required to put their house up as collateral. The bank had first mortgage on all other property so it would be customary for the RCD Committee to ask for other collateral to secure a portion of the low interest loan.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to refund the RCD loan application fee of \$100.00 to the Mr. & Mrs. Veteto. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. It was the consensus of the Board to enclose a note that wished them well with their current project and encouraged them to feel free to apply for RCD funding in the future. The Board stated they were sorry for any misunderstandings and/or lack of communication on their current application.

Communications Director Mark Nordell visited with the Board. Mr. Nordell successfully completed the NHTSA EMD National Standard Curriculum Course requirements and is now a Certified Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructor.

At 11:02 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Mr. Nordell to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 11:12 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board met with members of the NCK Fair Amusement Board. Barry Bottger, Curtis Klima, Raymond Raney and Kevin Couture visited about fairground improvements.

The Board had lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board. She noted that the industrial development group had asked her to run an ad that would see how much area interest there might be in welding. The ad might ask are you a welder or would you train to be one? There are a couple companies interested in this area but there are no statistics that would indicate we have welders or interest in that field. It was the consensus of the Board to pay up to \$500.00 for such advertisement if the economic development board would not agree to pay it out of the economic development budget.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters. He noted it had been a very busy weekend with two school proms, two car thefts, the celebration in Cuba, 26 road signs pushed over and a domestic disturbance. He said that was only part of the weekend calls.

The Board asked Mr. Blad to identify areas in the employee handbook that he feels conflicts with the rules in his department. Discussion followed.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney gave the Board a review of activities in his department. He noted that Republic County would receive \$5,085.00 in State and Local Assistance this next year.

Mr. Raney told the Board he had checked on a digital recorder or answering machine. This would record the message when people call the old courthouse telephone number. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to purchase the answering machine from Garman and Sons if it has a way to hold the message when the power goes off. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

John Cyr stopped to visit with the Board.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Republic Community Center, Republic, KS. The Board will eat lunch at the Rip City Inn and return to the Courthouse for the regular afternoon session.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Holl, Nelson and Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk, Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator, Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss routine highway matters. The project at 79 C-3491-01 is nearing completion.

The crew has been working on ditching projects, graveling areas needing attention, and installing culverts. They will be starting on the box culvert for 11-S.9.

Unit 2-14, the Ford Gravel Truck had the transmission go out again. It was taken to Salina for repairs with the understanding that they would check on the warranty of the transmission.

Mr. Perez will proceed with the SPCC Plan, contacting the engineering firm of Bucher Willis & Ratliff to make the plan and get cost estimates for engineering and over all cost. Commissioner Wilber suggested that Mr. Perez visit with Allen Bachelor, Belleville City Manager, about having one common area.

A permission to travel was approved for Cheryl Loring to attend a Budget Seminar May 22, 2003 in Salina, Kansas.

Economic Development Director, Charles Westin gave a weekly review.

Sheriff Ron Blad received approval from the Board to hire a part time jailer to work as needed in his department.

Emergency Preparedness Director, Raymond Raney visited with the Board about reimbursements to his department.

Ambulance Director, David Strnad visited with the Board about sponsoring another EMT class in the Fall through Cloud County Community College.

Wanda Backstrum presented the JJA and DOC Plan for 2004. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2004 Comprehensive Plan as submitted by the Community Corrections Advisory/Governing Board. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. Motion carried.

County Appraiser, Barry Porter visited with the Board. A permission to travel was approved for Mr. Porter to attend the Kansas County Appraiser's Annual Conference in Lawrence, Kansas from June 16-20, 2003.

The Fair Amusement Committee visited with the Board about the fairgrounds. Those meeting with the Board were Barry Bottger, Mark Miller, James K. Melton, Raymond Raney, Curtis Klima and Duffy Strnad. They presented the cost estimate

for three road areas to put a seal of oil on top of the millings. The committee has asked the Road and Bridge Department to do the work and received a cost estimate of \$1,060.00 to complete the job. The Fair Amusement Committee asked the Board for monetary support for this project. The Board wants to visit with the NCK Fair Agriculture Board before making a decision.

The Board received confirmation from the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing that the Republic County Grant No. 03-PF-318 in the amount of \$400,000 was approved for the Hospital Renovation project.

Dr. Holt met with the Board and received signatures to declare the month of May as Mental Health Month. Dr. Holt serves a Republic County representative on the Pawnee Mental Health Board.

Greg Vahrenberg, US-BANCORP/Piper Jaffray, Investment Banking met with the Board to finalize the Bond paperwork on the hospital project. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-15, which reads:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF \$5,000,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SALES TAX BONDS, SERIES 2003-A, OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS; FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO, AND RENOVATING THE EXISTING REPUBLIC COUNTY HOSPITAL; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX, AS NECESSARY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl. The Board cast three Yea votes for the resolution. Motion carried.

A second resolution was approved to refinance \$110,000 for Road and Bridge Improvements. The original 1998 GO Bonds started at \$175,000 for Bridge Improvements. This resolution will lower interest rates on the balance due. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2003-16, which reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF \$110,000* PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2003-B, OF REPUBLIC COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO REFUND A PORTION OF THE ISSUER'S OUTSTANDING GENERAL

OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion and Commissioner Nelson made it unanimous. The Board cast three Yea votes to approve Resolution No. 2003-16 and the motion carried.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept a proposal from Mike Kasl for the removal of trees on the Courthouse lawn at a maximum cost of \$1750.00 for the job. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commissioner Wilber made it unanimous. This beautification project will be a portion of Republic Counties assist on the Mainstreet Project.

A permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator, Alvin Perez and Secretary, Darlene Havel to attend a KDOT Transportation meeting April 29, 2003 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Mr. Perez visited with the Board about the road that was closed in Richland Township. It was originally closed for repairs and the Board can open or close a road. Since that road wasn't truly vacated the Board can legally and simply open it. The Board will speak to County Attorney, Frank Spurney, Jr. before taking official action to open the road and Mr. Perez will make the needed culvert repair.

Highway Administrator, Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the KWORCC Insurance program for Worker's Compensation. The Board adopted a Statement of Policy for Safety Belts for all county employees.

At 4:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. Those present were the Board, Mr. Perez and County Clerk, Vickie Hall.

Regular session resumed at 4:20 p.m. with no action being taken.

Courthouse Custodian, George Bean visited with the Board about work he has done to make the County compliant with the KWORCC safety requirements.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2003 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and Commission Holl made it unanimous.

There being no further business the session adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez noted that he had talked to Kansas Department of Transportation about project 79C-3490-01. They preferred not to remove it from the five-year plan but to move the project farther out to year 2007 or if necessary to 2009.

Mr. Perez visited with the Board about cost estimates for a 2-inch seal on all the roads at the NCK Fairgrounds. He will break down the total cost of the project into two or three smaller projects so it could be completed in 2-3 years. Thus making it easier for the road and bridge department to work it into their schedule.

He noted that the men are cleaning up debris from the storm. The county landfill will accept storm debris without charge for two weeks.

Norway Township Clerk Jim Bohling and Dana Brewer visit with the Board about hauling the debris from the storm to the county landfill. The Board encouraged them to move the debris or trees to another site and get a special burn permit. With the cost of gas it would be prohibitive to haul the debris any distance and the majority of the county trucks are dedicated to current road improvement projects.

Mr. Perez also visited about a box replacement near Narka, Kansas. He has visited with Dave McMullen about a cost share on this project.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0. The executive session ended at 9:10 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Perez received approval on a notification to travel. He will attend the LTAP Road and Bridge meeting July 13-14 in Hays, Kansas.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

The NCK Fair Amusement Committee submitted a request for funds. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to give the NCK Fair Amusement Committee \$3,000 from the Carnival Fund to make improvements to the north bathrooms at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board about the closing of the Duckwalls Store.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Communications Director Mark Nordell visited with the Board about the new federal regulations and tax on cell phones that will start July 1, 2004. Nordell said the 911 Wireless Communications will cost the county about \$10,000 and will be paid from the 911 Emergency Fund.

Mr. Nordell noted that the village of Norway needs to have a battery back up for the sirens. When the electricity went off the storm siren would not activate. He thought the cost would be \$500.00 or less.

Tandy Rundus gave a report on the Family and Consumer Science Programs and the Agriculture Programs held in Republic County.

Melinda Pierson and Sue Fischer of the Main Street Program presented the three landscape designs for the courthouse lawn, created by the K-State students. Cheryl Loring and George Bean were also present for the presentation. All county residents and employees are welcome to study the landscaping plans and offer written comments or suggestions.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about computer upgrades that will be required in the near future. The County computer system is old and needs more memory and storage. Mr. Porter stated that he would want to alert department heads that support for Windows 95 and Windows 98 will no longer be offered effective December 31, 2004. If a new a computer purchase is required it should be included in the 2005 budget projections.

Mr. Porter told the Board he would like to hire someone to help to do data collection in Republic County.

County Clerk Vickie Hall received permission to replace a computer in her office.

Following a lunch recess the Board visited with Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney. They visited about the storm damage and flood control in the county. The county has additional storm damage to report to K-CAMP Insurance following the weekend storms.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

A department head meeting will be held next Monday. Department heads should be encouraged to bring a list of the storm-damaged vehicles they want to repair. Buildings that received additional damage will be rechecked by KCAMP.

There being no further appointments Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Republic Community Center, Republic, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez reported on the newly purchased crane. He also noted that the men are working to replace 28 road signs that had been vandalized. Repair and replacement will cost a little over a thousand dollars.

The Board adjourned to enjoy lunch at the Rip City Inn, Republic.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse in Belleville.

Permission to travel was signed for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the NCWDA meeting in Concordia, Kansas.

At 1:30 p.m., the Board went to visit the Republic County Health Department. The Board is visiting a department each week to meet with the employees and to become more informed about the work done in that department.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reported that the sales tax collection for the hospital renovations is on target.

The Board spoke with Custodian George Bean about the County Surplus Sale to be held at the fairgrounds, May 22, 2004.

Belleville City Mayor Brad Chatfield spoke with the Board about Belleville Main Street membership.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board about Rocky Pond and the Kansas Sampler Festival in Newton, KS.

Lisa Detlauf, a representative from Congressman Jerry Moran's office, visited with patrons from 3:30-4:30.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. Charles Klima will be mowing the roadsides as a part-time summer employee. Alan Hanel resigned his position in the Road and Bridge Department as of May 17th.

Mr. Perez also gave an update on the construction of the joint fueling station. He said it would be preferable to have Belleville City provide the insurance and we in turn would pay our share of the premium.

Mr. Perez visited with Alan Engle at the Country Club about the complaints received due to parking vehicles on the North side of the cart sheds on the county road.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 2004-17 to transfer up to \$40,000.00 for the year ending 2003 from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 2004-18 to transfer up to \$134,000.00 of money remaining at the end of 2003, this transfer from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Equipment Fund. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

A utility agreement was approved between the County and SBC to bury and install telephone cable along east right-of-way of 70th Rd, across Lincoln Rd.

During public forum Larry Rundus stopped by to compliment the Road and Bridge crew for work done in his area.

Al Urich and Don Westphal, representing the Republic County Area Drug and Alcohol Committee visited with the Board about future programs. Commissioner Holl made a motion to give the committee \$3,000 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0. It was suggested that a note be enclosed to encourage the committee to use a good portion of the money for scholarships instead of prizes and gifts at the after prom parties throughout the county.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board. She stated that she had received inquiries to lease space in the former M-C Industries building. She also noted that there would be an advertisement in this week's edition of The Belleville Telescope and other newspapers to seek interest from welders or people interested in learning to become welders. The survey is being conducted on behalf of a potential industry to determine the size of the labor force in the region

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. met with the Board. The Board approved Resolution 2004-19 to appoint Robert A. Walsh to serve as the Assistant County Attorney from May 14-24, during Mr. Spurney's absence from the area.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers throughout the morning.

It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Clerk to send a memo to department heads. The memo would state that any employee wishing to make a purchase for themselves through their department must give the department head cash or a personal check for that item before the order is placed, not after the item arrives. That money would be immediately deposited with the county treasurer stating the nature of the purchase and a receipt issued to employee.

Regina Thompson visited with the Board on behalf of the Courtland Arts Council. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give \$1,500 towards the expenses of the 5-day Summer Arts Camp for youth to be held in Courtland, KS. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0. Youth from across the county are invited to attend the camp.

The Board agreed to revise the accounts payable dates. The new deadline for vouchers will be 5:00 p.m., on the second Tuesday of each month. When it is possible, turning in accounts payable vouchers throughout the month is very helpful.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board visited with the Washington County Commissioners by way of a telephone conference. It was the consensus of the two Boards to have the two highway administrators visit about the road leading to the 6th Principal Meridian Marker. The Board would like to encourage people to visit the monument as it has great historical value. The two highway administrators will create a plan to improve the road and offer suggestions for maintaining it in the future.

It was suggested that Clerk Hall contact Nancy Holt about getting signs from Highway 36 directing travelers to the 6th Principal Meridian Marker monument.

A notification to travel was approved for David Strnad, Mark Nordell and Raymond Raney to attend the Public Health Incident Command System NCK Regional Planning Conference, May 11th in Abilene, KS.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board by telephone. Mr. Porter told the Board that Franklin Neilander indicated to him that he felt the reason he was unable to sell his house was due to the condition of the county road leading to his residential property.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Republic County Development Committee and loan \$15,000 to the Belleville Country Inn if all requirements listed on the agreement are met. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board adjourned for lunch at noon.

At 1:00 p.m., regular session resumed as Paul Kallman and Marilyn Sorensen, Republic County Travel and Tourism Task Force, visited with the Board. They offered a proposed minimum budget and explained in detail the cost of each activity and how it helps promote Republic County.

At 1:38 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Alvin Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. At 1:43 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board followed the recommendation of the Republic County Hospital Board and signed a letter of intent to offer Heritage Haven Group the first opportunity to develop assisted living quarters on the county-owned property located north of the hospital. The group will be given 90 days to secure adequate financing for the project and to present a viable business plan to the Board. If approved the County will assign title to the Heritage Haven Group for the express and sole purpose of building an assisted living facility as stated in the letter of May 10, 2004.

The Board and other county employees enjoyed refreshments in celebration of Commissioner Holl's birthday.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss various matters. He noted that the newly purchased crane would be ready on Friday. It was also agreed that the county landfill be closed on Memorial weekend. Mr. Perez will advertise the closing.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-20 to post No Parking Signs on the North and South sides along this section of roadway to provide safety to the traveling public near the golf course. The signs will be placed in the E ½ NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 2, T3S, R3W and E ½ SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 2, T3S, R3W. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

At 8:58 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:13 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

During the public forum, Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board. She noted that the Economic Development Board would meet on Wednesday evening at the Belleville City Office.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about water leaking in the jail area. The Board gave approval for Mr. Blad to get estimates for replacing some of the plumbing in the jail area.

At 10:30 a.m., Kelvin Blecha, NCK Fair Ag Board visited about upcoming projects at the fairgrounds.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received approval on a notification to travel for Karen Henke to attend the NCKRTC meeting to be held May 27, 2004 in Salina, KS. She will also attend the Effective Management of Chronic Wounds Seminar, June 2, 2004, to be held in Wichita, KS. A notification to travel was approved for Marcia Hansen and Susan Swanson to attend the Annual Family Planning Conference June 3-4, in Wichita, KS.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

It was noted that the operation of the switchboard was discontinued as of May 10, 2004. All the Republic County offices now have individual telephone numbers.

The Board enjoyed lunch at the Belleville Country Inn where the Jewell County Commissioners and the Jewell County Clerk joined them. Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and County Clerk Vickie Hall joined the group for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the group returned to the Courthouse, Belleville, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

At 2:00 p.m., Carolee Miner, Shelia Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius, representing OCCK submitted a budget request of \$27,038.00 for the year 2005. They gave a review of all services provided to the disabled in our area. They noted that the public transportation is a major growth area. The NCK Express bus goes from Belleville to Concordia, Minneapolis, Salina and back to Belleville.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2004-21. It states that the Republic County Commissioners desire to continue their long standing recognition of the Disability Planning Organization of Kansas Inc. (formerly the Occupational Center of Central Kansas Inc.) as the Community Developmental Disability Organization for the nine (9) county area which includes Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, and Saline counties. Commission Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-22 that states the Republic County Commissioners desire to continue their long standing relationship and recognition of OCCK Inc. as the Preferred Service Provider for persons in Republic County who are Physically Handicapped and persons who are Mentally Retarded/Developmentally Disabled. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. She noted that the motor vehicle funds would go to the voucher system on June 1, 2004. This will make it easier for auditing.

It was noted that the Republic County Surplus Sale would be held this Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m., NCK Fairgrounds in Belleville.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez noted that fuel prices have increased and he presented two vouchers totaling \$27,144.67 for two loads of fuel.

After considerable discussion Mr. Perez and the Board agreed to take bridge project 79C-3490-01 out of the 5-year plan. At this time Republic County does not have \$100,000 plus for the counties share of this project. Mr. Perez will notify KDOT in Topeka, KS.

A notification of travel was approved for Carol Pachta and Evelyn Love to attend RTAP Driver Training Workshop, June 24th in Salina, KS.

At 8:49 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Wilber moved to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0. The executive session ended at 9:04 a.m. with no action taken.

During the public forum Ken Mulch and Tyra Frye visited with the Board about parking at the RCRA golf course.

Ms. Rahe noted that the county had received the first reimbursement for \$1,837.80 on the project to renovate the courthouse steps.

A notification to travel was approved for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend the Register of Deeds Association Spring meeting June 1-5, 2004 in Topeka, KS.

David Bowersox of the Belleville American Legion received permission to use the portable stage for the May 29th celebration honoring Republic County World War II veterans.

The Board approved Chad Barton as a part-time deputy in the Sheriff's department. He will receive \$8.50 per hour with no employee benefits.

A notification to travel was approved for Cheryl Loring to attend a Budget Training Workshop, May 27, 2004 in Salina, KS.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about parking at the RCRA golf course.

The Board approved the purchase of a new computer for the County Attorney's Office. Barry Porter had checked the computer out and replacement was the only solution.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He gave the Board a report of the accounts receivable from his department.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board. She reported that the City of Belleville was willing to rent four offices in the old PDM Building to the county for \$100.00 per month for each office. They would also ask the county to pay a portion of the taxes and utilities for the space used in that building. The Board will review this option in the near future.

The Board enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

At 1:28 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss personnel exception for matters of individual non-elected personnel with Darlene Havel. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Nelson moved to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Nelson moved to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 2:03 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

At 2:15 Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, for a period of 5-minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Holl made a motion to extend the executive session for 5 more minutes. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 2:25 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The session will begin at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 7, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. He noted that all trucks coming to the landfill should be tarped or have the contents tied down.

The crane has yet to be delivered from Crane Rental in Salina, KS. Mr. Perez noted that he has spoke with Bob Frank on several occasions and is not sure what is slowing the delivery of the crane. Chairman Wilber will call Crane Rental this week.

Jesse Burchill and Kim Judy have met the probation requirements as part-time jailers. They will each receive a thirty-cent per hour increase in pay.

Communications Director Mark Nordell gave a review of his department. He noted that the State of Kansas would start paying the \$200.00 router charge as of July 1, 2004. He stated that a new cad program for his department was purchased with grant money.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0. The amendment was advising Norway Township that the County would assist with the trucking of the storm debris, as trucks became available.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce Secretary Mary Kolsky visited with the Board about the Kansas Getaway Guide listing the Republic County Courthouse. The Board agreed to pay the \$30.00 basic listing fee.

Ambulance Director David Strnad reported on the Region Four meeting. He noted that Paul Haase had visited with the NCK Fair Amusement Board. They all agreed that two ambulances and four EMT's would be in the pits during the races at the fair. The Board instructed Mr. Strnad to get the verbal agreement into a signed contract.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Wayne Pachta, Jerome Kieffer, John Robison and Lori Siemsen presented their request for the Republic County Conservation District. They stated that \$35,250.00 was needed for the 2005 budget year.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez spoke with the Board about a request from USD 427 for more gravel on Rock Road between 170 Road and 180 Road.

A notification to travel was signed for County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker to attend the Identity Security Training, June 15-16 in Topeka, KS.

The Board met with county department heads to discuss budget preparations for 2005. They encouraged department heads to add 3% for salary increases. The Board would like to have department budget requests back to them by June 21, 2004.

Hail damage to county buildings and county vehicles was also reviewed. The Board asked each department head to get estimates for the vehicles and building repair for their department. They encouraged them to report back to the Board when they have damage estimates. Department heads were also encouraged to ask local contractors for bids to repair windows, roofs and other damaged property.

Those present for the meeting were: Custodian George Bean, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Communications Director Mark Nordell, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Sheriff Ron Blad, County Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers and Mike Hadachek visited about Economic Development and Republic County Travel and Tourism. They will invite Marilyn Sorensen and Paul Kallman to attend the June 14th meeting to set up guidelines for the Republic County Travel and Tourism Task Force.

Following a luncheon recess the Board met with County Health Director Marcia Hansen. Ms. Hansen visited with the Board about five cars that received hail damage and were totaled out by the insurance company.

Henry Blecha visited with the Board about the need for gravel on the township road between Liberty Township and Rose Creek Township.

At 2:30 p.m., the Board toured the County Treasurer's Office.

The Board signed the flood plain agreement or resolution. Commissioner Nelson made a motion that a \$200.00 fine would be charged for violating the rules and regulations for building inside a flood plain. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 8:30 a.m., at the Munden Community Hall. The afternoon session will be held at the Courthouse.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2004 at the Munden Community Building, Munden, KS with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. District men are checking the roads in their districts where water might have crossed the roads this weekend.

Mr. Perez noted that Butcher, Willis and Ratliff are to have the plans for the fuel containment structure ready this week. Perez will set down with the representatives from the City of Belleville to review the plans, make any needed changes and proceed with the project.

Mr. Perez has been in contract with Kansas Department of Health and Environment and paperwork has been completed to get our new permit for the county landfill.

Mr. Perez called Crane Rental and left a list of things that he felt should be addressed before delivery of the machine. He hopes to have the unit here next week.

Mr. Perez said he filled two positions with the Road and Bridge Department. There were applicants who declined the positions stating they could not afford to work for the wages Republic County offers. A discussion followed about wages.

Munden City Mayor Danny Blecha served cinnamon rolls and coffee to those present.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers throughout the morning.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 7th meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth, Henry Strnad and Munden City Mayor Danny Blecha visited with the Board during the morning session.

Ambulance Director David Strnad stopped to tell the Board he has a 4:00 p.m. appointment with them.

The Board and Clerk Hall enjoyed lunch at the Munden Café.

Regular session resumed at the Courthouse in Belleville at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the Jared Melton RCD Loan to facilitate the purchase of the building. They agreed to loan up to \$41,400.00 for that purchase with his parents as cosigners. The cosigners can be released after 5 years, with the approval of the RCD Committee. The total purchase price is \$82,800.00 for the building.

Sue Boman was hired as secretary/bookkeeper in the County Clerk's Office at \$7.75 per hour.

Lee F. Callen was approved as a full time deputy in the Sheriff's Office at \$8. per hour.

The Board signed a letter of intent to pledge \$1,877.00 to North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency for senior citizens.

Jake Jacobs presented the 2005 Pawnee Mental Health budget request. Dr. Robert Holt was also present. Dr. Holt told the Board that when Dr. Wheeler leaves he would accept the position of Director of Republic County EMS.

Commander of the Belleville American Legion Post, William E. Thompson, made a request for financial support for the Belleville American Legion baseball team. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to allow a \$1,000 appropriation from the Drug and Alcohol Fund to be given to the baseball team. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons spoke with the Board about purchasing software to run the general ledger in her office. The quote was \$828.00 for the software package.

County Appraiser Barry Porter gave the Board an update on the courthouse main computer. The system must be updated and will also require more storage. He had a quote of \$24,027.00 for the complete package that would assist the offices of treasurer, clerk, deeds and appraiser.

Kelvin Blecha, NCK Fair Agriculture Board met with the Board. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pay Saunders Concrete and Painting, Courtland, KS, \$4,456.00 from the Fair Building Improvement Fund. This pays for the poultry barn foundation. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Blecha will visit with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez about millings at the fairground. The Board said they would approve up to \$7,000 from the Carnival Fund for this improvement.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers, Mike Hadachek, Paul Kallman and Marilyn Sorensen visited about Republic County Travel and Tourism. Mr. Hadachek will check to see when the By-laws were written and accepted for the travel and tourism committee.

Clerk Hall will check will other counties and see how the travel and tourism is funded in other counties. July 1, 2004 is the Republic County Travel and Tourism meeting at the Herrman House. The Indian Storyteller event will be in Republic, KS on July 10, 2004.

Nancy Holt presented the 2005 Republic County Historical Society \$16,000 budget request.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen presented the 2005 budget request for her department. Beverly Lapo was approved to be the Health Start Home Visitor and will make \$8.00 per hour.

A request to travel was approved for the Healthy Start Workshop, June 16, 2004 in Clay Center, KS. Marcia Hansen, Marge Nelson and Beverly Lapo plan to attend this workshop.

A request to travel was approved for Marcia Hansen to attend the Ks. Association of Local Health Department meeting, June 15, 2004 in Manhattan, KS.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Paul Haase visited with the Board about the race contract for the NCK Fair. The contract states the amusement committee will pay \$15.00 per hour per crewmember beginning from the time the EMS vehicles arrive at the track until the time they leave the track. It was agreed that the Amusement Board would pay the cost of four EMT's with 2 ambulances. The Board of County Commissioners, Fair Amusement Board Member Raymond Raney and Ambulance Director David Strnad signed the contract.

A request to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad to attend the Region Four meeting, June 18, 2004 in Beloit, KS.

Mr. Strnad received approval for those employees who have been certified as EMTI's to receive an increase of 10 cents per hour. Rod Dusek, Julie Eggers, Kim Holloway and David Strnad received certification.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Communications Director Mark Nordell visited with the Board about the repairs on the communications tower north of Belleville. The county insurance will cover the cost due to damage from recent storms. The Road and Bridge Department have had problems in the past with communications. They will replace the radio wire going up the tower to the Road and Bridge antenna. If a portion of the damage is due to the storm and depreciation figures in on the age of the cable, the balance due should be taken out of the road and bridge funds.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator, Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez noted that due to the rain, several of the projects were on hold because of the muddy conditions at the work sites.

Mr. Perez stated that Crane Rental in Salina, KS delivered the crane. Mr. Perez inspected the crane and noted there are still items that must be corrected before the crane can be used in the field.

Bindweed Director Steve Pounds presented his 2005 budget request. Mr. Pounds has been contacting landowners about thistle control.

Phyllis Hofts, Republic, listened in on the morning session.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director David Strnad presented his 2005 budget request.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about fence viewing.

Brandon Jeardoe was approved as a part-time jailer, \$7.00 per hour, with no benefits.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to a school budget meeting, June 22, 2004 in Salina, KS.

Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about storm damage to the roof of the Republic County Medical Arts Building. The insurance adjuster estimated it would cost \$24,000 to replace shingles, lights and some smaller items. The clinic roof was considered a total loss.

Mr. Miller said the assisted living complex received about \$7,000 in damage per apartment.

The Board approved the K-Camp Insurance Storm Report on county owned buildings. K-Camp will send a check for \$38,035.31 to start repairs. Each department head will get estimates and take bids to repair the building they occupy.

Sherry Quackenbush stopped to ask the Board how to handle the roof repairs on her building. She has an RCD Loan and the insurance check was made to Republic County and Ms. Quackenbush. She was instructed to take the insurance check to Mikel Hadachek at the First National Bank.

County Appraiser Barry Porter presented a quote for the proposed computer upgrade.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe presented her 2005 budget proposal. Ms. Rahe stated that she would have approximately \$3,000 to share and put towards a new computer.

Communications Director Mark Nordell presented his 2005 budget proposal. He also noted that a grant application has been completed for an equipment shelter near the radio tower north of Belleville.

Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about roof repairs and the bid process for the repairs. Using local contractors was encouraged if they are able to make the repairs before winter. Bids should also be solicited from other contractors.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures on checks to United Excel Corporation in the amount of \$400,243.75 for work on the hospital renovation project.

Following a lunch recess the Board visited with Melinda Pierson about the Farmers Market. Sue Fischer and Ms. Pierson also visited about the landscape proposals for the courthouse grounds. The three proposals will be available for viewing in the courthouse during the month of July. The Board would like to encourage the public to stop and look at the plans.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board. They reviewed the K-Camp Insurance Report.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board. She noted that they have not made any definite decisions about the Travel and Tourism Bylaws.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss various road and bridge matters.

Two Memorandum of Agreements were signed between Republic County and the City of Agenda and Republic County and the City of Belleville concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees.

During the public forum Keith Anderson received signatures from the Board on the RCD Loan for Randall & Carol Chatfield.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board to discuss the old PDM Building.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. She submitted a notice to travel for a training session in Smith Center, KS.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board traveled to Mankato, KS to join Jewell County Commissioners for lunch. A joint meeting followed at the Jewell County Courthouse.

At 2:30 p.m., regular session resumed at the Courthouse in Belleville.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

There being no further business the Board adjourned for the day.

The Board will hold a special session at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 2004 in the County Commissioners room to visit with the county auditors.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 26, 2004.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss various matters. Mr. Perez noted that Henry Pierce installed the new antennas and wiring on the tower for the Road and Bridge radio system. It has improved the quality of the transmissions and radio reception.

Mr. Perez noted that he purchased a 1994 F-150 Ford 4x4 for the Road and Bridge Department at a cost of \$2800.00 from Keith Sells.

Mr. Perez put together an agreement between Washington County and Republic County to address the maintenance on the county line. This agreement is for the division of the 6-mile section of roadway and states the responsibilities of each county.

A chain saw was taken from the county shop sometime on the evening of June 21, 2004. Mr. Perez reported the theft to the Sheriff's Office.

The Board and Mr. Perez agreed to rent the pug mill to Butler County. The unit they have went down and repairs will not be available for several weeks. Mr. Perez will work out the details and rent it to Butler County if both counties approve terms of agreement.

It was agreed that Ron Huncovsky's paycheck would come out of the Courthouse General Fund in the future. He uses county equipment and blades the racetrack for the NCK Fair Amusement Committee. The county is reimbursed for his wages and the machine hours.

At 8:56 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Commissioner Nelson seconded and motion was approved 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:01 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Mr. Strnad is working on a policy to allow the Ambulance Department to transport patients from resthomes in surrounding areas to Republic County Hospital. He will present it to the county attorney, Dr. Robert E. Holt and the Board for approval.

Mr. Strnad told the Board about a decontamination shower unit that will be needed by the medical community. It was suggested that the ambulance barn might be a possible location. Clerk Hall will ask the county's liability insurance company about it.

The Board approved the purchase of rural directories from Farm and Home Publishers. Each department that requested books will cover the cost of those orders.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and the President of Great Plains Health Alliance Roger John visited with the Board. They submitted the 2005 budget request of 4 mills for the Republic County Hospital operations and maintenance. This request would generate approximately \$188,000.00 for the coming year.

Mark McGregor, Wayne E. Whiteside, Warren Sutton and Kristy Shrader presented the Board with an updated business plan for Heritage Haven. Commissioner Holl made a motion to grant a 120-day extension to the group so they can get through the grant application process and complete other financial plans. The group may report back to the Board earlier than the 120 days. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Following a luncheon recess the regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., Health Director Marcia Hansen joined the Board for the official bid opening for a County Health Department vehicle.

Melton Motor Company, Inc. offered a new, 2005 Chevrolet Malibu sedan. Choice of color, V-6 engine and well equipped for \$16,250.00 with a delivery time of 8 weeks.

Sells Enterprises offered a 2003 Buick Century for \$11,200.00 or a 2003 Cavalier LS for \$8,950.00 and noted that both cars had 28,000 miles on them.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to purchase the 2005 Malibu car from Melton Motors. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. She noted that she and Kay Shoemaker have decided to accept the duties of secretary and treasurer for the RCD Committee when Sharon Kalivoda retires. The RCD Board would make such official appointments in the near future.

Appraiser Barry Porter presented his 2005 budget request.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney submitted the 2005 budget request for his department.

Communications Director Mark Nordell noted that the maintenance agreement on the recorder in the 911 Dispatch Center costs \$3,250.00 per year. The other option is to pay a high hourly wage and mileage on an as needed basis for maintenance. They will decide next week if they want the maintenance agreement.

The rest of the day was spent working on the 2005 budget preparations for Republic County. Those present were Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, County Clerk Vickie Hall and the Board.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2004 meeting with corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-24 to cast Republic County's ballot for the appointment of Norman Nelson and Maryjo Downey to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-Large for positions 4 and 8, respectively, for terms beginning June 1, 2004, and ending May 31, 2008. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed the Notice for Fence Viewing to be held on August 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. to examine the partition fence between Section 26, Twp. 4, Rng. W3 the N ½ & Tri Tract in NW ¼ SW ¼ owned by Janet Davis Baker and Section 26, Twp. 4, Rng. W3 S ½ Less Tract in NW ¼ SW ¼ owned by Loretta L. Lowell Trust No. 1. The notices will be mailed out today by the Clerk.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth and intern David Green from the Zion Evangelical Church in Munden, Kansas offered the morning prayer.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the appointment of a county or district coroner position.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Courtland, Kansas for solid waste disposal fees.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Dr. Robert E. Holt to be the Republic County Director of Emergency Medical Services effective immediately. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Strnad noted that he is working on the policy for transporting patients to Belleville from the surrounding areas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about her 2005 budget. She noted that Sharon Kalivoda would be retiring and Kay Shoemaker move to Kalivoda's position.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about job sharing.

Carol Miller and Richard Campbell, representing NCK CASA, Inc., requested \$2,500.00 for the 2005 budget year.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the RCD Loan for Randall and Carol Chatfield in the amount of \$45,000.00 to purchase House of Shoes from Robert and Pam Knudson. The purchase includes the inventory, building and fixtures. It will be an 8-year loan with interest only the first year as recommended by the RCD Committee. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-25 to allow for an increase in the ad valorem property tax mill levy for the benefit of the Republic County Hospital, from 1.589 to four (4) mills, to provide funds for the operation, maintenance and equipping of the Republic County Hospital to be effective for the 2005 budget year. This is in accordance to KSA 19-4606(a). Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0. The resolution must be published in the Belleville Telescope for two weeks and will become effective unless a petition, signed by not less than five percent of the electors of the county, is filed within 30 days of the last publication of the notice.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Custodian George Bean. He gave a review of the building repairs due to the storm damage.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring spent the balance of the afternoon with the Board working on the county budget for 2005.

The Board of County Commissioners will call a special meeting with the county auditors at 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2004 to make final revisions to the proposed 2005 county budget.

At 5:00 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez noted that Nathan Craig and Jerry Powell started to work on July 7, 2004. He also reported that Ron Erickson turned in his resignation. Mr. Perez will run an ad for a Courtland district operator.

Mr. Perez received signatures and approval from the Board on two Right of Way forms on the two Emergency Relief projects. The Construction Engineering Contracts were Project 79C-4096-01 for \$11,445.98 and Project 79C-4090-01 for \$10,335.57.

Two Memorandums of Agreements were signed between Republic County and the City of Belleville and Republic County and the City of Agenda for payment of solid waste fees.

A letter of complaint was received from Arlene Clayton about the county attorney. She hand delivered it but did not want to visit with the Board.

During the public forum Keith Anderson received signatures on a RCD Loan for the purchase of House of Shoes. July 19, 2004 Randy and Carol Chatfield became the official owners of the store.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board. He noted that he would file charges against Frank Nielander. Neilander came into the Courthouse and verbally threatened the Board of County Commissioners. He was upset about the solid waste billing and the road from Belleville City to his home.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board. She gave the Board a report of the Belleville City council meeting. The council seems to be unsure about owning the old PDM Building or the Business Cluster Building. The Board assured Ms. Ahlvers that the County was prepared to assist with that building and have a \$10,000 line item in the county budget called Community Development.

Chairman Wilber signed the form for Head Start In-Kind Program. The County houses the two buses and one van for the program covering January through August of 2004. The total was \$5,832.00 of in-kind donations.

Danny Blecha reported to the Board that the City of Munden has moved trees from the storm damage to the James Stehno pasture.

A notification to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend a training session on title and registrations. The meeting will be held July 23, 2004 in Smith Center, Kansas.

The Board also signed checks for payments on the Hospital Renovation Project. Ms. Coons reported that the payments will now be about \$500,000 per month until completion of the project.

At 11:12 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to talk about non-elected personnel with Ms. Coons. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:22 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6 and July 12. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board adjourned for lunch. The Board and Clerk Hall traveled to Mankato, Kansas for a joint meeting with the Jewell County Commissioners.

The Board met at the Jewell County Courthouse for an hour following lunch to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Regular session resumed at 2:30 p.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board. She asked them to each sign up for a time in the Republican Booth at the NCK Free Fair.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Harold Wilber, Martin Nelson and Linda Holl present. Also, present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Belleville City Councilmen K. L. Klaumann and Francis Esslinger monitored the meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and Donald Dean of Campbell & Johnson Engineers visited with the Board. Bid proposals were opened for the biennial bridge inspections.

Campbell & Johnson Engineers was awarded the bid to inspect 254 bridges in Republic County at \$34.87 per bridge.

Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. based on 254 bridges, bid \$39.50 per bridge.

Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers declined to bid.

The Solid Waste Recycling Grant was approved making \$21,000 available for Republic County recycling.

Donald Dean of Campbell and Johnson Engineers informed the Board that plans for the renovation of the courthouse steps have been sent to the Kansas State Historical Society. When the plans are approved, Campbell and Johnson will contact contractors and ask for bids on that project.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County and the City of Narka for the payment of solid waste fees.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board to visit about various matters.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. Mr. Raney plans to attend the National Flood Plain Manager's Conference, September 8-9 in Topeka, Kansas. Raney will represent Republic County and Mitchell County at the conference.

Raney noted that the grant money to pay for writing the Mitigation 20/20 Plan was received and 3 separate checks would be issued to those persons writing the County plan. Mr. Raney said one other \$1,500 grant would be coming from the State of Kansas.

The Board agreed to purchase a new recorder upgrade and maintenance agreement for the 911 Communications Department to be paid out of the 911 Fund. The cost is expected to be around \$7500.00 for the new equipment.

Ambulance Director David Strnad reported that Joseph Blecha recently received his certification as an EMTI. His salary will increase to \$7.05 per hour.

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded and motion carried 3-0. Those present were the Board and David Strnad. At 10:08 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Cheryl Denk presented her resignation as Elk Creek Township Precinct Committeewoman for the Democratic Party. She changed her party affiliation to Republican after the time of filing.

It was a consensus of the Board to allow Appraiser Barry Porter to be an officer on the National Appraiser's Association Board.

A permission to travel was approved for Chris Springer to attend the Kansas Top Gun training program, September 26 through October 2, 2004 in Salina, Kansas. There is no cost to the county for lodging, meals or the training.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board for a few minutes.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe asked the Board to install shut-off valves for the radiators in her office. Custodian George Bean will take care of it.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion approved 3-0.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce secretary Mary Kolsky visited with the Board about upcoming events to be held on the Courthouse lawn.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez returned to get the Board's signatures on the contract with Campbell and Johnson Engineers for the Safety Inspection of In Service Bridges in Republic County.

Conrad and Justin Trost stopped to ask the Board about putting a water line under a county road. The Board directed them to speak with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez about the project.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtland, Kansas. The afternoon session will be at the Republic County Courthouse.

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The Republic County Governing Board met on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courtland Community Building, Courtland, Kansas, with Commissioners Harold Wilber, Martin Nelson and Linda Holl present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez noted that he sent a news release to the newspapers in Republic County to inform the citizens that the County received the grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. He is working on information to be sent out to educate citizens about the recycling program. There will be a solid waste committee meeting on August 26, 2004. Two trailers have been ordered from Depco Industries and should be delivered in 4 to 5 weeks.

Mr. Perez met with Jim Vaughn at the Jewell County Recycling Center and worked out the details on how materials needed to be sorted and what could be accepted at their facility.

A Utility Agreement was approved on a waterline for Conrad Trost commencing NE ¼ of Section 12; R3W; T4S thence following Salt Creek Trail Crossing 180 Road into Section 11; R3W; T4S.

Courtland City Mayor Tim Garman stopped to welcome the Board to Courtland. Deb Hadachek, representative for The Belleville Telescope, also stopped by to monitor the meeting.

The Board approved accounts payable vouchers throughout the morning.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers gave the Board a general update about the work being done in her department.

CellularOne Major Accounts Manager James Hedstrom sent a written proposal to update the current wireless service to keep it effective and efficient. There are a few changes in the new written proposal and Mr. Hedstrom will personally meet with the Board in a couple weeks to discuss possible updates.

A notification to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the Playing the Media Game Seminar on September 10, 2004 in Beloit, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board adjourned the meeting at noon to enjoy lunch at Pinky's Café.

The Board returned to Belleville at 1:00 p.m. and resumed the afternoon session at the Courthouse.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. It was consensus of the Board to have Mr. Strnad purchase a new pager for his department.

A notification to travel was approved for Mr. Strnad to attend the Region IV meeting August 20, 2004 in Clay Center, Kansas.

Appraiser Barry Porter submitted the purchase contract with Nex-Tech of Hays, KS. Chairman Wilber signed the contract with Nex-Tech to purchase an IBM iSeries 520 Application Server with Operating System Version 5.3 and accessories. The purchase price of the replacement computer is \$27,734.00 and it will be in service by the end of October. The County will make a minimum payment of \$5,547.00 by the end of October. The final payment of \$22,187.00 may be made any time before January 15, 2005.

The Board spoke with Communications Director Mark Nordell by telephone. He noted that 911 Dispatcher Judith Bryan would retire on October 1, 2004. Mr. Nordell said he would start advertising in the papers for a dispatcher.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. He reported that the final cost of the 911 Recorder for the Communications Department was \$8,213.00, which will be paid out of the 911 fund.

Mr. Raney requested permission from the Board to spend \$30,470.00 out of the Homeland Security Grant funds to purchase a 2004 Chevrolet $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, four door pickup truck, with topper from Melton Motor Company. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the purchase if the total payment comes from grant money. Mr. Raney stated that the purchase of the pickup would be an approved purchase, as it would pull the emergency preparedness trailer. Raney will also drive the pickup to his job in Beloit as Mitchell County Emergency Preparedness Director. Raney stated that Republic County would receive reimbursement for mileage related to his job in Mitchell County.

A notification to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to attend the Kansas Floodplain Management Annual Conference, September 8-9, 2004 in Topeka, Kansas. Permission was also received for Mr. Raney to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Annual Conference, September 14-17, 2004 in Manhattan, Kansas.

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Wilber opened the official Delinquent Solid Waste Hearings for the landlords. No patrons attended this hearing.

The Board invited members of the Belleville Main Street Landscaping Committee to visit with them about the plans for the courthouse yard. Bob Trecek and Sue Fischer attended this meeting. The group shared their ideas for improvements to the Courthouse lawn. It was agreed that an automatic sprinkler system for the lawn would be one of the first projects.

Dan Blecha stopped by to visit with the Board.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. The new car that she ordered for the department has arrived at Melton Motor Company. She received signatures on a voucher to pay for the car.

The Board approved four separate notifications to travel forms for the Health Department employees. Susan Swanson and Beverly Lapo will attend the Medical Issues in Lactation Management on August 25, 2004 in Manhattan, Kansas. Beverly Lapo will attend the 28th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to be held in Wichita, Kansas, October 6-8, 2004. Kathy Zach, Nila Skupa, Juanita Ashby, Donna Moravek and Debbie Sells will attend the Kansas Home Care Annual Meeting, September 15-16, 2004 in Wichita, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons met with the Board. She received approval on a notification to travel to attend the KCTA Fall meeting, September 15-17, 2004 in Topeka, Kansas.

Approval was also received on a notification to travel for Ms. Coons and Kay Shoemaker to attend the NCK County Treasurer's fall meeting, September 24, 2004 in Washington, Kansas.

Ms. Coons gave the Board an update on the monthly Hospital Sales Tax Collections. An average of \$30,000 per month must be collected to pay the bonds. The report showed the current collections are sufficient.

The Board signed a letter to NCK CASA, Inc. to notify them that Republic County has appropriated \$1,000 for them in the 2005 budget.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas.

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The Republic County Governing Board met on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Harold Wilber and Linda Holl present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Commissioner Wilber signed papers for KDHE to finalize the recycling grant.

The Board and Mr. Perez agreed to rent a belly dump trailer from Berry Equipment for \$1700 per month. This should help out with the hauling of cover materials for the sealing projects and to haul asphalt to assist with the patching of the county roads.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers discussed economic development issues with the Board.

Republic County Extension Agent Tandy Rundus introduced Glenda Keller, Washington County Extension Agent, who will be director over the new four-county extension district when it becomes official July 1, 2005. Ms. Keller said that "River Valley Extension District" has been chosen as the new name for the four-county district. The Board signed the Extension District Operations Agreement. Local extension council president Les Shoemaker also attended the session.

Commissioners from each county will appoint four members to the board that will govern the four-county district when it first forms. After that, Extension elections will be held to elect members.

Commissioner Nelson joined the regular session.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. gave the Board a department review.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board and Clerk Hall moved the meeting to the courtroom for the scheduled 2005 Republic County Budget Hearing. The Board invited discussion on the proposed budget. Those in attendance were: Commissioner Wilber, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Holl, County Clerk Vickie Hall, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and reporter Deb Hadachek.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed 2005 Republic County Budget. Commissioner Nelson seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-27, as property taxes levied to finance the 2005 budget will exceed the amount levied to finance the 2004 budget. Commissioner Wilber seconded and motion carried 3-0.

The Board returned to the County Commissioner's Room to resume the regular session.

Commissioner Wilber said that Wayne Gardner, Scandia, a Rain Bird representative, contacted him and wants to submit a bid for an underground sprinkler system for the courthouse lawn. It was suggested that the sprinkler system might be installed on the south side of the lawn this fall and do the north side of the yard following the renovation of the front steps.

After much discussion the Board agreed to go strictly with grass in the courtyard at this time. A smaller, efficient fountain could be added in the future. The group would like to see additional seating along the sidewalks and new curb around the square.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. At 11:06 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. County Clerk Vickie Hall and Mr. Strnad attended this session. Regular session resumed at 11:21 with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2004-26 to petition the Kansas Association of Counties to change its Bylaws, creating a Legislative Policy Committee and establishing the purpose and membership thereof. Commissioner Holl seconded and motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-28 to establish a Courthouse Improvement Fund. Commissioner Wilber seconded and motion passed 3-0.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Commissioner Nelson did not return for the afternoon session.

The Board continued to discuss plans for the courthouse lawn. Clerk Hall will contact Wayne Gardner and ask him to create a plan for the sprinkler system that could be done in two or three stages. The Board would ask Gardner to also offer information on planting the new grass following stage one.

County Auditor Randy _____ visited with the Board and reviewed the current budget.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 30, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the Republic County Recycling Program. The recycling grant requires participation in an active recycling program for five years or forfeit the grant money. Two recycling trailers from Depco Industries were delivered and will be in service by September 14, 2004. The local newspapers will inform the area residents when the recycling trailers will be in each community.

The Road and Bridge Department hauled cover materials last week and patched on the blacktop roads in the county. Mr. Perez said they have cover material hauled to seal 24 miles of roadway. The seals will include Cuba to 148 Hwy, 36 Hwy. to Munden, and on Fir Road from New 81 Hwy. to the Scandia blacktop.

Permission to travel requests were approved for Mr. Perez to attend three meetings. The KS County Highway Officials Meeting, September 2, 2004 in Topeka, Ks; the KDHE Grant Award Workshop, September 16, 2004 in Manhattan, KS. and the KDHE Solid Waste Plan Meeting, October 28, 2004 in Salina, KS.

Mr. Perez stated that the county landfill would be closed on Saturday, September 4th due to the Labor Day weekend.

A Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit was approved for Frankie Sjolander. The waterway will be located along the West Side of the NW ¼ of Section 22-2-4.

A second utility agreement was approved to give Krob Trenching permission to construct and operate an underground telephone line on certain public road right-of-way commencing at SE Corner of Section 3; T2S; R3W thence running north along west side of 170 Road to 1830 – 170 Rd to Verlyn Farlee residence, Section 3; T2S; R3W in Freedom Township.

Pastor Ray Gilstrap offered the morning prayer.

A permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend a Kansas Association of Counties Seminar, September 1, 2004 in Manhattan, Kansas. A second permission to travel was approved for Clerk Hall and Deputy Cheryl Loring to attend the NCK County Clerks Association meeting, September 17, 2004 in Marian, Kansas.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

The NCK Agriculture Fair Board and the Amusement Fair Board met for a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. Those present were Kevin Couture, Duffy Strnad, Curtis Klima, Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka.

The 2005 Republic County Budget included an additional \$14,000 in allocations to NCK Fairground Improvement. The Commissioners invited the group to offer a list of major fairground improvement projects that need to be completed in the future. The proposed list for 2005 included: asphalt for roadways, continued electrical upgrades including Hog and Sheep Barns and Commercial Building, repair foundation of the Horse Barn, repair water line to Beer Garden and Methodist Food Stand and put a door on south end of Entertainment Center. Other concerns to be addressed in another budget year would be to repair roof of Commercial Building, repair foundation of Floral Hall with attention to siding on the exterior of the building and continue to work on handicap accessibility throughout the fairgrounds. The Commissioners directed them to get the waterline repaired as soon as possible.

Wayne Gardner, Scandia, a Rain Bird representative, met with the Board to discuss the cost of an underground sprinkler system for the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept Mr. Gardner's proposal, at an estimated cost of \$5,250.00, to install a sprinkler system to water the south side of the lawn. Mr. Gardner will also seek out someone to install new curb and gutter. The curb and gutter to be installed this fall and the sprinkler system and seeding of the lawn to be done in the spring of 2005. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Jim Reed joined the group to discuss reseeding the lawn and other landscaping plans. Mr. Reed and Mr. Gardner will make sure the designated trees are removed from the lawn yet this fall. Main Street Director Melinda Pierson sat in on the planning session.

There was some interest shown in changing the telephone booth to a drive up pay telephone.

The Board adjourned for lunch and resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the Courtland Medical Clinic. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to allow the Republic County Hospital to decide if they want to purchase the Courtland Medical Clinic at a cost of \$17,500.00. If the hospital makes the purchase the County will accept the ownership of it. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Dan Blecha stopped to visit with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board and reported that preparations are being made to start the sealing of county roads. When completed they will return to asphalt patching of roads. The men are continuing to mow the roadsides.

To promote the recycling program Mr. Perez will bring the recycling trailer up to the Courthouse Square on October 2nd and have an information booth.

Mr. Perez stated that he hired Tom Thompson as a mechanic for the Road and Bridge Department. He will be a full time employee with benefits and paid \$8.95 per hour.

A permission to travel was approved for Mr. Perez, Dewey Bates and Brad Swanson to attend the Service Excellence for Local Government Workshop, October 5, 2004, in Salina, KS.

At 8:37 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 8:37 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board is interested in forming a resolution to initiate a fine for persons intentionally damaging the recycling trailer or putting unacceptable trash in or around the recycling bins. Mr. Perez will research what other government agencies have in place for persons who damage or misuse the recycling trailers.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution 2004-29b providing for a county equipment reserve fund to finance the acquisition of equipment. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Ms. Coons. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:58 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received signatures from the Board. Republic County will receive the Federal Critical Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$36,844.00.

The funds from the grant will be used to pay for a 12' x 14' cement building with a fence around it. The building will be placed by the radio tower north of Belleville and will house a generator and 6 repeaters. The cement building will replace the small metal building.

The Board met with the county department heads for a regular review. Those present were Health Director Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Custodian George Bean, Appraiser Barry Porter, Communications Director Mark Nordell, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus, Weed Director Steve Pounds, District Court Clerk Kris Kling and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The following is a list of the main subjects discussed by the group.

1. It was agreed the postal carrier should deliver the mail to the Courthouse offices on a daily basis. There is no charge for this service. For many years the county has paid a large fee for box rent at the post office and the employees had to go pick up the morning mail. This change will not affect the District Court or the Sheriff's Department, as they will continue to have a box at the Belleville Post Office.
2. The Board reviewed plans for the Courthouse lawn. A sprinkler system will be installed in the south side of the courtyard lawn and new grass planted in the spring of 2005.
3. The Board explained that they have added a Building Improvement Fund in the 2005 Republic County budget. The department heads were encouraged to point out needed improvements. Volunteers are needed to serve on a committee to research which improvements should be done in 2005. The committee will also make a 5-year plan for improvements that can be worked into future county budgets.
4. Department heads were encouraged to post the Board of County Commissioners minutes so employees may review them.
5. The Board asked department heads to let the dispatchers know if employees are going to be in the building after 5:00 p.m. Everyone should also call the dispatchers and let them know a few minutes before exiting the building.
6. Solid Waste Director Alvin Perez reviewed the recycling program.
7. The Board is inviting employees to suggest a date for the annual employee appreciation supper. One suggestion was to have it in mid-November with a Thanksgiving theme.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers gave the Board a progress report.

Mike Kasl of Kasl's Tree Service stopped to have the Board point out which trees are to be removed from the Courthouse lawn.

At 12:00 noon the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board resumed regular session.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen met with the Board to get signatures on a Bioterrorism Grant Contract. Republic County will receive \$14,332.00 for communications.

Ms. Hansen received permission to travel to two meetings. She will attend the BT Risk Communications Seminar on September 10, 2004 in Beloit, KS and the Flu-X Workshop, October 13, 2004, in Osborne, KS.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to officially discontinue the post office Box 429 and go with the post office route delivery service at 1815 M. Street, Belleville. Commissioner Wilber seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0.

James Hedstrom, Cellular One Representative, visited with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the upgrade in service and upgrade in equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion passed 3-0. It was the consensus of the Board that all the current cell phones may be exchanged for the upgraded phones at no cost to the department. However, if a department head wants a top of the line phone that is rich with all the latest features, then that department will pay for the cost of that feature rich cell phone. Department heads should visit individually with Beth Reed about the new equipment.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on September 20, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus received permission to use the Courthouse lawn on October 14, Community Helpers Day for Youth Safety.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. He noted that the recycling has generated 1.38 tons of materials from Tuesday to Friday of last week. That is a good start for our recycling program.

The meeting was adjourned so the County Commissioners and Clerk Hall could attend the ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony at Nutri-Shield in Courtland, KS.

Regular session resumed at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners room.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board about Courthouse repairs.

It was a consensus of the Board to ask Clerk Hall and Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to bill Mitchell County for shared Emergency Preparedness expenses on a quarterly basis in the future.

The Board directed a memo to department heads stating that any supplies offered for sale in Republic County should be purchased here. There will be no reimbursement for anything purchased outside of the County (i.e. Wal Mart), if the same is offered for sale within our County.

An Explanation will be required for any request for reimbursement for any exception to the above.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m. with Pastor Mark Imel offering prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed and County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend a Grammar and Proofreading Workshop, October 7, 2004 in Salina, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Eric Brunner and Josh Perez to attend a Crime Scene Training, October 12-13 in Manhattan, Kansas.

County Appraiser Barry Porter received signatures on the Appraisal Maintenance Specifications for 2005.

James Hedstrom distributed the updated telephone equipment from Cellular One. He visited with the employees and answered questions.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. At 2:18 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Ms. Coons. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 2:28 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Ms. Coons noted that Cheryl Uhrmacher was hired as vehicle clerk. She will receive \$7.50 per hour and will start work on September 29, 2004.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on September 27, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Perez is presently taking bids from distributors for bridge steel and decking.

The State called to report that the two ER Projects were granted to Reece Construction for \$131,976.45. The start date for the work has not been set.

Danny Davis was hired to work for the Road and Bridge Department as the district operator in District #1 North of Courtland, KS. He will be paid \$8.00 per hour with full benefits.

Mr. Perez stated that Campbell and Johnson Engineers telephoned him to report the inspection of a county bridge at 23-C.1. The bridge is now closed until repairs can be made on it. The bridge was closed due to the north abutment problem with three bad pilings.

During the public forum period, Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers stopped to visit. At 9:11 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Ms. Ahlvers. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:21 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Sharon Kalivoda stopped to get signatures on RCD Loan papers.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2004 meeting as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Custodian George Bean introduced Herman Williams. He will work as a part-time custodian in the Courthouse. Williams will be paid \$7.50 per hour and receive no benefits.

County Department Heads met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss County Resolution 2004-26 and various other matters. The department heads present were: Health Director Marcia Hansen, Custodian George Bean, Sheriff Ron Blad, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, EMS Director David Strnad, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Appraiser Barry Porter, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board recessed for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:20 p.m. with Extension Agent Tandy Rundus. She gave a quarterly report and updated the Board on Extension activities.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$4,000.00 from the NCK Free Fair Carnival Account to the NCK Free Fair Board for operating expenses. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Treats were served in observance of Commissioner Nelson's birthday.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Road Forman Brad Swanson received signatures from the Board on two award contracts for grading and bridge projects.

Notification to travel was approved for Jan Kauer and Kim Judy to attend a seminar in Wamego, Ks.

Courtney VanNortwick and Shane Collins were hired as full time dispatchers in the 911 Communications Department.

Dr. Herbert D. Doubek was appointed to a four-year term on the Republic County Hospital Board.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers met with the Board to review the work that is being done in that department.

Beverly Reynolds, EMS Secretary, visited with the Board about various matters.

Pastor Mark McGregor and Wayne Whiteside visited with the Board and received a 90-day extension on the Heritage Haven project.

Melinda Pierson visited with the Board about the Scare on the Square Halloween activities to be held on the Courthouse lawn.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on October 11, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge projects.

Chris Adelman of Husker Steel joined the meeting to attend the official bid opening.

The official bid opening for the steel quotes:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Structural Steel</u>	<u>Decking</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manhattan Steel & Pipe	\$ 83,887.60	\$44,500.00	\$128,387.60
Welborn Sales Inc.	87,928.00	44,500.00	132,428.00
Husker Steel	85,408.00	---	85,408.00
J & J Drainage	---	---	No Bid
J & J Metal	---	---	No Bid
Salina Steel	88,292.30	---	88,292.30

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to have additional review of all bids with thorough comparisons and make a decision to accept a bid in the near future. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board signed the Five-Year Plan and Federal Aide Agreement for transportation projects.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers joined the meeting during public forum. At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a ten-minute executive session to discuss the acquisition of land with Ms. Ahlvers. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 9:20 a.m., the Board extended the executive session for an additional ten minutes. Regular session resumed at 9:30 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Jan Kauer stopped to visit with the Board about the flu shots.

Belleville Telescope Reporter Deb Hadachek came in to monitor the meeting.

Tom Job, Kansas County Association Multiline Pool Insurance Representative, offered a review of county insurance coverage. He noted that the Republic County KCAMP Insurance Policy could not cover the Republic County Hospital or the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Both the hospital and the clinic would need to carry premise liability insurance and name the County as an additional insured on those policies since the County owns the buildings.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Commissioner Linda Holl be the Republic County Voting Delegate for the Annual KCAMP Meeting with County Clerk Vickie Hall as alternate. The same will serve as delegates to the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, KWORCC Annual Meeting. Both meetings will be held November 22, 2004 in Overland Park, Kansas.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance projects.

Eric Johnson, representing Campbell and Johnson Engineers, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe and Custodian George Bean visited with the Board. Packets have been prepared for contractors to bid on the Courthouse steps renovation project .

The official bid opening for the Heritage Trust Grant for the Courthouse Steps Project will be held on Monday, December 13, 2004, 10:30 a.m., Commissioner's Room, Republic County Courthouse.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe will get the Notice To Contractors Ad to the Telescope and have it published for three weeks. A proof of publication will also be requested to meet the grant requirements.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez joined the meeting and reviewed the bids for steel. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the Manhattan Steel and Pipe bid in the amount of \$128,287.60 for structural steel and decking.

At 1:11 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 1:26 p.m. the Board extended the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. At 1:31 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the recommendation of the IMA of Kansas, Inc. and Kansas Workers' Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) in reaching a potential settlement regarding the settlement of a Workman's Compensation Claim. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

At 1:45 p.m. regular session adjourned with the Board and Clerk Hall touring the High Banks Hall of Fame & National Midget Auto Racing Museum.

The group returned to the Courthouse at 3:00 p.m. and continued discussion about the Courthouse maintenance. Clerk Hall will get more information from Stockton Restoration Company about the bid for caulking and sealing the building.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus told the Board that Kansas Attorney General Phil Kline has approved the formation of the new four county extension district.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board. Perez noted that the men have finished patching the asphalt roads.

Mr. Perez told the Board that Charles Love has agreed to pull the trailers to the recycling dumpsite in Washington County and Jewell County. He will be paid \$6.95 per hour. Mr. Love currently works as a relief driver for the county transportation department.

Mr. Perez received signatures from the Board on two large fuel vouchers. Payment will be made this week.

The Board approved a utility agreement with SBC and Krob Trenching for an underground telephone line in Section 11-12 in Jefferson Township.

At 8:56 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. At 9:06 a.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Economic Development Director Jenny Ahlvers visited with the Board during the Public Forum. Ms. Ahlvers stated that November 4th would be her last day with Republic County.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He is working on a comparison report that would compare the current ambulance system to a system that is considered a "full time service".

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the Heritage Grant project.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2004 minutes as amended.

The Board approved a 3-year contract with Bartlett, Settle & Edgerle Accounting Services to provide annual audits for Republic County. Auditor Randy Hofmier reviewed the 2003 Republic County audit report with the Board.

Mr. Hofmier noted that we could place the balance of the \$24,000.00 allocated to matching funds for the Heritage Grant Courthouse Step Project into the Heritage Trust Grant fund.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen presented five notification to travel forms as follows:

Julie Lindberg will attend a Medicaid Billing Workshop, October 26 in Salina, Ks.
Marcia Hansen will attend a Supervisor's Meeting, October 27 in Lincoln, Ks.
Karen Henke will attend the All-Regional Trauma Council, October 29 in Wichita.
Kathy Zach and Susan Swanson will attend the Home Health Quality Assurance Seminars, October 27 and December 9.
Kathy Zach will attend the HIPAA Security Training, October 28, Salina, Kansas.

Ms. Hansen told the Board that Beverly Lapo is home from the hospital and will slowly work back into her job. Her accident was not work related but Ms. Hansen wanted to keep the Board informed about Beverly's progress as she recuperates.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to proclaim November 2004 as National Hospice Month in Republic County. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. The Board encourages the support and participation of citizens in learning more about the hospice concept of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

The Board adjourned for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

The Board visited the Republic County Ambulance Department before returning to the Courthouse at 1:30 p.m. to resume the regular session.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to buy an industrial quality paper shredder that can be used by the various departments. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall stated it will kept be in the computer room or the election work room.

Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about Republic County Economic Development. At 1:58 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. At 2:08 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Courthouse Custodian George Bean visited with the Board about Christmas lighting. He also visited with the Board about the repair, restoration and maintenance of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the bid from Stockton Restoration, Wichita, Kansas to clean and seal the Courthouse. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0. Stockton will power wash the building, polish the marble and replace all the caulking on the building. Joe Stockton and his crew will start on the West Side, Saturday, November 6 so that customer service will not be interrupted during the week.

Note the bids for the Courthouse improvements are listed on the next page.

The bid from Stockton Restoration Company of Wichita, Kansas was accepted.

North side of building_____

South side of building_____

East side of building _____

West side of building_____

Restoration and Waterproofing of Wichita, Kansas bid North side_____

South side_____

East side_____

West side_____

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also, present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

A permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Mark Nordell to attend a Wireless 911 meeting, November 30, 2004 in Hays, Kansas.

Deb Hadachek, representing the Belleville Telescope, was present to audit the meeting.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution 2004-30 to proceed with a tax sale to facilitate the collection of delinquent property taxes in Republic County. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

November 1, 2004 Cathy Calkins was rehired as secretary to the Republic County Attorney at \$8.55 per hour.

The Board approved the transfer of Kimbreelee Judy from jailer to a full time Sheriff's Deputy at \$8.50 per hour. Starting November 8, 2004 Jesse Burchill will then move from part-time jailer to full time jailer with full benefits.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the October 25, 2004 minutes. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion approved 3-0.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. They talked about repair and replacement of ambulances, computer software programs, accounts receivable reports and overtime hours being worked in that department.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. He is setting up a Fall Clean-up schedule for the communities outside of the City of Belleville. Cleanup will start November 15 on the east side of the county. Two weeks later the west side of the county will be picked up with times and places to be announced in the Belleville Telescope.

Perez noted that the County Landfill would be closed on Saturday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at noon for lunch.

The Board and Clerk Hall enjoyed lunch at the Republic County Historical Museum. Following lunch they enjoyed a tour of the museum.

John Robison and Wayne Pachta visited with the Board about the formation of a Resource Conservation and Development Program also known as RC&D. Clay, Cloud, Jewell, Ottawa, Republic and Washington County Conservation Districts would form the new Kansas Crossroads RC&D if officially organized. This is an effort between the United States Department of Agriculture and local people to accomplish community projects through grants.

It was suggested that the County pays one-third, the county banks pay one-third and the Republic County Soil Conservation pay one-third of the start up cost. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pledge \$500.00 as a portion of the start up funds. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board received a reimbursement check to Republic County in the amount of \$5,590.75 as settlement of claims against the Estate of Sharon Kay Rundus.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 15, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also, present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board approved and signed accounts payable vouchers for payment of the bills.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope representative, monitored the meeting.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board.

Notification to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Conference, November 22-23, Overland Park, Kansas. Other County Officials attending the conference will be Commissioner Linda Holl, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to reappoint Anita Strnad to a second term on the Advisory Board of the Area Council on Aging. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. The appointment will be effective January 1, 2005 and will end on December 31, 2006.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave a department report. He talked about new computer software programs, cellular telephone upgrades and new antennas.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss his department. Mr. Perez noted that his men are working on the Fall Clean-up Project this week. All the trucks and numerous employees will be involved in the project that will go through December 3, 2004. He also noted that there has been a great response to the recycling effort throughout the county.

Mr. Perez presented four utility agreements. Two underground waterlines for Mike and Kevin Larson; one underground waterline for Kevin Jensen; and a Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit for Larry Walter.

Communications Director Mark Nordell gave the Board his letter of resignation to be effective December 15, 2004.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Eric Brunner visited with the Board about salary increases for the employees within the Sheriff's Department. The Board asked Blad to present a written plan showing the present cost per employee, per year to show the total cost of the proposed increases for their review.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to appoint Judy Erkenbrach to represent White Rock Township on the NCK Agriculture Fair Board.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the regular session resumed with County Treasurer Cindy Coons. She reported to the Board that 9,370 tax statements will be mailed out at the end of this week.

The Board gave their approval for Ms. Coons to replace two computers in her office. Each computer will cost \$1,600.40 and payment will be made from the motor vehicle fund.

Communications Director Mark Nordell stopped by to visit with the Board. At 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Nordell. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. The Board extended the session by 10 minutes.

Regular session resumed at 1:53 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Kenny Edwards as the Albion Township Trustee. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber the motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also, present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Kansas State Senator Mark Taddiken visited with the Board. Taddiken represents Republic County and the 21st District. They discussed numerous subjects such as school finance, water rights in Kansas, sales tax, alternative sources of energy and the dwindling population in rural communities.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained, as she did not attend that meeting.

The Board appointed Joe Wesley Strnad to serve as Farmington Township Clerk. He will replace Cheryl L. Strnad Runft who has moved from Farmington Township.

Bob Blazek, curator of the Belleville High Banks Hall of Fame Museum, visited with the Board about the "Cars and Coats for Kids" project to be held December 10th. Various race car drivers and other personalities will be available at the museum for a 24 hour period. Persons who desire to get an autograph or take a picture with the drivers may do so, providing they bring a good used or new toy or a child's winter coat. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give \$250.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund to this project. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. All donated items will remain in Republic County.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about computer software programs. Strnad invited the Board to the Republic County EMS Christmas Party December 15, 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Station.

The Board approved a notification to travel for Don Lieb and Brian Piersee to attend mandatory training at the Kansas Highway Patrol Center, December 4, 2004 in Salina, Kansas.

December 31st is a holiday for county employees.

Notification to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend a computer class, December 15, 2004 in Salina, KS.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. He met with Belleville City representatives and Attorney Doug Simms is working on the inter-local agreement for the joint fueling station.

Mr. Perez told the Board he has extended the countywide clean-up due to weather conditions. There are five communities remaining on the schedule for Fall Cleanup.

The Board approved a utility agreement whereby SBC and Krob Trenching was granted permission to construct and operate an underground telephone line on public road right-of-way and replace a telephone line from Section 19, T2S, R4W into Section 24, T2S, R5W.

The Board approved a utility agreement for SBC and Krob Trenching to replace an underground telephone line in Section 11 of Beaver Township.

The Board spoke with Washington County Commissioners by telephone and made arrangements to meet them for lunch at the Belleville Pizza Hut on December 6, 2004. Following lunch they plan to discuss recycling, solid waste and matters of mutual interest.

At 11:03 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:08 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. Raney noted that the Emergency Response Trailer received hail damage during the summer storm. He chose not to have the trailer repaired and the Board agreed that Raney could order other needed supplies with the reimbursement check.

The Board approved a notification to travel from Mr. Raney to attend the Incident Command System and National Incident Management System Class to be held December 5-10, 2004 at the Kansas State Defense Building in Topeka, Kansas.

The Board visited about 911 Signs in the county. It is apparent that the county needs a definite plan for the replacement of the signs and maintenance of them. In the near future the Board plans to address the issue of who makes the 911 Signs and who will be responsible for installing and maintaining the signs. They will also discuss the funding for those services.

Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about budget matters.

Election Deputy Cheryl Denk and County Clerk Vickie Hall informed the Board of a tie for the office of Beaver Township Trustee in the General Election. Chairman Wilber broke this tie by drawing a name from the hat. Paul Langston's name was drawn and will be notified that he was selected as the Beaver Township Trustee.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board about building maintenance and Christmas decorations.

Following a luncheon recess the Board resumed the regular meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Appraiser Barry Porter called the Board by telephone and visited with them on the speakerphone. He gave the Board an update on the computers. It was previously agreed that Mr. Porter would order 3 new computers for his office to be paid from the Appraiser's Fund. He will also order one computer for County Clerk Vickie Hall to be paid from the Election Fund.

At 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wilber seconded and motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 2:00 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about his current job description and plans for 2005.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also, present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen and the Board reviewed the year end figures for the Health Department Budget.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

A notification to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the North Central Weed Director's Association meeting for recertification. The meeting will be held December 16, 2004 in Mankato, KS.

Deb Hadachek stopped by to monitor the meeting as a reporter for The Telescope.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 29, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board.

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 10:03 the Board extended the session for five additional minutes. At 10:08 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about a mileage increase to \$7.50 per mile. Strnad did a comparison between Republic County and other neighboring counties.

Chairman Wilber signed the Statement of Intention to use the Statewide Electronic Voter Registration System. Clerk Hall will get it mailed to the Kansas Secretary of State.

At 10:30 a.m., the monthly department head meeting was held with eleven department heads in attendance. Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Custodian George Bean, Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Sheriff Ron Blad, Health Director Marcia Hansen and County Clerk Vickie Hall visited with the Board.

The Board granted a one time \$50 pay adjustment for all full-time employees and \$25 to all part-time employees and new hires still serving their probationary period. These checks will be delivered to the department heads.

It was agreed that the Courthouse would be closed to the public at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30 to allow departments to complete year-end bookkeeping.

It was decided by consensus of the Board and department heads that accounts payable will be paid twice a month in 2005. The staff in the County Clerk's Office will set the deadlines and dates.

The Board told the department heads that they had agreed on a 3 percent raise for all county employees for 2005.

Pete Stevens stopped for a few minutes to leave Christmas fudge for the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and County Clerk Vickie Hall went to the Belleville Pizza Hut to have lunch with the Washington County Officials. County Clerk Lou Kern, Commissioner Marcia Funke, Commissioner Alison Mueller, Commissioner Gene Helms and Weed Director/Solid Waste Director Sandra Barnett represented Washington County.

Following lunch the group gathered to discuss the recycling program and matters of mutual interest. Each Board of County Commissioners authorized Alvin Perez and Sandy Barnett to prepare a draft agreement to be reviewed by each Board next week as a joint recycling effort. Washington County Commissioners will initiate a telephone conference at 11:00 a.m. on December 13, 2004.

Following the buffet lunch the Republic County Officials returned to the Courthouse.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m., with Mr. Perez. A notification to travel was approved for Alvin Perez to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Board Meeting December 9-10 in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Perez visited with the Board about assisting the Republic County Hospital in an effort to recycle.

Brian Carlson stopped by to visit with the Board about the Courthouse lawn. He noted that spraying a couple times in the spring might be necessary to get rid of weeds and unwanted grasses.

Commissioner Holl made an official motion to give a three percent pay raise across-the-board to county employees. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to raise the Commissioner's salaries from \$11,100 to \$12,000 per year. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board. He noted that he would try to get the lights back up on the roof of the Courthouse. They were taken off due to the painting of the west side of the Courthouse.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring did a year end budget review with the Board of County Commissioners. It was noted that \$50,887.00 was received from K-Camp Insurance for storm damage. The County spent \$35,785.00 to repair buildings and vehicles. Another note was that the County has paid out \$11,536.00 in unexpected plumbing repairs near the jail.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about his current job description and the proposed offer to be the Director of Communications for Republic County.

At 3:34 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 3:39 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The morning began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers and general correspondence.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Appraiser Barry Porter received approval to travel to the USPAP meeting, December 19-20 in Topeka, Kansas.

Deb Hadachek stopped to monitor a portion of the meeting as a representative of The Belleville Telescope.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about updating equipment in the Sheriff's Department. Blad noted that the present method of fingerprinting is very out of date. He plans to purchase a new fingerprinting machine and explained the new technology to the Board. They also visited about trading the old patrol car presently used to transport prisoners.

Ambulance Director David Strnad explained the need to purchase a STAIR CHAIR for his department. Approval was given to purchase two chairs at a total cost of \$1178.00.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Wilber announced the official bid opening would begin. Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers opened each bid.

Mid Continental's bid of \$110,200.00 was the low bid for this project. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept this bid along with the cost of the handrail from Mid Continental Restoration Company, Fort Scott, KS. Seconded by Wilber motion carried 3-0.

The bids were as follows: MTS Contracting Inc. bid \$117,500 and \$4,170. for the handrail. Mid Continental and Restoration Co., Inc. bid \$110,200. and \$3,125 for the handrail. Restoration and Waterproofing Contractors, Inc. bid \$153,237 and \$3425 for the handrail.

Commissioner Holl left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. today.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2004 meeting as amended. The minutes should state that the Ambulance Department would charge \$7.50 per mile starting January 1, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilber and passed 2-0.

Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Wilber and Clerk Hall joined Jewell County Officials for lunch at the Pizza Hut.

The afternoon session resumed at the Courthouse. Jewell and Republic County Commissioners visited about matters of mutual interest. The next joint meeting will be February 7, 2005 when the Republic County Commissioners will travel to Mankato to meet with the Jewell County Officials.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board to approve payment of bills for the hospital renovation project.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about year-end budget matters. He spoke with the Board about spending approximately \$3800. out of the Communications Budget to purchase duplicate screens/dual computer monitor for that office.

At 2:15 p.m., treats were served to employees in honor of Harold Wilber's birthday.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about his department. He noted that Eric Brunner has accepted the position of Republic County Undersheriff as of December 20, 2004 at \$10.50 per hour.

Deb Hadachek stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting for The Telescope.

During the public forum Larry Rundus stopped to visit with the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pay the 2005 membership dues to the Kansas League of Municipalities. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13 meeting. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Joe and Betty Koukol visited with the Board about the \$900.00 increase in the Commissioner's annual salary.

Ambulance Director David Strnad spoke with the Board about a new computer program for billing purposes. The Board encouraged Strnad to make a 3 or 5 year plan for purchasing large ticket items for the department.

County Clerk Vickie Hall left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and Beth Reed took minutes in her absence.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. His crews are installing culverts at various locations and working on other projects.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that he has a supplemental agreement for engineering services to be approved by the Board and Belleville City. It will then be sent to Butcher, Willis and Ratliff Corporation. The cost will be split between Belleville City and the County to prepare technical specifications and bid documents as needed for construction of the fuel containment project.

Perez reported that the first quarter of the recycling program has resulted in 55,037 pounds or 27.52 tons shipped to recycling centers instead of the landfills. The tonnage amount is quite remarkable for a start up program.

Perez told the Board the fall cleanup for 2004 was completed on December 8th in Courtland.

A utility agreement was signed between Republic County and Kansas Gas Service to service an underground cathodic groundbed on public road right-of-way in NE1/4 of Section 12-3-4 on south side of old Hwy 36.

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. At 10:58 a.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The County Commissioners were notified that a full and final settlement in the amount of \$60,000.00 was reached with Gerald Vince Crough for a Worker's Compensation claim.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board participated in a conference call from the Washington County Commissioners to discuss the recycling program. Washington County will loan Republic County a recycling trailer to park at the Republic County Hospital.

The Board asked Mr. Perez to price a good used dump truck. The group spoke about upgrading the dump trucks.

At 11:15 a.m., Clerk Hall returned to the meeting.

Sheriff Blad stopped to request that Undersheriff Brunner's raise be in effect for the complete December pay period. The Board approved Blad's request.

At noon the Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board resumed regular session. At 1:01 Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:11 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

At 1:30 p.m., Harold D. Johnson and Attorney William L. Navis visited with the Board.

At 2:00 p.m. the official Public Hearing for Rural Water District No. 2 was held. Attorney William L. Navis and Harold D. Johnson, Chairman of the Rural Water District No. 2, were present for the hearing. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve and sign the Petition to Attach Adjoining Land to Rural Water District No. 2. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Raymond Raney visited with the Board. At 2:21 p.m. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Mr. Raney. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 2:31 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to appoint Raymond Raney as the half time Republic County Emergency Preparedness Director and also appoint him as the Administrative Director of the Republic County Communications Center. He will be paid a total of \$34,000.00 for both jobs. This will be effective December 20, 2004. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion continued about the purchase of dual screen monitors, video card and other equipment so that two systems can be up on the computer at the same time. It was the consensus of the Board to have a good portion of this paid out of the 911 Equipment Fund.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus visited with the Board. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to sign an agreement with the Republic County Extension Office, on behalf of the newly formed River Valley Extension District No. 4, that states Republic County will not charge them rent for office space in the Courthouse. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Rundus explained to the Board that they should appoint 2 people who will serve two-year terms and 2 people who will serve four-year terms to create the executive board for the newly formed River Valley Extension District No. 4. After this initial appointment all board members will file for office and be elected on the same election cycle as city and school officials. The Board will make those appointments in the near future.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, December 27, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 27, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Undersheriff Eric Brunner visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motor Company for a new 2005 Chevrolet Impala with full police package, \$20,069.75, with no trade. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Brunner informed the Board that Brad Shrader was hired as a full time Sheriff's deputy at \$8.50 per hour. Shrader will start work on December 28.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2004 meeting. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about upcoming computer training for his employees. It will be a two-day training in Indianapolis, Indiana. Strnad is investigating the cost and time involved to fly or drive there. Strnad plans to send Beverly Reynolds and Winter Kuhn.

Mr. Strnad stated that, in the near future, he would have employee training on the use of the newly purchased stair chairs.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. He noted that he received the KWORC Insurance premium for 2005. In 2004 the premium was \$64,564.00 and the premium is \$48,330.00 for 2005. This is due to the tracking of holidays and vacation time used by all county employees. The extra work done by Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring really lowered the cost of our premium. We have a \$16,234.00 savings.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2004-31 whereas, there are certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2004, over and above those that were obligated for said year.

Therefore, be it resolved that pursuant to K.S.A. 68-141g, that funds be transferred to the Treasurer of Republic County from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. The amount will be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer. Nelson seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2004-32 whereas, there are certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2004, over and above those that were obligated for said year.

And whereas, the Board of County Commissioners see a need to transfer said funds to the Special Equipment Fund. Now be it resolved that pursuant to K.S.A. 68-141g, that funds be transferred to the Treasurer of Republic County from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Equipment Fund with the amount to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to visit with Mr. Perez about non-elected personnel. Holl seconded, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:58 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus visited with the Board. Four appointments were made by the Commissioners to form the executive board of the newly formed River Valley Extension District No. 4. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to appoint David Blecha and Scott Whitefoot to serve 2-year terms, and to appoint Justin Hurley and Deb Tipton to serve 4-year terms. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

The Board adjourned to have lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board to pay bills for the hospital improvement project.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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