

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2005 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 Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 27, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board visited with County Appraiser Barry Porter about his salary and the renewal of his four-year contract with Republic County. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to increase County Appraiser Barry Porter's salary by \$2,000 at contract renewal time. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0. The \$2,000 increase in 2005 will make Porter's salary \$30,000.00 per year. Mr. Porter is contracted to work half time in Republic County and half time in Cloud County. Mr. Porter's contract runs from July 1 through June 30.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Larry Baxa visited with the Board during the public forum. Baxa was concerned about current fire codes for homes with wood burning stoves. The Board told Mr. Baxa that the County does not have building codes. They suggested that he check the Belleville City building codes and fire safety codes concerning homes with wood burning stoves.

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

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope news reporter monitored a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to charge \$30.00 for insufficient fund checks received by Republic County offices in 2005. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Chairman Wilber made a motion to approve the list of 2004 EMS Write Offs in the amount of \$8,793.02. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about his \$2,000.00 salary increase for 2005 and his upcoming contract renewal. The Board indicated they would wait until his current contract expires at the end of June 2005 to renew his four-year contract.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that \$4,252,700.00 in taxes has been collected to date.

Ms. Coons noted that she appreciated the Courthouse closing at 1:00 p.m. on December 30, the last business day in 2004. She stated that she felt 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. would allow the Treasurer's Office enough time to end the year in 2005.

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

911 Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board and reviewed the salaries in that department. The group discussed Raney's proposed wage scale for the department. Colleen Alkire's current rate of pay is \$8.90 and will increase to \$10.45 per hour. Joe Herrick's current rate of pay is \$10.65 and will increase to \$11.45 per hour. Colleen and Joe have assumed additional duties within the department. Randy Ainsworth's current rate of pay is \$7.20 per hour and will increase to \$7.75 per hour. Courtney VanNortwick and Shane Collins are new employees and are still in their probation period. The Board approved these wage increases effective January 2005.

County Clerk Vickie Hall reminded everyone that the swearing in of newly elected county officials would be at noon on January 10th in the courtroom.

Due to lack of business appointments Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 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.

The morning began by approving accounts payable vouchers and reviewing correspondence.

Mike Hadachek and Ernest Herring, Jr. reviewed the operations of AJ's Cafe with the Board. Mr. Herring has an RCD loan with Republic County. Mr. Herring will return to visit with the Board again on January 17, 2004.

Custodian George Bean gave a review of Courthouse plumbing repairs.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave the Board an update on the computer training and travel plans.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Kenneth Edwards as the Albion Township Trustee. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

A notification to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the NCK District Meeting, January 13, 2005 in Beloit, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board and gave a review of general roadwork. The Board signed an inter-local agreement for the Republic County/Belleville City Joint Fueling Station and Spill Prevention Control and Containment Facility, SPCC Plan.

The Board signed a letter of support for the transportation buses and the program to submit with the grant application to secure next years funding.

Mr. Perez noted that Nathan Craig would receive a 3 percent increase in pay to \$8.24 per hour in accordance with the new Road and Bridge pay plan.

The Board signed a notification to travel for Mr. Perez and Darlene Havel to attend the CTD – KDOT Meeting, January 18, 2005 in Minneapolis, Kansas. A second for Mr. Perez to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Board Meeting, January 21, 2005 in Topeka, Kansas. The third to attend the Kansas County Highway Administrators Executive Board Meeting, January 26, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

Mark McGregor, John Cyr and Lori Thielen met with the Board to review the Heritage Haven project. They are checking into the Can-Step Program that comes down through the Department of Labor and helps out. Volunteer labor is a big part of it. John Cyr noted that it takes up to a year to work through the process and he urged everyone to have patience.

At 12:00 noon District Magistrate Judge John Eyer conducted the swearing in ceremony for the Republic County elected officials. County Commissioners Linda Holl and Martin Nelson, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Sheriff Ronald Blad, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

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

The Board held the annual reorganization of Republic County with Commissioner Holl being selected as Chairman of the Board for 2005.

Weed Director Steve Pounds gave the Board a 2004 year-end department review.

Curtis Crawford gave the Board a review of the Economic Development Department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt the following:

Resolution 2005-01 to appoint Alvin R. Perez as Director of the Republic County Highway Department, for the year of 2005.

Resolution 2005-02 to appoint Alvin R. Perez as the Director of the Republic County Solid Waste Department, for the year of 2005.

Resolution 2005-03 to appoint Raymond L. Raney as the Director of the Republic County Emergency Preparedness Department and 9-1-1 Communications Center, for the year of 2005.

Resolution 2005-04 to appoint Raymond L. Raney as the Republic County Hazardous Materials Advisor, for the year of 2005.

Resolution 2005-05 to appoint Paul Haase as a Volunteer Assistant to the Republic County Emergency Preparedness Department, for the year 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-06 to appoint Steven Zukowske as the Republic County Volunteer Radiological Officer, for the year 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-07 to appoint Marcia Hansen as the Director of the Republic County Health Department, for the year 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-08 to appoint Steve Pounds as the Director of the Republic County Weed Department, for the year 2005.

Resolution No. 2005-09 to amend the self-insurance pool entitled “Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool” also known as KCAMP. The document will be filed with the Register of Deeds office.

Resolution No. 2005-10 to appoint David Strnad as the Director of the Republic County Emergency Medical Services, for the year 2005.

The motion to approve Resolution 2005-01 through 2005-10 was seconded by Commissioner Wilber. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for solid waste fees in the City of Courtland.

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, as there were no more appointments. Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 17, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was Secretary Beth Reed.

Communications Director Raymond Raney spoke with the Board about salaries for part-time employees.

Keith Sells and Dan Wilber visited with the Board about the VFW building.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board during the public forum.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about replacing the carpet in her front office. She received a permission to travel to attend the KCTA Legislative Reception in Topeka, KS.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Undersheriff Eric Brunner visited about the pay scale in that department.

Ambulance Director David Strnad noted that the department received an anonymous \$600.00 donation. The money will be used to purchase a driver's side air bag safety system. It is a restraint to keep the air bag from deploying while extracting passengers from a car.

County Clerk Vickie Hall returned to the Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. The Board held a conference call with the Washington County Commissioners about the recycling project.

The Board approved a policy on Sick and Vacation Leave for the Republic County Highway Department Transportation Department.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. a monthly department head meeting was held with the Board to visit about various matters. March 10th was chosen for the County supper.

Mike Hadachek and Ernest Herring Jr. visited with the Board about RCD matters.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

David Blecha received permission from the Board to hold a consignment sale at the NCK Fairgrounds.

Deb Hadachek stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Harry L. Hunsley, P.E., representative for consulting engineers at Kirkham Michael, introduced himself to the Board.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

The Board signed two Memorandum of Agreements. One between Republic County and the City of Munden and the second with the City of Cuba concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees.

A notification to travel was approved for Sheriff Ron Blad to attend a Sheriff's Conference January 30 – February 2, 2005 in Topeka, Kansas.

A utility agreement was approved between Republic County and SBC for buried telephone line. They will bury cooper cable along the road right of way on 110 Road 500 feet south of Highway 36.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Marcia Hansen as the Republic County ADA Coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of January 10 and January 17, 2005. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. He noted that there would be a Road and Bridge Training Course on Road Maintenance March 3, 2005. He stated that he planned to send the two new grader operators and the road foreman to this training. That would be Mike Nondorf, Danny Davis and Brad Swanson.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the recycling program with Washington County.

A notification to travel was approved for Alvin Perez to attend the Kansas County Highway Administrators Executive Board Meeting, January 26 in Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Perez noted that he purchased a used 2001 Ford F150 4X4 pickup for \$17,820.00 to replace the older Tahoe. Perez requested that the Tahoe be sold to the landfill department for \$2,800.00 which was the suggested trade allowance.

Kenneth Christensen visited with the Board about the main street in Norway, Kansas.

Marilyn Sorensen and Paul Kallman visited with the Board about Republic County Travel and Tourism. Registration is due for the Kansas Motorcoach Marketing Alliance and the upcoming Sampler Festival to be held in Newton, Kansas. They asked the Board if the County could assist with the registration for these events. The Board noted that they would like to encourage travel and tourism in Republic County but that the County gives money for tourism to the Republic County Economic Development Committee. They were told to speak with Mike Hadachek and the Economic Development Committee.

The Board adjourned for lunch and attended the Hospital Board Meeting.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Undersheriff Eric Brunner presented a proposed 2005 Wage Scale for the Sheriff's Department. The Board agreed to study the proposal and make a decision on the matter in a couple of weeks.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about several matters, including shared purchases of equipment that both the city and the county could use. They also talked about a joint city/county effort to grade a road in the new Industrial Park.

Mike Hadachek and Ernest Herring, Jr. received signatures on the \$5,000 operating loan for A J's Café. The Board previously approved the loan from the RCD Fund.

Mike Hadachek noted that Marilyn Sorensen and Paul Kallman had stopped at the bank to visit about travel and tourism.

Custodian George Bean gave a building report. Letters will go out this week to take bids on the carpet in the Sheriff's Office. Mini blinds have been ordered for 3 windows and Rizek Plumbing has installed numerous shut-off valves on the radiators in the Courthouse.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 31, 2004 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 31, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Martin Nelson. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Jim Melton, Melton Motor Company visited with the Board about vehicle purchases.

Pastor Ray Gilstrap offered the morning prayer.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe informed the Board that the Kansas State Historical Society has extended the grant for the renovation of the Republic County Courthouse steps to July 31, 2005.

The Board signed the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2004.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on Republic County Revolving Loan Reports.

Sherry Quakenbush, doing business as Sherry's Thrift Shop, visited with the Board about her RCD Revolving Loan account. She told the Board that she would be a few days late with her loan payment.

The Board told Ms. Quakenbush that they would seek advice on the matter from the County Attorney. She stated that she was told that another late payment would prompt foreclosure. She would return at 1:30 p.m. today for an answer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the Quakenbush account. The record of payment is less than desirable with a \$5,756.70 balance on the account and \$149.75 currently due for property taxes. The check Quakenbush gave the County last month for payment was returned for insufficient funds. She just picked that check up last week.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about the new computer program and training received by the employees in his department. He noted that things look good and they are currently loading information into the program.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2005. Seconded by Commissioner Holl motion carried 2-0.

At 10:30 a.m., Highway Administrator Alvin Perez conducted the official bid opening for culverts to be used by his department. Guests present for the bid opening were Jim Fall of D-C Wholesale, Bob Damoron of J & J Metal Products and Garry Montre of Welborn Sales.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$43,991.38 from J & J Drainage Products. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

J & J Metal Products	\$50,831.44
J & J Drainage Products	\$43,991.38
Welborn Sales	\$48,415.36
D-C Wholesale	\$48,953.99

Mr. Perez noted that he would run the Republic County Recycling Report in the county newspapers.

The Board told Mr. Perez that James Melton stopped by today. Melton stated that county employees should specifically ask for him the next time that Republic County decides to make a vehicle purchase. The Board agreed to pass that word on to county department heads.

North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Representative Julie Govet-Walter gave the Board an overview of services received by Republic County residents in 2004. Republic County representatives Larry D. Krob, Jo Krob, Mary Shadduck, Louis Johnson, Beth Ball, Janet Bowersox and Janet Jones also attended this session.

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

The Board and Republic County Solid Waste Director Alvin Perez met with representatives from Cloud County and Washington County to study and explore recycling and solid waste disposal.

Those attending from Washington County were Commissioners Gary Helms, Alison Mueller and Marcia Funke, Solid Waste Director Sandra Barnett (sp?) and County Clerk Lou Kern. Cloud County Commissioners Richard Chartier, Bill Garrison and Gary Casper, Solid Waste Director Richard Mills, Transfer Station Director Sherry J. Nelson and County Clerk Linda Bogart. Waste Management Representative Randy Boehmke holds a contract for hauling solid waste out of Cloud County. He shared information about his services and encouraged the counties to work together to get the best prices on solid waste disposal.

Republic County made an agreement in 1994 with Cloud County to haul the trash on to Rolling Hills. Trucking the trash is about 40% of the entire cost of waste disposal. If the three counties would go together the tonnage would increase and it would make a difference when negotiating prices with a contractor to haul trash out of the area.

Sherry Quakenbush returned at 2:00 p.m. to talk to the Board. The County Attorney will be drawing up papers to foreclose on Sherry's Thrift Shop. If the payment is made to the County in cash by Wednesday the foreclose proceedings may go away this month.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about repairs and improvements needed at the County Health Department.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Republic County Health Department and South Heartland District Health Department (SHDHD) serving Adams, Clay, Webster, and Nuckolls counties in Nebraska. Both health departments will transfer data received, which affects all public health emergencies, which potentially could affect the citizenry of our counties because of our common borders. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

During the public forum, Bernie Carrico visited with the Board. Carrico is employed by the county as a jailer and informed the Board about the dedication of county employees and the challenges posed to the jailers and Sheriff's deputies.

It was reported that Sherry Quakenbush did make the cash payment on her building. The past due real estate property tax due on that building is for the year 2000 when Quakenbush purchased the building. At that time the tax statement for the building was in Blackwood's name.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Holl the vote was 2-0. Wilber abstained from the vote since he was absent from that meeting. Motion carried.

Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board. He will purchase a photocopier from Central Office Products to be paid from the diversion fund.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He explained the print out from the new computer program. A notification to travel was signed for Winter Kuehn to attend a grant seminar February 10th in Salina, Kansas.

At 10:30 a.m., Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and the Board held the official bid opening for grader blades. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid from DC Wholesale in the amount of \$11,294.40. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Jim Fall, DC Wholesale representative was present for the bid opening. Three bids were received.

- Barry Tractor & Equipment \$12,948.00
- Welborn Sales \$12,136.80
- DC Wholesale \$11,294.40

A notification to travel was approved for Mr. Perez to attend Kansas County Government Day on February 15 in Topeka. He will also attend a Conference on Recycling, March 30-31 in Newton, Kansas. A third notification to travel was for Brad Swanson and Mr. Perez to attend a meeting on Risk Management for Kansas Roads on March 10 in Topeka, KS.

Tyler Kolman of Cuba, Kansas will be hired on the county bridge crew.

The Board, Alvin Perez and Clerk Hall went to Mankato, Ks. for lunch with Jewell County Officials. Following lunch the group returned to the Jewell County Courthouse to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Board returned to the Courthouse in Belleville at 2:30 p.m. The Board then adjourned due to lack of business appointments.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe presented the construction contract for the renovation of the front steps of the Courthouse. The contract between Republic County and Mid Continental Restoration Co., Inc., Fort Scott, Kansas gives a start date of April 1, 2005 and July 30, 2005 as the date of completion.

Communications Director Raymond Raney informed the Board that Republic County was approved for a \$107,055.00 Kansas Wireless Enhanced 911 Grant. The 911 Dispatchers will now be able to pinpoint the location of 911 calls made from cell phones. Grant funds come from a fifty-cent tax collected from cell phone owners. The system uses global positioning satellite technology similar to "On Star" systems now available in some new vehicles.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He noted that Secretary Beverly Reynolds would be out of the office for 2 weeks. They will hang a sign on the door to inform patrons that the office will be temporarily closed if the EMT's go out on an ambulance call.

The Board discussed and approved the 2004 Annual Review of the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan. Clerk Hall will forward it on to the North Central Regional Planning Commission in Beloit, KS.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. They reviewed the condition of the roads and the need for additional gravel at specific locations.

Mr. Perez noted that Tyler Kolman was hired to work on the bridge crew. He will be paid \$8.00 per hour with full benefits.

The Board agreed to purchase a used 1991 Load King dump belly trailer from Martin Cat for \$9800.00. A county employee will to Goodland, KS to pick the trailer up.

The Board told Perez that all department heads could take advantage of the upcoming consignment sale at the fairgrounds. If there are items that are outdated and unused they may be listed by calling James Popelka or Novak Bros. & Gieber Auction Services.

The Board approved a utility agreement between Republic County and Brad Hobelmann to bury electric line on public road right-of-way.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Narka and one with the City of Agenda for collection of Republic County Solid Waste fees.

Main Street Director Melinda Pierson, Sue L. Fischer, Audrey Elyea, Bob Trecek and Doris Beardsley met with the Board to discuss the landscape plans for the Courthouse lawn. A decision must be made on the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain in the near future.

The Board gave approval for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, March 26, on the Courthouse lawn. Ms. Pierson said she was seeking a way to advertise the annual Farmers Market. She suggested using a banner or sign on or near the courthouse lawn. The Board suggested they seek additional options.

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

County Clerk Hall had another commitment and Beth Reed served as the secretary for the afternoon session.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board about the cost of replacing the curb around the Courthouse Square. The Board asked Beeson to present bids at the February 22nd meeting. One bid would reflect Beeson doing one hundred percent of the work. The second bid would reflect the County removing the broken curb and Beeson replacing it. The Board agreed to waive the dumping fee for the disposal of the old concrete at the County Landfill.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Ms. Coons is exploring various employment options for her office.

Custodian George Bean visited with the Board. The KWORC Insurance Inspector listed several items that needed repaired or updated. Mr. Bean noted that all items listed have been repaired and KWORC requirements have been met.

The Board asked the custodian to post caution signs near the front Courthouse steps.

At 1:40 p.m. the Board went to the Belleville City Office to discuss matters of mutual interest. Economic Development was on the city's agenda.

The Board returned to the Courthouse at 3:00 p.m. and Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting due to lack of business. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday**, February 22, 2005 due to the Monday holiday. They will meet at the Courthouse in Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday February 22, 2005 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 Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Road and Bridge Mechanic Tom Thompson has completed his 6 months probation period. His pay will now receive the 3% increase all other employees received at the beginning of the year.

An approval to travel was signed for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the County Clerk's Seminar, March 15-16 in Topeka, Kansas.

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

The Board approved the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan with OFG Financial Services, Inc., Salina, Kansas.

A bid was received from Brian Carlson for lawn rejuvenation. Mr. Carlson noted the work that would be done before and after the installation of the sprinkler system. The minimum requirements were priced at \$4,595.00 for 29,000 square feet of lawn. Numerous optional services were listed and individually priced for consideration. The Board will do further study into the matter of lawn care.

Deb Hadachek stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad, Assistant Director Rod Dusek and Joseph Blecha gave a proposal for replacement of an ambulance and a defibrillator for the Republic County Emergency Medical Services. Approval was given to purchase a reconditioned Zoll M Series defibrillator.

They want to purchase a newer ambulance, with larger compartments for equipment and get rid of the 1990 Ambulance now in service. That ambulance has experienced some electrical problems and the engine is under powered when driven into the wind.

The replacement unit they are looking at is a 1998 International Braum medium duty ambulance. The unit would cost \$38,000 and has 69,000 miles, Allison automatic transmission and an inline six-cylinder 466 International motor. Ambu Net does not take trades on ambulances over 10 years old.

Approval to travel was approved for Winter Kuehn, David Strnad and/or Brian Piersee to attend the Region IV Incident Command & Quality Improvement Conference, February 25-26 in Topeka, Kansas. There will be no charge for the rooms or the meals.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons suggested that the County purchase a new frame for the pictures of the first 12 Republic County Treasurers. The current frame is falling apart. Frank Krob has agreed to put a new frame around the picture and a new mat if required for \$220.00, as the picture is quite large. The Board suggested Ms. Coons check with Nancy Holt and see what it would cost to restore the old frame.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Larry Beeson gave a proposal for replacing the curb on the west and east side of the Courthouse lawn at a total cost of \$6,300.00 or \$4,800.00 if the County removes the old curb. Beeson stated that it would be 4-6 weeks before he could start the project. Highway Administrator Alvin Perez agreed that his employees would remove the broken curb and haul it away.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave a review of the work being done in his department. Perez noted that they are in the process of taking bids for the construction of the SPCC Joint Fueling Station. Contractors have until March 17 to get the bids back to Mr. Perez.

A utility agreement was signed between Republic County and Sprint to bury underground telephone cable for Dave DeJoia.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Boman Floor Covering in the amount of \$1,288.20 to install carpet in the Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lack of business appointments. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The session began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

The Board accepted the resignation of Custodian George Bean with regret. Mr. Bean plans to move to Missouri.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Telescope, stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. The Board requested that they review additional options for replacing an ambulance.

Brad Swanson gave a general report for the Road and Bridge Department.

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

The Board asked Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to get permanent signs on the doors of the County owned pick-up truck.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the Republic County Development (RCD) Loan in the amount of \$80,000 to Todd and Teresa Frye, Belleville Farm & Home, Inc. to be located at 1825 N Street, Belleville, KS. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. The loan will have a fixed interest rate of 4%, term of 8 years (1 year interest only, then principal and interest for 7 years), and collateral including a second mortgage on the commercial real estate located at 1825 N Street, Belleville and on store assets.

At 11:32 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. Those present were Economic Development

Board members Mike Hadachek, Paul Kallman, Brian Schwartz and Belleville City Manager Robert Knudson.

Regular session resumed at 11:52 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

The Board stopped by the Republic County Health Department for a tour of their facilities.

County Clerk Vickie Hall received approval to purchase a printer for the Clerk's Office. Amy McIntosh was hired as Election Deputy at \$7.75 per hour and will start work March 1, 2005.

Eric Johnson of Campbell & Johnson Engineers and Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe gave an update on the Courthouse Step Project. There is concern that the limestone, approved by the Kansas State Historical Society, is not a perfect match to the current marble steps. The bids were taken to replace only the broken steps. It is assumed that some of the stones are in good shape and will be reused in the renovation project. The ideal situation would be to play it safe and replace all the stones, increase the county share of the project by approximately \$36,000 and have a uniform look as well as have a uniform life span for the front steps of the Courthouse. A decision will be made next Monday.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance. Commissioner Holl was absent due to illness.

The Board held the official canvas of ballots for the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District Election that was held on March 1, 2005.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek stopped by to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Nelson seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Notification to travel was approved for Joshua Perez to attend the Kansas Narcotics Officers Association Conference, KNOA, March 21-24, in Wichita, Kansas. Perez will also attend the Practical Crime Scene Techniques Conference, March 28 in Russell, Kansas.

Notification to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Cheryl Loring to attend the NCK Co. Clerk's Meeting, March 17, in McPherson, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped by for a moment to greet the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek gave a demonstration of the air bag restraint. Strnad noted that they also have the new defibrillator in service in the ambulance. He stated that employees were starting to submit ambulance bills to Medicare electronically and slowly are becoming familiar with the new computer program.

Strnad and Dusek also gave a review of general ambulance expenses for a one-year period on the ambulance listed as Unit One. They suggested that Unit Two has the higher mileage so they felt that Unit Two should be the one to trade off if they were able to "trade-up" and get a newer unit. They want a newer model and would specifying that unit as the Rescue Unit that would hold the Jaws of Life, ropes and other equipment.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. He noted that they are making plans to get started on the Courtland Bomag road.

A utility agreement with Republican Valley Cattle Feeders was granted permission to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way described from NE ¼ Section 20-3-4 to NW ¼ Section 21-3-4. A second utility agreement with Sprint/United Telephone Co. of KS granted permission to construct and operate an underground telephone cable on public road right-of-way.

Mr. Perez visited with the Board about the Republic County Transportation System. Perez voiced his concern that the service doesn't currently have enough passengers to keep the bus going out to the rural communities. Over the past couple of years, many of the previous passengers have gone into rest homes, moved out of Republic County or died. Many elderly people like to make arrangements with relatives or neighbors so they don't have to stay in Belleville for a good portion of their day before the bus takes them back to the rural areas.

Jake Jacobs, Pawnee Mental Health, and Joyce Hedstrom visited with the Board. Jacobs noted that 363 Republic County residents were served in 2004. A total of \$133,000 in care and services was given to residents who had no means to pay.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus visited about renovation of the 4-H building.

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

Notification to travel was approved for Courtney VanNortwick and Betty Vodicka to attend the NCIC Training, March 10, in Salina, Kansas.

A department head meeting was held to issue credit cards and to discuss matters of mutual interest. Credit cards are now required to secure room reservations when county employees attend conferences. Companies no longer want to use direct billing to counties and wait for payment when credit card companies will issue payment to them within three days of the service. Those present at the department head meeting were County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser Barry Porter, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Clerk of Court Kris Kling, Custodian George Bean, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Beth Reed joined the department head meeting and gave a presentation on the emergency procedures county employees should implement in case of a storm or other disaster. She handed out printed information to make employees aware of procedures to be followed and told them a tornado drill would be held on March 15, 2005.

Plans were reviewed for the County Appreciation Supper to be held on March 10, 2005. Service awards will be given at the supper.

Eric Johnson and Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the renovation of the front steps of the Courthouse. Rahe and Mr. Johnson will contact the Historical Society to request additional grant money if all the stones are replaced at this time.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

EMT Janice Dusek received travel approval for Ambulance Director David Strnad and Secretary Beverly Reynolds to attend the 2005 KEMTA Conference April 8, 2005 in Great Bend, Kansas. Notification to travel was also approved for EMT Josh Noxon to attend the Region IV EMS Meeting, March 23, 2005, in Lincoln, Kansas.

Notification to travel was also approved for Health Department Secretary Julie Lindberg to attend a Coding Workshop, April 27, 2005, in Salina, Kansas.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad has promoted part-time jailer Brandon Jeardoe to full time status with benefits. He will receive \$7.40 per hour. Gary Danielson was hired as a part-time jailer, \$7.20 per hour with no benefits.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures on several checks to pay the bills on the hospital project.

At 10:00 a.m., Weed Director Steve Pounds held the official bid opening for chemicals. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$42,377.20 to purchase 2-4-D and Tordon from UAP/Timberland LLC. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Vegetation Management Supply, Inc. bid \$43,291.00 for the 2-4-D and Tordon. Van Diest Supply Company bid \$42,934.60 for the same chemicals.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited about various Road and Bridge projects. Due to the rain, work on the road north of Courtland is on hold. They will get started as soon as the weather permits. March 21, 2005 was the start date for this project.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into an Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:55 a.m., with no action being taken by the Board.

The Board and Perez visited about encouraging citizens to ride the Republic County Transportation Bus.

The Board acknowledged letters from Arlene Clayton about issues with the City of Belleville and a letter from Bob Arbuthnot about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain.

Doug McKinney visited with the Board about the Hospital Block Grant Project. The Board also signed a proclamation to recognize April as Fair Housing Month.

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

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about replacing 911 signs throughout the county. Raney said he has ordered some supplies to get the project going and will need to order additional replacement posts.

James Reed visited with the Board about plans for renovation of the Courthouse lawn and landscaping around the building. Reed will return next week with an official proposal.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

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

Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to offer \$35,000 for a used ambulance and gave permission to go up to \$38,000 for the purchase from Ambulance Network. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Ambulance Network, Elizabeth, NJ will cover the airline tickets and motel costs when Republic County employees go to pick up the ambulance.

The Board visited with Strnad about who was going to be mowing the grass near the Ambulance building this year. Strnad will study the options and report back to the Board.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave a report of the work being done by the Road and Bridge Department. The rain last week left the roads quite soft. This week the road crews are working hard to blade and smooth the county roads.

Perez noted that the increases in the price of fuel is a concern for the Solid Waste Department and the Road and Bridge Department. A portion of the increased cost of fuel will be passed on down to Republic County through a "fuel adjustment" charge for solid waste disposal. That charge will help cover the increased cost of fuel to haul solid waste from the Cloud County Transfer Station on to Topeka, KS.

Mr. Perez visited in length with the Board about the cost of building the smaller bridges in the County. It has proven to be more cost effective to have the Republic County Bridge Crew build the smaller bridges.

A payroll change was approved for Danny Davis who completed his probationary period and is now entitled to the 3 percent increase other employees were given in January.

At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 11:23 a.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Republic County Highway and Landfill Departments. The policy or agreement lays out the plan for reimbursement for work performed and/or equipment used by both the Road and Bridge and Landfill Department when used in cooperation to provide a service for both departments. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board is going to study a request to approve a right-a-way agreement with the Kansas Gas Service Company. Mr. Perez will visit with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. about this agreement.

There were two bids submitted for the rejuvenation of the courthouse lawn. The bids were strictly for the south side of the building and consisted of spraying to kill the current grass and weeds, tilling, grading and planting the new yard.

Jim Reed, North Central Lawn and Landscape bid \$4,300.00

Brian Carlson, Independent Tree & Lawn Service bid \$4,595.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Jim Reed, North Central Lawn and Landscape, to renovate the south lawn of the Courtyard and Wayne Gardner, Every Angle Covered, bid \$6,250.00 to install the sprinkler system on the south lawn. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board spoke with Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney about replacing 911 signs in the County. He and Alvin Perez will return next week with a plan for installation and upkeep of the project.

The Board adjourned for lunch and attended the Hospital Board Meeting.

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

Gary Danielson was originally hired as a correction officer in the Sheriff's Department but resigned after one day on the job. The Board has now approved Jacob O. Millias for part-time employment, \$7.20 per hour as a jailer/corrections officer.

Tom Meek, President of the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), John Robison and Wayne Pachta visited with the Board. The group visited about community improvement projects.

Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius and Shelia Nelson-Stout gave a report on the accomplishments of OCCK as they provide services for the citizens of North Central Kansas. Services are available to anyone with short or long-term disabilities.

Layne Hoops visited with the Board about the condition of the Byron Road.

Notification to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Spring County Treasurer's Conference, April 20-22 in Topeka, KS.

Ambulance Assistant Director Rod Dusek and Paramedic Don Lieb returned to visit with the Board about the purchase of the used ambulance. The Ambulance Network Co. has agreed to accept \$37,000 as payment for the ambulance.

The Board asked Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to visit with them about various matters.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn, as there were no other business appointments. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held April 4, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2005 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 previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Marshall Swift Residential Conference, April 17-19, 2005 in Wichita, Kansas. He will also attend the KS Property Tax Law Update Conference, May 23-24, 2005 in Topeka, KS.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus gave the quarterly review of Extension Service activities; programs and educational contacts made with Republic County Citizens. Family and Consumer Science programs include programs for Head Start, nutrition education in school classrooms, the Family Nutrition Program and the Brown Bag University.

Brian Carlson approached the Board about spraying the trees in the courtyard. The Board was not interested in his proposal at this time.

Pastor Bill Brazel offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was granted to Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the Budget Seminar, Mary 26, 2005, in Salina, KS.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope representative, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Gerald Blazek, Curt Crawford, Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker reviewed the Nutri-Shield RCD loan application with the Board.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that three bids were received to complete the SPCC Joint Fueling Facility for the City of Belleville and Republic County. Stan's Petroleum Equipment, Inc. bid \$325,049.19, Double Check Co., Inc., bid \$335,254.00 and Hamilton Service Co., LLC bid \$338,179.68 to complete the project. The County share of the project will be \$139,023.57. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid from Stan's Petroleum. Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed the Grant of Right Of Way Agreement between Republic County and the Kansas Gas Service Company. The strip of land one hundred feet wide located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 2 South and Range 3 West of the 6th P.M., Republic County, Kansas. It is defined as fifty feet each side a pipeline center line more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, said pipeline right of way is subject to existing US Highway 81 right-of-way.

At 11:08 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:18 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Joe Gerber, Joe's Electric, visited with the Board about outlets in the courtyard and options to make electricity readily available for outdoor activities held on the Courthouse lawn.

Following a luncheon recess, County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. New flooring and other updates were completed in the public restroom of the Health Department.

Permission to travel was approved for Kathy Zach and Marcia Hansen to attend a Bio-terrorism Course, April 7, 2005, in Beloit, KS. Beverly Lapo and Sue Swanson, April 21 & 22 will attend the Kansas Fatherhood Summit, in Wichita, KS.

Mike Hadachek brought the Belleville Farm and Home Inc. RCD Loan Agreement before the Board for final signatures. The Frye loan, in the amount of \$80,000.00, is to be used to purchase the hardware business from Tom and Joan Grover.

At 1:50 p.m., Commissioner Holl 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 2:00 p.m. With no action taken by the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 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 started the day by signing the accounts payable vouchers and reviewing general correspondence.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons stopped in to get signatures from the Board on the hospital project.

The Board asked County Treasurer Cindy Coons to take charge of all financial information and billings relative to the Courthouse steps project. The details will be worked out at the next Board meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

James Popelka, representing the NCK Fair Agriculture Board, visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$13,000 from the Carnival Account to the Agriculture Board for fairground improvement projects. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Telescope reporter, Deb Hadachek, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Larry Beeson stopped to tell the Board that he has completed the curb and gutter project around the south portion of the Courthouse yard.

Following the recommendation of the RCD Loan Committee, Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the \$25,000 request for funds to Nutri-Shield of Courtland, Kansas. Wilber added that he would increase the loan by \$5,000 to make certain the reactor tank is set up and operational. The Board of County Commissioners would approve a total loan of \$30,000 if Nutri-Shield agrees to meet all the conditions spelled out by the RCD Loan Committee. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek brought the newly purchased 1998 Ambulance to the Courthouse for the Boards inspection.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez asked the Board for permission to transfer \$70,000 from the Road and Bridge Commodities and put that \$70,000 in the Fuel Center Fund. All fuel purchases made by other departments will now go through the Fuel Center Fund.

The auditor was consulted and is aware that the Road and Bridge Commodities line will be over budget. However, by postponing the building of new offices, the \$80,000 budgeted under the Capital Outlay will **not** be spent and that will keep the Road and Bridge Department from going over budget. The Board approved the accounts payable voucher for the transfer of funds.

Perez noted that due to the increased gas prices, he is seeing an increase in freight and fuel adjustment charges on all parts and supplies received by his department.

Perez told the Board that he has seen no increase in rider-ship with the free trip offered on the Republic County Transportation System.

Perez noted that he gave the approved Utility Easement to Kansas Gas Representative, R.J. Reynolds, for the gas line easement on the west side of Highway 81 and a \$1,125.00 check was received by Republic County.

At 11:29 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. At 11:34 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board, Clerk Hall and Mr. Perez joined the Jewell County Commissioners and Clerk Waugh for lunch. The group returned to the Courthouse to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received permission to travel to the Agricultural Emergency Response Training Conference in Aniston, Alabama.

Raymond Raney and Beth Reed received permission to attend the Emergency Management Support Association of Kansas Annual Conference, April 26-29, 2005 in Emporia, Kansas.

911 Communications Director Raymond Raney notified the Board that 911 Dispatcher Courtney Van Nortwick has completed her 6 month probation period. Raney received approval to increase her salary to \$8.50 per hour.

Director Leah Krotz, gave the Board a review of the 2004 Belleville Public Library Annual Report.

The Board accepted the proposal from Joe Gerber, in the amount of \$3,844.32, to mount the out door electrical outlets on posts and install new conduit on the west side of the Courthouse.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. spoke with the Board about payroll deductions. The Board indicated they did not wish to change the current accounting practices.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2005 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 Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

There being a tie vote, in the April 5, 2005 Republic City Council Election, it is the Board of County Commissioner's statutory duty to break the tie. Commissioner Wilber represented Nancy Sandell and Commissioner Nelson represented Doug Fuller. The coin was tossed and Doug Fuller was the winner. Clerk Hall will notify both parties by mail.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford stopped to visit with the Board.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth and his wife joined the group for the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped briefly to visit with the Board about diversion agreements.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about routine matters. It was agreed that Clerk Hall would notify K-Camp Insurance about the newly purchased 1998 International Ambulance.

A permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the annual KCCEOA Conference, May 2-6, 2005, in Salina, KS. Amy McIntosh and Cheryl Denk received approval to attend the mandatory HAVA Training Session, May 5, 2005, in Salina, KS.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Ten utility agreements were approved for Kansas Gas Service, to construct and operate underground pipeline between Fairview Township and the City of Belleville.

The Board directed Clerk Hall to send a memorandum to all county department heads. The notice will inform other departments that the Road and Bridge Department shall be reimbursed, for a portion of machine hours and personnel costs, when they assist other departments.

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

Wanda Backstrum of JJA reviewed the State of Kansas Community Corrections FY2006 Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adopt this Comprehensive Plan that covers July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board and reported that all Republic County banks responded to the request for a current listing of accounts. The Board has asked that all individual departments close checking accounts and make deposits to and through the Republic County Treasurer's Office. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. issued a letter to Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe citing the reason for the Board's request to close the passport checking account.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe read a letter from the Kansas State Historical Society. The addendum gave a boost of \$13,500 to the Republic County Heritage Trust Fund Grant. This brings the total grant funding up to \$103,500 for the preservation of the Republic County Courthouse.

A pre-construction hearing for the renovation of the Courthouse steps will be held April 20, 2005 in the County Commissioner's Room. Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Custodian Kevin Calkins, County Commissioner Linda Holl and County Clerk Vickie Hall will attend that meeting.

The Board directed Clerk Hall to send a memo out to all county employees asking them to park near the street on the east side of the square. The east employee parking lot behind the Courthouse will be made available for public parking at the rear entrance of the building. This directive will be in place while the front entrance is closed due to the renovation of the front steps.

Wayne Gardner and Main Street Representative Melinda Pierson visited with the Board about the Courthouse lawn.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller spoke with the Board. The Board approved the application for tax credits from the State of Kansas to purchase \$302,000.00 in specialized hospital equipment. The plan is to purchase a new mammography machine, an anesthesia machine and improve the specialized lighting system in the surgery area.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope representative, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Norman Bottger and David Bowersox asked the Board for funds to assist the Republic County Legion Baseball team. There are 16 young people from all across the county signed up to participate. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give them \$1,006.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor William Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford gave the Board a department review.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped in to visit with the Board. Secretary Kathy Calkins has completed her probation period and will receive the 3 percent raise that other employees received at the first of the year. She will be paid \$8.81 per hour.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave a department report. A permission to travel was approved for David Strnad and Josh Noxon to attend the State Board of EMS meeting, April 26-27, 2005 in Salina, KS. The purpose of the meeting is to learn about the statewide EMS run reports.

A permission to travel was signed for Jan Kauer to attend the Replacement Project/User Briefings to be held April 26, 2005, Salina, KS.

At 10:08 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Holl the motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:18 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Custodian Kevin Calkins received permission to purchase a leaf blower. Two smoke stations will also be purchased to place near the entrances of the building. Calkins noted that the contractors are here to begin the work on the Courthouse steps.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The Board enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

The Board resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m. and Commissioner Wilber did not attend the afternoon session.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures on the checks to pay \$129,362.50 in bills for the hospital project.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to allow County Health Director Marcia Hansen to spend \$8,000 on building improvements to comply with the HIPPA Regulations and security. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Appraiser Barry Porter spoke with the Board about the renewal of his contract and the inter-local agreement.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board that he has hired Tom Snapp, \$8.00 per hour, as the utility maintenance worker for the County Shop. Perez reviewed various matters within the Road and Bridge Department.

A request to travel was approved for Alvin Perez and Darlene Havel to attend the CTD Transportation Conference, April 26, 2005 in Minneapolis, KS. A second request was approved for Perez to attend the KDOT Focus Group Meeting, May 10, 2005 in Salina, KS.

At 2:22 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. Perez was present for this session. Regular session resumed at 2:42 p.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board appointed Mr. Alan Lierz, National Family Bank, to serve on the Republic County Industrial Development (RCD) Committee.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

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The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The day began with Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers, visiting with the Board about progress on the Courthouse steps. The many years of winter freeze and thaw has turned the concrete under the stone pavers to mush. Approximately 11 yards of concrete will be needed to repair the concrete base before installing new stone pavers. The renovation will also require approximately \$14,000 in additional pavers.

Don Slagle and Matt Moore requested funds for Power House. Power House is a non-denominational gathering that brings youth across the county together once a week at the Belleville Middle School.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion take \$250.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund and give it to Power House for the youth activities. Seconded by Nelson the motion carried 3-0.

Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford spoke with the Board about Agri-tourism. The Board encouraged Ms. Spafford to research ways to use the NCK Fairgrounds for events such as flea markets, camper conventions, shows and other events.

County Appraiser Barry Porter received approval on a notification to travel to the KCAA Annual Business Conference, June 14-17 in Topeka, Kansas.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall told the Board that the County auditors will be in the Courthouse this week to work on the 2004 audit.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters. Strnad received permission to attend a Service Directors Training Conference, June 10-11, in Clay Center, Kansas.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to attend the North Central District Meeting, May 12, 2005 in Waldo, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopted Resolution 2005-11 appointing Barry Porter, as Republic County Appraiser, for a term of 4 years through June 30, 2009. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Porter will receive an annual salary of \$30,000 from Republic County. Porter divides his time between Republic County and Cloud County Appraiser's Office.

The Board approved Resolution 2005-12. The resolution supports the application for tax credits from the State of Kansas to purchase \$302,000 in specialized hospital equipment. The Board verbally approved this at the April 25, 2005 meeting and signed the papers today. There was a clerical error on the papers submitted last week.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various Road and Bridge matters.

At 11:02 Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:08 a.m.

At 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into another 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:17 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m., with Doug McKinney, North Central Kansas Regional Planning. McKinney spoke with the Board about the written request for an extension of time on the hospital improvement project.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board. She stated that she had an e-mail from the Tax Assistance Center and had offered this information to others.

Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and Dale Kuhn completed the final paperwork on the RCD loan for Nutri-Shield, Courtland, KS.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

During the public forum period the Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about the Sampler Festival in Newton, Kansas. The Republic County Travel and Tourism committee members worked in the Republic County booth at this festival.

The Board and Ms. Spafford visited about encouraging "day trips" within our county. We have several historical sites, area festivals, the NCK Free Fair, Boyer Gallery, Race Car Museum, Depot Market, three antique malls and local museums. There are people who live in Republic County that have not visited some of these sites.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe asked the Board for permission to close the Appraiser's Office for two hours on Friday due to the funeral of Retha Blecha's father-in-law. Permission granted.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. came in to visit with the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters. Strnad told the Board that a large portable generator for EMS was purchased with Homeland Security Grant Funds.

National EMS Week will be observed with an open house on Friday, May 20, 2005.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. The reclaiming project on 30 Road north of Courtland got underway last week. Perez noted that Jewell County is grinding the surface, going 12 inches deep, and will cover two miles today.

The county auditor was here this past week. Road and Bridge had \$185,000.00 carry over from 2004 that could be transferred into the Special Highway and Special Equipment Funds. Perez had the auditor move \$42,000.00 of that into the Special Equipment Fund to cover the costs of the joint fueling station and the purchase of the belly dump trailer. The remaining carry over money of \$143,000.00 was put into the Special Highway Fund. That will be used to purchase materials for road projects.

Larry Olsen and Kenneth Havel will work part-time, \$8.00 per hour, mowing the roadsides for the road department.

Larry Stafford has been hired as the full time District #6 blade operator at \$8.00 per hour.

At 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 11:03 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2005-13. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. This resolution speaks about the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. It waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120 a(a) as they apply to Republic County for the year ended 2004.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2005-14. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. This resolution waives the same requirements for the year ending 2005.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2005-15. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. This resolution sets the 2005 Salaries for the Republic County Commissioners and Elected Officials.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:00.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board & Mr. Perez drove to view roads in the Courtland area. They went to see the progress on the blacktop road north of town and view a couple of county bridges in that area.

The Board returned at 2:15 p.m. to resume regular session.

Notification to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the HR Meeting, May 20, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

County employees enjoyed treats to recognition of Commissioner Holl's birthday.

Belleville City Manager, Bob Knudson, visited about Economic Development matters.

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, May 16, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairpman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Commissioners met May 16th, 2005 in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville. Present were Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also present was Vickie Hall, County Clerk.

Nelson moved to accept the Minutes of the May 9th, 2005 meeting, seconded by Wilber and made unanimous by Holl.

Rev. Bill Brazil gave the morning prayer.

It was noted that the six-month probation period of Jesse Birchill, jailer, has been completed. His wages will be raised 25 cents to \$7.77 per hour.

Bryanna Spafford met during Public Forum with an update on her activities as Republic County Economic Development Director. At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilber to hold an Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. Present were the three Commissioners and Ms. Spafford. Regular session resumed at 9:28 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

David Strnad reported that on Friday, May 20th, in recognition of EMS Week, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will hold an Open House from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the ambulance building. Also, on Wednesday, May 18th, continuing education classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. A BBQ will follow for those participating in the continuing education classes.

Mr. Strnad reported that on a transfer to Lincoln, Nebraska, the tread from a front tire of the ambulance lodged between the back axel and one of the dual tires blew out from tread rubbing on the back tire. Fairbury was called to complete the transfer of the patient to Lincoln. New tires have been replaced on this unit.

Mr. Strnad was given permission to travel to the EMS Region IV meeting in Clay Center, Kansas, on May 17, 2005.

Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

In the absence of Alvin Perez, Brad Swanson reported on activities at the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Swanson submitted a Supplemental Agreement reflecting a change in the City/County Fueling Station project. Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Wilber and made unanimous by Nelson that the change be accepted.

Glenda Keller, Washington County Family and Consumer Science Agent, and Tandy Rundus, Republic County Family and Consumer Science Agent, advised that the newly formed River Valley Extension District #4 will be effective on July 1st, 2005. The Board will consist of 16 members, 4 from each of the counties included, and Ms. Keller will serve as its Director.

Permission was given to Doane Sells to use the Courthouse Square for the Crossroads Car Show to be held on June 18th.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, submitted and received approval on hospital project bills in the amount of \$72,720.31.

After a lunch recess, Marcia Hansen, Director of the Health Department, gave a report on activities within her department. Becky Odell has submitted her resignation from cleaning the Health Department, effective May 21, 2005.

It was noted that Josh Noxon, EMS Department, has received certification to EMT-I as of May 8th. As of that date, his wage will increase to \$7.93 per hour.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Wilber and made unanimous by Nelson to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23rd, 2005, 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about water leaking from a plumbing problem in the jail. The leak has damaged the recently repaired plaster ceiling. Kevin contacted the plumbers.

The Board approved accounts payable vouchers throughout the morning.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board and Clerk Hall attended the departure ceremony for members of the Kansas Army National Guard's 995 Maintenance Company who are preparing for deployment.

The Board returned to the Courthouse to visit with Ambulance Director David Strnad. Strnad noted that the high bid of \$2,900.00 was received on the 1991 Ford ambulance. The buyer was Kevin Carr, Lawrence, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2005 meeting with one clarification. Doane Sells was given approval to use the north side of the Courthouse lawn for the annual car show. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave a progress report on 30 Road north of Courtland. Mr. Perez also received permission to close the County Landfill on Saturday, due to the Memorial Day Weekend.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:50 a.m.

Carolee Miner, President of OCCK Inc., along with Patrick Wallerius and Shelia Nelson-Stout visited with the Board. They submitted the 2006 budget request of \$27,849.00 to continue services and support for people with disabilities in Republic County and the area. Republic County appropriated \$21,250.00 for OCCK in the 2005 budget.

The Board had lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Kevin Couture, David Wilber, Jim Melton and Curtis Klima, NCK Fair Amusement Committee members, visited with the Board about upcoming events and racetrack improvements.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about citywide garage sales and flea markets in Republic County.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the mowing at the "Republic County Poor Farm Cemetery". Barry Bottger told Ms. Rahe that he would mow it for \$150.00 per year. Rahe told the Board she would go get a wreath for that cemetery. The County pays for a decorative wreath to be placed at this cemetery during the Memorial Holiday.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-16, which appoints Commissioner Martin Nelson to serve as the Republic County Representative to the Mid-States Port Authority. The term is June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2009. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl left the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and did not attend the balance of this session.

Main Street Director Melinda Pierson and Bob Trecek visited with the Board about signs directing highway travelers to downtown Belleville. They also visited about the upcoming Farmers Market using the paved area in front of the Courthouse and the north side of the square. The Board will review the guidelines for using the Courthouse yard due to the newly seeded lawn and the automated sprinkler system.

It was a consensus among members of the Main Street Design Committee, that if the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain were to be taken out, no other fountain should be placed on the courthouse lawn. General discussion followed about the plans to landscape the Courthouse yard.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Wilber. Motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31st, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairpman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 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 Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for The Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about repairing a gas line near the north door of the Courthouse.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave his weekly activity report.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to allow the NCK Fair Amusement Board to purchase a MTD lawn mower at a cost of \$1,119.99 from the Belleville Farm and Home Store. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0. The mower would be the property of Republic County and payment made from the NCK Fair Improvement Fund.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to remove the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain from the Courthouse square. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The Board sent a letter to Mrs. Melissa Arbuthnot to inform the family. If the family wishes to salvage a portion of this fountain, they were asked to contact the Board of County Commissioners to make arrangements for delivery.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stepped in for a few minutes. The Board asked Spurney about the upcoming delinquent tax sale and Sherry Quackenbush's delinquent RCD Loan.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board that he has moved Richard Bergstrom to the position of truck driver. Perez will now advertise in the newspapers for an employee to work on the bridge crew.

A permission to travel was approved for Alvin Perez and Darlene Havel to attend a Workers Compensation meeting, June 8, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

A permission to travel was also approved for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend the Register of Deeds Seminar, June 7-10 in Abilene, Kansas.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., Shawn Bradmahl and Richard Comfort, Juvenile Detention Center in Junction City, gave the Board a review of the services JJA provides to Republic County. They also made their 2006 budget request.

Beth Reed took the minutes of the meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m., in the absence of County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters. She is working on a brochure and is always looking for ways to promote Republic County. A place mat promoting Republic County might be a possibility in the future.

Commissioner Holl suggested that the old Duckwall building could be divided in a cooperative effort to house two or three smaller businesses. The businesses might share the utilities, insurance and other expenses.

There was some discussion about transportation from downtown Belleville to the NCK Fairgrounds during fair week.

The Board will invite representatives from the NCK Fair Agriculture Board and the NCK Fair Amusement Board to meet with them in the near future.

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairpman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Republic County Soil Conservation District representatives requested \$34,000 to help fund their 2006 budget. The representatives in attendance were Jerome Kieffer, Richard Sandell, John Robison, Wayne Pachta, Jerry Strnad and Lori Siemsen.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 31, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appointed Dr. Andy Walker to serve as the Republic County Health Officer with the Republic County Health Department. May 25, 2005 is the effective date of this appointment. Seconded by Commissioner Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. came in to visit with the Board.

A permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the 2005 Sandborn Institute for County Clerk Certification. The school will be held June 13-17, 2005 in Wichita, KS.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave his weekly activity report.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that they have about 3 weeks of work left on 30 Road north of Courtland. Perez stated that they have had several pieces of equipment require maintenance this spring.

Renovation of the Courthouse steps is nearing completion. The Board went out front to view the progress of the front steps and visit with the foreman. The project will be completed this week.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters. The Board agreed to purchase a new computer for Ms. Spafford. She has estimated the cost at \$1,300 for the basic office software and a good virus protection. The Board encouraged her to make the purchase. The County will pay for the computer from the \$10,000 line item for Economic Development and list it on County inventory.

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

Wanda Backstrum received a signature from Commissioner Harold Wilber on the Juvenile Justice papers.

Jake Jacobs, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health, and Joyce Hedstrom visited with the Board. They presented the request of \$21,000 for the 2006 budget.

Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek, Kay Shoemaker, Cindy Coons, Ron Evert and Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD Loan matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to re-amortize the payment schedule over 6-years to create lower monthly payments on the remaining RCD Loan for Jim & Sue Tuma. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. There was no new money loaned out but by extending the maturity date of this loan it lowered their monthly obligations.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Commissioners met June 13, 2005 in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville. All three Commissioners were present. In the absence of the county clerk, Beth Reed, was present to take minutes.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were presented for signatures.

Kris Kling submitted the Court's 2006 Budget for the Board's approval and signature.

Deb Hadachek audited a portion of the meeting.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, reported that the front steps would be completed as of this date. Commissioners requested that Mr. Calkins obtain from the contractors instructions for the care of the steps and keep a laminated copy posted in the custodian's room.

Mr. Calkins, also, reported that Pat Mikesell is replacing the front panels on the columns at the sides of the steps so that the two will match. Other projects are: the stones at the south side of the steps will be removed; and, the parking spots on the east side of the courthouse will be marked with "Reserved" instead of designating the position.

David Bowersox, representing the American Legion, inquired about the flag sockets along the flag avenue that have been removed due to the improvements being made in the Courtyard. The Board advised that Wayne Gardner will be contacted to replace the sockets prior to completion of the project.

Cheryl Loring, Deputy County Clerk, advised the Commissioners that at the present time there is only an amount of \$2,300.00 in the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Also, that for the next two years this fund will only receive \$700.00 from the state for the reason that for the past two years the entire amount has been sent to the county and should have been divided between the city and the county. The city will receive the bulk of the funds for the next several years. Funds are usually taken from this account to fund several different activities within the county, but due to the low amount in this fund, donations will need to be derived out of some other fund.

Rev. Bill Brazil, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney, Frank Spurney, did not attend his scheduled appointment time.

Ruth Rahe inquired if a decision has been made for employee pay raises for year 2006, so that she might prepare her budget request. The Commissioners advised that they would come to a decision and advise all department heads so they will, also, have this information as they prepare 2006 budget proposals.

Ms. Rahe presented a Resolution setting out that overpayments for less than \$10.00 made to the office of the Register of Deeds be retained (instead of refunded) and deposited with regular recording fees. Resolution was adopted, signed by the Board and given the number of Resolution 2005-17.

Cindy Coons advised that the Republic County Treasurer's Office is now equipped to accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover credit cards for the payment of taxes and car tags.

Ms. Coons advised that Linda Melton has been hired as Motor Vehicle and Driver's License Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, at \$7.50 per hour, beginning as of this date.

Eric Brunner advised that Marion J. Alexander has been hired as part-time jailer, at \$7.00 per hour to replace Jacob Millias who resigned to accept a full-time position with the National Guard.

David Strnad reported on a conference he had attended in Clay Center this last week. Holl moved, Nelson seconded and Wilber made unanimous to take a five minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Present were the three Commissioners and Mr. Strnad. No action was taken by the Board. Mr. Strnad advised that collections through the Ambulance Department for the week June 5th through 11th, 2005, were in the amount of \$3,381.12.

Alvin Perez met to discuss various projects and matters with the Board. A utility Agreement was signed granting permission for Rolling Hills Electric Coop Inc to construct and operate an underground power cable on the public road right-of-way described as follows: Beginning at the existing centerline of US 36 Highway at the Northeast corner of Section 13, T3S, R5W, thence south two hundred (200) feet.

Mr. Perez reported that Mike Nondorf will soon be moving to Belleville and would like to park his grader at Rydal instead of in Scandia when not in use. At the present time there is no cost incurred by leaving the grader in Scandia; however, there would possibly be rent to pay by leaving the grader at Rydal. It was the concensus of the Board that the grader continue to be parked in Scandia when not in use.

Upon motion by Holl, seconded by Wilber and made unanimous by Nelson, the Minutes of the June 6th, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

Billy Joe Strnad inquired about payment for work he had performed for the County. The Board directed him to the Clerk's office.

Art Goppert advised that South Old 81 has deteriorated making it unsafe to travel. He requested that the County give its attention to making South Old 81 safer for motorists driving that road. The Board will view the road and visit with the Highway Administrator concerning repairs.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek met to discuss and sign loan papers in the amount of \$40,000.00, through the Revolving Loan Fund for Kent Swartz dba Republic Service.

Ms. Shoemaker advised as of this date the balance in the Revolving Loan Fund is in the amount of \$29,726.00.

Mike Hadachek and Bob Knudson discussed the 2006 Budget proposal for Economic Development. The County agreed to continue a 50-50 cost share with the City for Economic Development in the total amount of \$52,000.00 (County share of \$26,000.00). However, the Commissioners will provide a \$2,000.00 line-item in the Budget for Economic Development should expenses incur over and above the original amount.

After a lunch recess, the Fair Amusements Committee and NCK Free Fair Board met with the Board to discuss projects at the fairgrounds and in the grandstands that need to be either started or completed. The amount of \$25,000.00 has been budgeted for year 2005 to make improvement on the fairgrounds and/or grandstands areas. Present were: Curtis Klima and Kevin Couture representing the Fair Amusements Committee, and Kelvin Blecha, James Popelka and Kevin Jensen representing the NCK Free Fair Executive Board.

After discussion, the decision was made to give \$7,000.00 to the Fair Amusement Committee to pay for a catch fence, which is already being installed. This amount also includes the mower recently purchased in the amount of \$1,108.00. The balance of \$18,000.00 will be used by the NCK Free Fair Board to be used at their discretion. Several projects discussed were: Sewer lines; overlay on fairgrounds walkways; acquisition of property presently used for campers, and which is rented at the rate of \$300.00 per year. Commissioner Nelson volunteered to visit with

the owner of the real estate in question to determine if and for how much the property could be purchased.

Discussion was held concerning using the County's transportation buses to provide a shuttle between the downtown area and the fairgrounds, and also the parking lot to the main fairgrounds during the week of the fair and the races. If not using the transportation buses, perhaps it could be looked into to rent a shuttle for this purpose. Efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in the past to provide this service have not been effective. No action was taken on this matter.

The goal for pursuing these projects is to make the fair more appealing and successful.

After the NCK Free Fair Board left the meeting, the Commissioners had questions concerning the Balance Sheet submitted by the Fair Amusements Committee. Those representing the Committee will research the questions and return at a later date with the answers. The Commissioners, also, requested that copies of Proof of Insurance be on file with the County.

The question was raised concerning the reason the Fair Amusements Committee is under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce instead of the County, as the Chamber has no ownership in any of the vehicles used during the races, nor any ownership in any of the structures on the fairgrounds. If the vehicles were titled in the name of the County, they could be placed under the umbrella of the County's insurance through KCamp. More discussion on this subject will be held at a later date.

An Agreement between the Executive Board of the NCK Free Fair and the Fair Amusements Committee will be updated and reviewed within the next few weeks. This Agreement sets out the duties and understandings of each board in connection with the fairgrounds/race track.

Bryanna Spafford, Economic Development, gave an update on Economic Development activities within Republic County. Ms. Spafford reported that she had received five inquiries concerning this area. Those inquiring had learned of Republic County through the web site on the Internet. The County's web site is to be updated this next week by Mary Ann Klima. Ms. Spafford advised that it would be very helpful if there were a demographic package prepared to send to prospective businesses or those interested in locating in Republic County. There is in existence a fund set aside for Economic Development that could perhaps be utilized to fund this type of project.

Ms. Spafford reported that the computer being purchased by the County for the Economic Development office has been ordered and when received, Barry Porter will help to set it up.

Tandy Rundus, Republic County Extension, discussed insurance of the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. As the Extension Council is the owner of the 4-H building, it is not possible to place it under the umbrella of the County's insurance through KCamp. A suggestion was made that perhaps the County could purchase the building from the 4-H Council, with an option for the 4-H to use the building, which would then allow the building to be insured through the County. More discussion on this matter will be held at a later date.

Regina Thompson requested \$1,500.00 to help with the Courtland Arts Council summer program. This program has been funded in the past; however the funds used for this were usually taken from the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Now, due to the low amount in that fund, arrangements need to be made for the funding to come from another fund within the County. The Board will discuss this request and give the Arts Council its decision at the next regular Board meeting of the Commission.

Cindy Coons reported that during the month of May, Republic County received \$40,846.01 through sales tax collections. Ms. Coons, also, requested permission to purchase a Laser printer out of the Reserve Equipment Fund for the purpose of printing tax statements. Permission was given to purchase the printer from Nex-Tech in the amount of \$2,300.00.

Ms. Coons requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Holl moved, Wilber seconded and Nelson made unanimous to go into executive session for ten-minutes. Present were the three Commissioners and Ms. Coons. No action was taken.

With no further business, Nelson moved, Wilber seconded and made unanimous by Holl that the meeting be adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on June 20th at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Kay Shoemaker, Deputy County Treasurer, received approval from the Board to pay bills on the hospital project.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the maintenance of the newly renovated Courthouse steps. They were advised that no salt or chemicals should be used on the steps for the first 2 years.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer. Intern Mitch Diemer was a guest of Pastor Imel.

Belleville City Mayor Brad Chatfield stopped to visit with the Board.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board. She spoke about the need to seek another grant to repair the “wings” or sides of the Courthouse steps. The light fixtures on those columns also need attention.

Wayne Gardner reported that he has completed the installation of the sprinkler system on the south side of the building.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave his weekly activity report. Permission to travel was also approved for Strnad to attend the Region IV Meeting, June 21, 2005 in Clay Center, KS.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez presented a Utility Agreement where Greg Eitzmann was granted permission to construct and operate an underground electric line from 70 Road and Ash Road, Section 1-1-5 into Section 36-1-5.

Perez reported that the work on 30 Road is nearing completion. They finished up laying the materials on the road and reopened the road to traffic on Thursday. “Soft shoulder” signs alongside this road now warn the public of those conditions.

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

The Board sent a memo to department heads suggesting they add a 3 percent increase for wages in the 2006 budget.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford gave the Board an activity report for her department. Governor Kathleen Sebelius plans to come to Belleville July 3 to attend the NCRA Late Model and Modifieds Race. Ms. Spafford is

working on a coffee for Sebelius, to be held on Monday, July 4th, 8:30 a.m. at 1814-I Street in Belleville.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to allow Ms. Spafford to spend up to \$250.00 of county funds to help cover the costs of the welcome coffee for Governor Sebelius. Seconded by Holl motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also present was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The morning began with the review of general correspondence and the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

County Appraiser Barry Porter presented his 2006 budget request and visited with the Board about having an up to date Republic County web site.

Mr. Porter requested a 25-cent per hour increase for Deb Eitzmann. Porter stated that he neglected to request the increase when Eitzmann completed her probation period. Permission was granted for the increase in pay.

Main Street representatives, Melinda Pierson, Rod Woods and Mike Hadachek, visited with the Board about the Farmers Market and other upcoming events. A countywide flea market at the NCK Fairgrounds is planned in September.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave the Board his weekly activity report and presented his proposed budget for 2006.

Randy Ainsworth was appointed as the assistant secretary for the Ambulance Department. Ainsworth's job description should reflect his appointment as assistant secretary. There will be no change in his salary.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with David Strnad. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:25 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the City/County Fuel Containment Center. He reviewed his current budget and presented his 2006 budget request for the four departments he currently supervises.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:00 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Perez received approval to close the Republic County Landfill on Saturday, July 2nd due to the holiday weekend. He also noted that he would apply for another recycling grant.

Perez reviewed his 2006 budget projections for his departments. He is asking for additional dollars for fuel and equipment repair.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest. He gave an update on Rocky Pond. If Belleville City wants the pond to remain they must find \$300,000 for the cost share to repair it. The Port Authority has projected \$600,000 as the total repair cost.

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

The regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. met with the Board and presented his 2006 budget request.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2005-18 that requires contractors or sub-contractors who perform services for Republic County to have a minimum of one-million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars in liability insurance and five-hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) dollars in Workman's Compensation coverage. Nelson seconded and motion carried 3-0.

The contractor or subcontractor must provide proof of said insurance before beginning work for Republic County. A copy of the insurance will be retained and kept on file in the County Clerk's office. This relates to the current Kansas Statute 44-503.

The Board agreed to purchase a new computer for Bryanna Spafford. The approximate cost is \$1,800.00 will be paid from the County's Economic Development budget.

County Clerk Vickie Hall presented the Board with her 2006 budget request. She noted that there would be additional expenses due to the federally mandated Help America Vote Act. The 2006 Election Budget will increase.

Weed Director Steve Pounds presented his 2006 budget request.

Custodian Kevin Calkins presented his 2006 budget request.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe presented her 2006 budget request.

Raymond Raney presented his 2006 budget request for the 911 Communications Department and Emergency Preparedness.

Health Director Marcia Hansen offered her 2006 budget request. Hansen noted that one of her employees hit a deer this morning with a county car.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons presented her proposed 2006 budget.

The Commissioners were notified that Mrs. Melissa Arbuthnot has filed an injunction or restraining order with the court to put the removal of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain on hold for a time. She felt there had not been sufficient public notice in The Belleville Telescope as to the Board's plans to sell or dispose of county property.

Clerk Hall reported that the 2005 Republic County Assessed Valuation is 48,050,017.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, July 5, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present.

Melinda Pierson and Gerald Blazek visited with the Board about the Main Street Program and the farmers market. Flea Market vendors will be invited to join the Saturday morning Farmers Market on July 16, August 20 and September 24.

Louis Johnson, Republic County representative in the Silver Haired Legislature asked the Board for a contribution to support their current budget. Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$200.00 from the County General Fund for the Silver Haired Legislature. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The group works to discuss Legislation concerning Senior Issues and brings them to the attention of the Kansas State Legislature.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for The Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. joined the regular session. He reminded the Board of the Hearing on the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain to be held on July 8, 2005.

Ambulance Director David Strnad noted that the past week had been very busy in his department. He presented his weekly activity report.

Carl Eyman, KWORCC representative, reviewed the workers compensation premium and loss information for Republic County.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board his men are starting on the road project on 100 Road. They will continue north doing one mile at a time until they reach the State line or Ash Road. Perez estimates it will take about 4 weeks to complete the job.

Perez said he is working on a recycling grant that will be needed if the County plans to expand the recycling program.

At 10:51 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:06 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl signed the Bell Telephone (SBC) Public Communications 2005 Pay Telephone Service Agreement. It is a one-year contract for the pay telephone on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford organized Governor Sebelius' visit to Belleville. The governor was honored with a coffee at 8:00 a.m. on

Monday, July 4th and was accompanied by Republic County native Adrian Polansky, who is Kansas Secretary of Agriculture. The Board agreed with Ms. Spafford that the weather was wonderful and everything went well.

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

Health Department Director Marcia Hansen informed the Board that part-time employee Debbie Sells would be moved to full time status effective August 1, 2005. Her hourly rate will be \$7.68 with full benefits.

Having no appointments later in the day the Board and Clerk Hall attended the listening tour for Senator Sam Brownback. Robert K. Wasinger and Landon Fulmer gave a general review and held a question and answer session.

Chairman Holl signed the application for Tax Exemption form on the Courtland Medical Clinic. Clerk Hall will give it to Barry Porter so he can file it with the State Board of Tax Appeals.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present.

The morning began by reviewing correspondence and signing the accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Mark Imel and Student Minister Mitchell Diemer offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

The Board had a telephone conference call with Roger Nelson. He told the Board that the Cloud County Economic Development Committee was seeking a grant for Phase One of a Wildlife Refuge. He would like to see Republic County pass a resolution of support for this Jamestown Marsh and Wildlife Refuge project. A show of local support is important to be successful in the grant process. They will also be asking Jewell County for a resolution of support.

Kimberly Judy has successfully completed her training and graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. She will receive a 25-cent increase in her salary.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Munden and the City of Courtland for the collection of solid waste fees.

Ambulance Director David Strnad reviewed the weekly activity report. He also received a permission to travel for Winter Kuhn to attend the Medicare Workshop, July 12, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed a letter of appointment for Randy Ainsworth as back-up payroll and voucher clerk and another letter to appoint Winter Kuhn as back-up billing clerk. These duties will be carried out as needed and at the discretion of the Director or Assistant Director of the EMS Department.

Appraiser Barry Porter received permission to travel to the KCAA Technology Seminar and the Executive Board Meeting, August 17-18, 2005 in Wichita, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave his weekly road report. He noted that the work on the Byron Road has been delayed until we get a nice rain. Perez said it is quite a problem when the men simply can't get enough water on the road to make it workable. He borrowed a second water truck to assist with the effort but it did not solve the problem. The road will be posted to advise patrons to travel with extreme caution because it is a work in progress. Perez noted it was a difficult decision to stop work on the project but due to the lack of progress, the only solution seems to be cooler weather or a good rain.

A permission to travel was approved for Mr. Perez to attend the KDHE Planning meeting, July 27, 2005 in Great Bend, Kansas.

Perez spoke with the Board about their plans for the Recycling Program. He reviewed the grant application and asked for direction as he plans for future expansion of the program.

Perez stated that he spoke with K-Camp representatives and the Consortium about a NON-Department of Transportation Drug Policy for all county employees.

At 11:07 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Regular session resumed at 11:12 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Carol Pachta is no longer qualified to receive county benefits due to the lack of hours worked each pay period. Measures have been taken to encourage residents to take advantage of the Republic County Transportation Bus but without success.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford reported that she had attended the Munden City Council meeting. Patrons there wanted to visit about the condition of county roads in the area. Spafford promised to pass their message on to the Commissioners. Ms. Spafford also attended the Republic City Council meeting.

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

Delinquent Solid Waste Hearings were scheduled at 1:00 p.m. with no patrons attending this portion of the meeting.

Wanda Backstrum of the 12th District Community Corrections made a request for funds. Due to State budget cuts they have a \$19,387.40 shortfall in their 2006 Budget. Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow Republic County to pay \$3,165.90 as a one- time payment to JJA. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The funding formula is based on population.

The Board spent the rest of the afternoon working on the proposed 2006 Republic County Budget with County Clerk Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. today. Seconded by Wilber motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present.

Kansas Dept. of Wildlife & Parks representative Rob Unruh, Executive Director of CloudCorp Kirk Lowell and Everett Ford from the Cloud County Community College met with the Board. The group was seeking local support for the NAWCA Grant Application to renovate the Jamestown Wildlife Refuge Area. Republic County Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford was also in attendance.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to give a total pledge of \$500.00 as support of the Jamestown Wildlife Refuge. Giving \$250.00 in 2005 and \$250.00 in 2006 the pledge will be paid. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about air conditioners in the Courthouse. Water from the air conditioner in the jail is dripping down onto the new front steps. Calkins will investigate and find a solution to this problem.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the school contracts for school nursing services.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on the hospital project. There is \$123,000 left in the hospital project fund. The quarterly report for the Revolving Loan Account was also signed.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session with Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford to discuss land acquisition. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board signed the Republic County Head Start letter showing the in-kind assistance Republic County offers to Head Start.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board the Recycling Grant is nearing completion. He also noted that he had hired Jack Tyler to work on the Bridge crew at the Road and Bridge Department.

Perez stated that his department will be assisting the NCK Fair Board by hauling millings the fair grounds this week.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek gave the Board their weekly activity report.

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

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning, received signatures from the Board on the CDBG Disclosure Report.

He reminded the group that the public is invited to attend the Community Foundation Workshop led by Jeff Yost at the Belleville City Office. The workshop will be on Friday, July 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. The topic is "Understanding How to Raise Money In Rural Communities" and is sponsored by North Central Kansas Regional Planning.

County auditors Randall Hofmeier and Jerry Pugh of Bartlett, Settle & Edgerle worked to complete the 2006 Budget. The Board reviewed the budget with the auditors and set the Budget Hearing for August 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse. Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring was also present for this session.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-19 expressing the property taxation policy of Republic County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2006 Republic County Annual Budget. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m., at the Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers and reviewed correspondence. The Board received a letter from Mark McGregor, Heritage Haven Group, expressing his thoughts about the assisted living facility.

The Board signed an Agreement entered into by and between the Executive Board of the N.C.K. Fair Agriculture Board, the Fair Amusement Committee d/b/a/ Belleville High Banks/Belleville Chamber of Commerce Fair Amusement Committee and the Republic County Commissioners. The Agreement covers from January 1, 2005 and terminates December 31, 2005.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about an official Republic County Web Page. Porter noted that it would be approximately \$7200.00 to start a new Republic County Web Site that would include information about Real Estate and Personal Property documents and an additional \$2200.00 annual fee to maintain it. The cost could be \$4800.00 without documents from the Appraiser's Office. No action was taken on the proposal.

Deb Hadachek, News Editor for the Belleville Telescope, audited the meeting.

During the Public Forum, Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance for contractors that work for the County. Bud Cowan told the Board that the contractors could sign a Hold Harmless Agreement instead of carrying the suggested Workers Compensation Insurance. Clerk Hall will have the agreement put on the Board's letterhead.

Mr. Miller also noted that Fisher Family Dentistry wants new carpet in their offices. They currently rent space in the basement of the Republic County Medical Arts Building. It was suggested that they take bids to have the carpet professionally cleaned before they consider new carpet.

Warren Sutton, representative for the Heritage Haven Project, visited with the Board about the need for assisted living apartments in Republic County. Sutton reviewed the project and noted that it has been estimated to be a 2.9 million-dollar project and that the Heritage Haven Group would need to raise 10% (10 percent) or \$290,000 of the total project cost.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved a 25-cent per hour increase for Custodian Kevin Calkins. He has successfully completed his probation period making his new rate \$9.43 per hour.

Beth Ball explained the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency Rural Housing Program to the Board. The program is funded through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) vouchers to assist low income families to find safe, decent housing in Republic County. Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign the agreement. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about road repairs.

Perez also visited about uniform employee drug testing. The cost is \$5.00 per employee per month or about \$5,100.00 per year. It also costs \$68.00 per test for pre-employment testing. They do all the selection, record keeping and furnish a suggested policy to be followed by the County. The Board decided not to implement this drug testing program for all county employees at this time.

The Board signed letters written to Cloud County, Jewell County, Mitchell County and Washington County Commissioners asking them to sign a "Reciprocal Agreement to Provide Employee Benefits". This written document simply states that each County will continue to be responsible for our own employee while that employee is working or serving in a neighboring County.

Ambulance Director David Strnad informed the Board that several employees from his department would attend a rope rescue class, August 19-21, put on by the State of Nebraska. There will be no registration cost for the class.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about matters of mutual interest.

The Board adjourned the meeting to have lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Larry and Joan Brown visited with the Board about the deer population and out of state deer licenses.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the legal action taken to stop the removal of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain and various other matters.

Custodian Kevin Calkins and Craig Tebow visited with the Board about air conditioners in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., at the Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of July 25, 2005. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has moved James Alexander from part-time status to a full time jailer, \$7.25 per hour, as of August 15, 2005.

Deb Hadachek, News Editor for the Belleville Telescope monitored a portion of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Josh Perez to attend the Detective and New Criminal Investigator Training, August 1-5 in Kansas City, Mo.

During the Public Forum, Republic County Hospital Administrator, Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the upcoming sale of the old Ridgeview Nursing Home property.

Permission to travel was approved for Vickie Hall, Cindy Coons and/or their employees to attend the Nextech Users Conference, August 15-16 in Hays, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. Judge Thomas M. Tuggle will re-consider the request from the Arbuthnot family, to stop Republic County from removing the fountain.

The Board signed a letter to request a written transcript of case 05CV18, Arbuthnot vs. County Commissioners, which was heard on July 8, 2005.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the SPCC Fueling Facility. The Board signed the contract estimate for \$143,185.32 with the understanding that the cost will be split equally between Belleville City and Republic County.

Perez noted that he has been approached by the City of Belleville to do a cost share to put asphalt on Eighth Street from K Street to M Street. This street will go to the fueling center and if Republic County is successful in getting the recycling grant it will also lead to Republic County Recycling Center. The City and the County would donate equal amounts of material and the City would do the actual laying down of the material.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to participate in the cost-share up to 250 tons of material for the 2 blocks. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the proposal from the Mental Health Consortium for Drug and Alcohol Testing for Republic County Employees. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

If we don't require random testing the cost will be \$68.00 for pre-employment testing, post accident, reasonable suspicion, and/or follow-up testing. There is a one-time fee of \$100.00 to set-up the program, development, administrative processing to start the program. Perez will supervise the program with the assistance of the County Clerk.

The Board suggested a department head meeting in the future to inform others about the Drug and Alcohol Testing, Inventory of Records and invite department heads to bring other concerns before the group.

At 11:24 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:29 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board sent letters to the NCK Agriculture Fair Board and NCK Fair Amusement Board thanking them for the efforts to create another successful fair week.

Having no additional appointments, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for the day. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., at the Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

The day began by signing accounts payable vouchers and review of correspondence.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad and Josh Noxon to attend the Data Collection Region IV meeting, August 10, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received signatures from the Board on the Republic County Weed Control Plan for 2006.

Blaine Miller stopped to visit with the Board about upkeep on the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Fischer Family Dentistry would really like to have new tile in the examining rooms or all new carpet. Mr. Miller had bids for getting the carpets professionally cleaned.

Fischer Family Dentistry pays \$945.00 per month in rent for office space. Belleville Medical Clinic pays \$528.30 and Republic County Family Physicians pay \$425.92 in rent. In addition the doctors pay approximately \$3,300.00 per month in house keeping services, which is all based on square footage.

Belleville Telescope Business Manager Paul Haase monitored a portion of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Jimmy Shepek to attend the D.U.I. Field Training Seminar, August 30 – September 1, in Great Bend, KS.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reminded the Board that all delinquent real estate taxes would be listed in the Belleville Telescope this week. She noted that there are 224 parcels totaling \$148,945.89 at the time of publication.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board officially opened the 2006 Republic County Budget Hearing in the County Commissioners Room. Ten people were in attendance. Commissioners Holl, Nelson and Wilber, County Clerk Vickie Hall, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Phyllis Hofts and Belleville Telescope Business Manager Paul Haase.

The Board answered various questions asked by Mrs. Hofts. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the 2006 Republic County Budget. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the SPCC Fuel Center and other Road and Bridge work being done around the County.

Mark McGregor visited the Board on behalf of the Heritage Haven Group. He stopped to advise the Board that his group is stepping aside on the possible assisted living project. The group has been working with the Board on the possible project to add assisted living units in the County.

A potential developer, who currently runs and owns other assisted living units in Kansas, has shown interest in possibly developing an assisted living complex in Belleville. McGregor emphasized that the Heritage Haven Group would not want to stand in the way of progress. They would encourage someone else if they have the means to get an assisted living project financed, built and operational with the same end result. McGregor said, "let them get it done". County residents are being forced to move from our area as they seek assisted living units. The need for these units is the important issue. Residents want to stay in the area and live near their friends and families.

Following a lunch break the Board resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m. for Delinquent Solid Waste Hearings.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the status of the Sherry Quackenbush's Thrift Shop Revolving Loan Account and the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh visited with the Board about the requirements of the new statewide electronic voter registration system. Equipment purchases will be made in the near future.

Paul Haase visited with the Board about Emergency Preparedness.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2005 meeting. Second by Wilber, motion passed 3-0.

A Memorandum of Agreement was approved between Republic County and the City of Agenda and the City of Narka concerning the collection and payment of solid waste fees.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh to attend the Fall County Clerk's meeting, September 21, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that Mark Nordell would work as a part-time deputy in the Sheriff's Department. Nordell will be paid \$8.75 per hour and receive no benefits.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad to attend the Directors Workshop, August 18, 2005 in Overland Park, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. At 10:44 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0. At 10:54 a.m., the Board extended the session for an additional 10 minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:04 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford introduced Jack West to the Board. West is the Co-Founder & Developer of Neighborhood Senior Living, Inc. He shared his proposal to construct an assisted living complex in Belleville and estimated the complex would cost \$1.6 million to build. West would like to build the 18-apartment complex on the county-owned property located just north of the present independent living facility near the Republic County Hospital.

West noted that research indicates 510 households in Republic County have someone over the age of 75 living in it. There is an immediate need for assisted living apartments.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to give Mr. West 90 days to develop a business plan and secure adequate financing to construct an 18-unit assisted living complex. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0. The County owned property in question would be allowed as equity for financing and the 90 days will begin on August 15, 2005.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford, Layne Hoops, Jeff Strnad and Scott Whitefoot visited with the Board about building an Ethanol Plant in Republic County. They indicated that they would like to build a 10 million-gallon plant, which could be built by ICM in approximately 10 months.

The group indicated they are still in the planning stages but the project would require a very sturdy $\frac{3}{4}$ mile blacktop road. There would be approximately 17 semi-trucks in and out each day to move the products from the ethanol plant.

At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Marge Vieselmeyer visited with the Board about a historic railroad bridge in northern Republic County. The bridge sits just south of the corner of 210 and Birch Road and still carries local traffic over the top of the old Burlington Northern tracks. The railroad recently sold the bridge to Dale Pointer's salvage company that plans to tear it down. If the bridge is razed, a railroad representative indicated they plan to level the grades on either side of the bridge and connect the road across the rail bed. Some local farmers would prefer that the county road not include this bridge, as their farm implements are too wide to cross the old bridge.

Vieselmeyer is interested in saving the bridge, which is significant for its design and history. The Board noted that the problem with owning a bridge is who will assume the maintenance and liability of it. The Board suggested that Vieselmeyer might want to form or organize a not for profit group that would purchase and maintain the bridge. The Commissioners showed no interest in having the Republic County taxpayers take on the responsibility of owning this bridge.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Arlene Clayton gave a copy of a letter from the Kansas Department on Aging to Clerk Hall. She wanted the letter to be shared with the Commissioners.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He and Josh Noxon received permission to travel to the Region IV meeting, August 23, 2005 in Beloit, Kansas.

Steve Scofield visited with the Board about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. As a taxpayer he had some questions about the removal of the fountain.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. She noted that she has not had time to plan or advertise the countywide flea market to be held at the NCK Fairgrounds this fall. The Board assured her that the suggestion of a countywide flea market could be an event held in 2006.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Workers Compensation and the Drug and Alcohol Policy.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss Workers Compensation issues with Alvin Perez. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board signed a Certification Concerning Validation of 2005 Annual Review of North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan. Solid Waste Manager Alvin Perez reviewed the plan and noted that Republic County has increased the space on Construction/Demolition to 14 Acres. That will be noted by the Clerk and returned to John Cyr at North Central Regional Planning, Beloit, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about bids for the maintenance of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. He also reported on the water leak and cleanup in the Sheriff's Department.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the fall NCK Treasurer and Register of Deeds meeting, September 22, 2005 in Clay Center, Kansas. Linda Melton will also attend.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons also received permission to attend the Kansas County Treasurer's Association meeting, September 14-16, 2005 in Wichita, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enjoy lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with County Health Director Marcia Hansen. The Board signed the contract between Republic County and the USD #455 School District to provide School Health Nursing Services. The contract states \$6.00 per pupil per year.

Kathy Zach, Karen Henke, Donna Moravek, Deb Sells, Juanita Ashby and Nila Skupa received permission to attend the Kansas Home Care Association Annual Meeting, September 20-21, 2005 in Topeka, Kansas.

Ms. Hansen informed the Board that the Health Department carpets need cleaned in the near future. Some of the carpet is so old and stretched out that the only option is new carpet. She noted that the cost of this improvement would be paid from the County Health Budget.

Developer Jack West stopped to confirm that land surveyors and those doing the site study and soil samples would have permission to be on the county property. The Board gave their verbal approval.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and Barry Bottger visited with the Board about maintenance of the Republic County Medical Arts Building.

In the rent account, for the Republic County Medical Arts Building, there is \$35,000 in Certificate of Deposits and about \$12,000 in the checking account.

It will cost approximately \$19,000 to replace the shingles on the building. They contract with Reliable Cleaning Service for the cleaning of the Medical Arts Building. Barry will check and see what the increase would be if the doctors were to pay for the cleaning of the commons area of the clinic and the monthly charge for service from Schendel Pest Control. The Board of County Commissioners set the fees for space in the Republic County Medical Arts Building and can review those charges once a year. It has been several years since there was a change in those rates.

The hospital has always insured the Medical Arts Building. Mr. Miller stated that it was cheaper for the hospital to insure the building than for Republic County to add it to that policy. Clerk Hall will contact K-Camp and see if that still holds true today.

Pastor Ray Gilstrap offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Clerk of the District Court, Kris Kling, told the Board she might have to replace the FAX machine in her office.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to cancel the County Commissioner's meeting this coming week due to the Labor Day Holiday. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. There will be no meeting on Sept. 6, 2005 and Beth Reed will notify the media.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has hired Warren Howerter as the full time Sheriff's Deputy at \$8.75 per hour.

Sheriff's Deputy Brad Shrader has completed his training at the Law Enforcement Academy. His pay will increase from \$8.50 per hour to \$8.75 per hour.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. Perez gave a copy of the Republic County Drug and Alcohol Policy to the Board for their review. The Republic County Attorney will review this policy. Becky Carlson will continue to do pre-employment drug and alcohol testing for Republic County.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., to drive to Mankato, Kansas. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The Board, Alvin Perez and Clerk Hall drove to Jewell County where they enjoyed lunch with the Jewell County Commissioners. The group gathered at the Jewell County Courthouse to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Board returned to Belleville and the regular session resumed at 2:00 p.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

The Board met with the county department heads to discuss records inventory by department, record storage, the proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy for county employees and the updated open record brochure. Those present were: Weeds Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Communications and EP Director Raymond Raney, Custodian Kevin Calkins, County Health Director Marcia Hansen, Ambulance Director David Strnad, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The next department head meeting will be held on September 26, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. with the Board of County Commissioners. The group will review fee charges for open records. The Board will then approve fees.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Jackie Moravek, Blair Center for the Arts Representative, visited with the Board about the renovation project. The group would like to install central air conditioning units on the roof of the Blair Theater. She asked if the road and bridge crane could be used for the installation of the units. The Board will speak with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. The crane was sent to Wichita to repair the boom cylinder. Equipment repair costs and the increased fuel prices are putting a strain on the Road and Bridge budget.

A permission to travel was approved for Perez to attend the KAC Board meeting in Topeka, Kansas this week. A second permission to travel was approved for Perez to attend the annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference.

The Board approved a new "Gravel Surfacing Policy". Both gravel and fuel costs continue to go up which requires the County to increase the cost per load from \$135.00 per load to \$170.00 effective 09/12/05.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adopt the new Workplace Drug and Alcohol Policy, to be effective September 12, 2005, for Republic County Employees. Seconded by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Perez will set up the one-day training for employees and supervisors. Mental Health Consortium personnel will do the training. They will offer a session in the morning and one in the afternoon to allow all employees an opportunity to attend.

Commissioner Wilber also made a motion to approve Section 602 of the Workers Compensation/Injury Leave Policy to be amended and added to the current employee manual. This policy is also effective September 12, 2005. Seconded by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Clerk Hall will make copies of these policies and distribute them to all county employees so they can sign and get them into their Republic County Employee Manuals.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into an executive session to visit about non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0. At 11:37 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on RCD letters.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Kenneth Christensen, Norway, Kansas visited with the Board about drainage of the streets in Norway. Highway Administrator Alvin Perez will visit with Christensen and personally take a look at the streets in Norway this afternoon.

Maria Keefer, President of Belleville Chamber of Commerce, visited with the Board about records that are open for public inspection.

The Board noted that they would like to make personal visits to each county department in the near future. They would like to have the department heads schedule an appointment that works best for their department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance. Chairman Holl was absent due to illness.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about building maintenance. It was noted that Tebow Plumbing had the low bid to install the waterline from the northwest corner of the courtyard into the Courthouse.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the Morning Prayer.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board about the curb and gutter around the Courthouse Square. Beeson told the Board they might want to consider making the north inside drive a little wider while he has the curb and gutter out. When pick-up trucks with extended cabs park on the north side of the square there is little room for other vehicles to pass behind them. The Board agreed to consider his suggestion.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to replace the old curb and gutter on the north and east sides of the square and complete it this fall. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. Beeson bid \$8,900 for new curb and gutter on the north side and \$8,900 for the curb and gutter on the east side of the square.

Jim Reed stopped by to visit with the Board. Last week Mr. Reed planted the grass on the south side of the Courthouse.

Weed Director Steve Pounds presented a permission to travel to the 5th Annual Weed Symposium, October 14, 2005 in Hays, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board that the men would continue working on the Byron Road Project this week.

Perez told the Board he has set the Drug and Alcohol training for employees and department heads/supervisors on September 29, 2005 at the 4-H building. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session so as many employees as possible can be training and still keep each county office open to the public.

The road crew will also continue to seal roads and get as much done as possible before winter.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution 2005-20, the Designation of National Incident Management System (NIMS). Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Wilber, Commissioner Nelson, and Clerk Hall enjoyed lunch at the Republic County Historical Museum. Each year the Board tries to visit with museum officials, view new displays and get a general progress report. The Board supports their efforts to preserve and record the history of Republic County.

The Board returned to the Courthouse to resume the regular session at 1:15 p.m.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about the proposed ethanol plant and plans for the assisted living complex.

Republic County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bio-terrorism Preparedness and Response and Local Contract. Republic County will receive \$14,335.00 from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006.

Curtis Klima and Kevin Couture of NCK Fair Amusement Committee visited with the Board about projects they have completed this year. They made improvements to a catch fence as well as other routine repairs. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to give the NCK Fair Amusement Committee \$10,000.00 from the Fair Improvement Fund. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 2-0.

Don Westphal, Area Drug and Alcohol Committee representative, spoke with the Board about funding for the area drug and alcohol prevention program in Republic County. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to give the committee \$1,000.00 this year. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

Communications Director Raymond Raney and one dispatcher received permission to attend training on the new equipment in the Communications center. The training will be October 24-26, 2005 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Raney also told the Board he planned to hire another part-time employee in the 911 dispatch center.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Martin Nelson. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board started the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewing general correspondence.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board to pay bills for the hospital renovation project.

Deb Hadachek, news reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. The men continue work on the Byron road.

Perez noted that Tyler Kolman has resigned from the bridge crew and his last day of work will be Friday, September 30, 2005.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to have Commissioner Harold Wilber be the voting delegate for the KWORC Meeting, Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, on November 21, 2005 in Topeka, Kansas. Commissioner Nelson will serve as the alternate-voting delegate. Seconded by Nelson, motion passed 2-0.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford gave a progress report on the assisted living complex and the proposed ethanol plant. She reminded Commissioner Holl about the Pan-American Highway Association luncheon to be held September 27, 2005 at the Belleville Country Club.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region Four Meeting, September 28, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board visited with County Department Heads. They invite department heads to meet with them once a month. They were reminded of the Drug and Alcohol Policy training to be held September 29, 2005 at the 4-H Building. The group also discussed liability insurance and workers compensation insurance required for contractors or sub-contractors to work for Republic County.

Those in attendance at the department head meeting were County Health Director Marcia Hansen, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Appraiser Barry Porter, Emergency Preparedness/Communications Director Raymond Raney, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Weed Director Steve Pounds and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

At 2:30 p.m. the Board went to the County Clerks Office to view the demonstration of an electronic voting machine. The Diebold representative, Brent Wagoner, gave this demonstration.

It was noted that Stockton Restoration Co. employees are power washing and painting the North side of the Courthouse.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board started the day by reviewing general correspondence.

It was a consensus of the Board for Commissioner Linda Holl to be the Kansas Association of Counties voting delegate for the 30th Annual Conference in Topeka, KS. Commissioner Martin Nelson will be the first alternate and Commissioner Harold Wilber will be the second alternate.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Deb Hadacheck, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

A permission to travel was approved for Barry Porter to attend the KCAA Executive Board meeting August 5-6, 2005.

Permission to travel was approved for Barry Porter to attend the KAC Conference, November 21-22, in Topeka, Kansas.

Clerk Hall noted that she placed the order for the imaging software. She will use this in the clerk's office to store commissioner minutes and other records. The order was placed through the Republic County software vendor, Nex-Tech.

Keith Sells received permission to block off the inside of the Courthouse square for the November 11th Veterans Day festivities.

Leah Krotz stopped by to show the Board a book titled Art Deco in America. The Republic County Courthouse is featured in this book.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 26 meeting. Seconded by Wilber, motion passed 3-0.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus visited with the Board about insurance coverage on the 4-H Building. Clerk Hall will ask K-Camp Director Tom Job if coverage could be available through the Republic County.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that the road sealing was completed last Thursday. The men are working on the Byron Road with 2-½ miles left to complete on this project.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to change the wording to "on duty" as seen on page 3 of the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford invited the Board and Clerk Hall to lunch at the First National Bank Building. Developer Jack West will share the architectural drawings and floor plans for the proposed assisted living complex.

The Board adjourned for lunch. The Board canceled the afternoon session due to lack of business.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

The Board started the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewing general correspondence.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board decided to draft a letter to all employees stating the Board would no longer authorize reimbursements on items purchased outside of the county if that item is for sale in Republic County.

Deb Hadachek, news representative for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

A permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the KPERS meeting, October 13, 2005 in Concordia, Kansas.

A second permission to travel was approved for Clerk Hall and Amy McIntosh. They will attend a meeting in Emporia, Kansas to view all voting equipment certified by the State of Kansas. That meeting will be held October 18, 2005.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad received approval to hire Robert R. Pierson as a full time jailer. He will receive \$7.25 per hour with full benefits.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2005-21 to establish the fees to be charged to persons for permits and accessing or copying open public records that are in the possession of Republic County. This is to be effective October 10, 2005. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The Governing Body periodically makes necessary changes in the resolution.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region IV Meeting, October 11, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. If all goes well the men could have the Byron road project done by the end of the week.

The crane is ready to be picked up in Wichita, Kansas. His men will go get it from Berry Tractor this week.

Perez noted that he had the tires at the landfill picked up by Champlin Tire out of Concordia, Kansas. The cost for disposal was \$1,514.70.

Recycling produced 8.66 tons last month. Perez stated that Republic County residents recycled 110.48 tons since the start of the program.

Belleville Main Street Director Melinda Pierson received permission to hold the "Scare On The Square" Halloween party on the Courthouse lawn the evening of October 28, 2005. The custodian will block off the west inside portion of the square.

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

At 1:00 p.m. the Board resumed the regular session. Commissioner Nelson did not attend the afternoon session.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that he and Colleen Alkire would be attending a training conference in the near future. The 911 Wireless Fund reimburses for the training of personnel. It was agreed that the expenses for this conference could be paid directly out of that fund.

The Board asked Mr. Raney to get white PVC pipe to cover the numerous wires on the north side of the Courthouse. Raney said he would see that it gets done.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville, Kansas.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the October 31st foreclosure sale of Sherry's Thrift Shop. According to the Kansas equity exemption law she will have 90 days from the date of sale to redeem the property or pay it off.

Custodian Kevin Calkins joined the group to visit about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. An estimate to renovate the fountain was received from Pools Plus in Salina, Kansas. The estimate was \$169,480.39 to totally refurbish the fountain area.

Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller told the Board that a request has been made to the Frank and Leva Duclos Foundation to winterize the clinic building in Courtland, Kansas.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to replace the flooring in the Fischer Family Dentistry office located in the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Nelson seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from voting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to reappoint Benny Holloway to the Republic County Hospital Board of Trustees and to appoint Barry Childs to fill Charlotte Child's position on the Board. The appointments are to be effective November 1, 2005. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez was on vacation but left a written report for the Board. A permission to travel was approved for Perez to attend the CTD Transportation meeting, October 25, 2005 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

The Board signed an inter-local agreement for the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan and Facility. Perez will forward the agreement on to the City of Belleville for signatures.

Commissioner Holl signed a proclamation to announce November as the National Hospice/Palliative Care Month.

It was a consensus of the Board that Commissioner Nelson would be the Republic County voting delegate for matters pertaining to KCAMP. Commissioner Wilber will be named as alternate.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters. At 11:31 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Ms. Spafford to discuss land acquisition. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 11:41 a.m. Commissioner Holl asked for a 10-minute extension to the executive session. Regular session resumed at 11:51 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about investing hospital sales tax revenue until the payment is due on June 1, 2006. This week's investment rate is 4.10 % for Public Funds on a six-month certificate of deposit.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board. Pools Plus will give a detailed breakdown of their estimate for the renovation of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain.

At 1:07 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into an executive session for a period of 30 minutes to visit with Clerk Hall about non-elected personnel. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:37 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn for the day do to lack of business appointments. Commissioner Holl second, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville, Kansas.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The morning began with the Board signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewing general correspondence.

Beth Ball, Republic County Council on Aging Representative, visited with the Board about the Prescription Drug Program. The current program as we know it, will end December 31, 2005. She also told the Board the importance of making the Medicare Part D understood by all senior citizens.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the estimates for re-doing the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board. He gave them an estimate on repairing the fountain but stated that the work he could do would improve the looks for a couple years. He would not give any type of guarantee because the cement is cracked and the entire structure is in poor condition. Sand blasting it and putting sealer and paint on it would improve the looks for a couple of years but would in no way improve the overall condition of the fountain.

John Robison visited with the Board about the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Program. The Board agreed in a previous meeting to give \$500.00 towards the operating expenses for the RC&D, and a check for that amount has been given to the Kansas Crossroads program.

Six counties are a part of the Crossroads RC&D: Republic, Jewell, Washington, Cloud, Ottawa and Clay. RC&Ds are designed to help rural counties find grants and other funding for projects that foster development of natural, economic and human resources. The Crossroads RC&D will hold their annual meeting November 29 in Washington, Kansas.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region IV meeting, October 26, in Clay Center, Kansas.

Kenneth Christensen visited with the Board about road drainage on the main street in Norway, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that they have started winter hours now working from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bobby Lawson, operator in Munden/Narka area has turned in his resignation. Mr. Perez noted that Lawson's last day would be October 21, 2005.

Mr. Perez noted that he is running a "help wanted" ad for a district operator in the Munden/Narka area. The opening is for District 4.

Perez received permission to travel to the KS County Highway Assn. meeting, November 2, in Clay Center, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2005-22 to regulate traffic at the intersection of Queen Road and 270 Road east of Cuba. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The Board agreed to close the Republic County Landfill on November 12 and November 26 due to the holiday week-ends.

At 11:21 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:26 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. She presented the bids for the new carpet at the Health Department. Boman Flooring had the low bid of \$1,822.00

Ms. Hansen needs to update the membership on the Advisory Board of the local environment group. The Board asked Ms. Hansen to find county residents who would be interested in serving the citizens of Republic County. Updates need to be made in the sanitation codes for Republic County.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and join the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch. Seconded by Wilber, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

The monthly department head meeting was held with various subjects on the agenda. 1. Purchasing within Republic County when prices are comparable. 2. The annual supper with awards presentations will be held again this spring. 3. Cindy Coons said she would investigate if bulk purchases of paper and supplies would save the County money. 4. Mr. Perez explained the written Claim for Compensation that employees receive by mail following an injury. 5. Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sunday. The Commissioners will consider how much time-off the employees might receive for those two holiday weekends.

November 28th, will be the next regular department head meeting with the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the New Century Bank's option of 4.16%. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Other bids were Peoples Exchange Bank at 4.04%, Citizens National Bank, 3.89%, Scandia State Bank, 4.10 % rate and First National Bank at 4.11%.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board on the payout for the hospital project fund in the amount of \$185,257.00

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various subjects.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 31, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 31, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board signed the 2006 Support Renewal Contract, \$10,700.00 for maintenance and extended software support from Nex-Tech, Hays, Kansas.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement when conducting County business, from the current 36 cents to 40 cents per mile, effective November 1, 2005. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give county employees Friday, December 23rd as an additional day off with pay to enjoy the Christmas Holiday. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

New Years holiday will follow our regular holiday schedule.

Permission to travel was approved for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend a Register of Deeds Conference, November 9-11, 2005 in Wichita, KS.

Ms. Rahe noted that a check in the amount of \$10,350.00 has been mailed to the County. Teresa Kiss, grants manager stated it is the final reimbursement to close the grant for the front Courthouse steps.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board went upstairs to attend the foreclosure sale on Sherry's Thrift Shop. County Attorney Frank Spurney, Jr. bid the property in for Republic County. This action was taken on a RCD Loan that was in default. According to Kansas Law, Sherry Quackenbush has 90 days from the date of the sale to redeem the property.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2005-23 reconfirming that a regional economic development organization has been established as required by the 74-50-11 © (1), for the purpose of qualifying the County of Republic as a designated non-metropolitan business region. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2005-24 reconfirming support for the qualifying regional strategic plan and requesting that the Secretary of Commerce reconfirm the County of Republic as a Kansas Enterprise Zone designated non-metropolitan business region. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

John R. Cyr, Executive Director of the North Central Regional Planning Commission, prepared this application and draft resolutions.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Glenda Morgan told the Board she was seeking employment and asked if there were any job openings in Republic County.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board that Republic County rates were lower than what Medicare pays for services.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the increase in base rate charges for Republic County Emergency Services as follows:

	Old Rate	New Rate
ALS Emergent	\$400.00	\$450.00
ALS Level 3 (Drugs)	\$425.00	\$475.00
ALS Specialty Care	\$450.00	\$475.00
BLS Non Emergent	\$200.00	\$250.00
BLS Emergency	\$325.00	\$375.00
Loaded Mileage	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.50

Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to attend a Pre-Hospital Term Life Support Class, November 5-6, in Smith Center, Kansas. Don Lieb, Brian Piersee and either David Strnad or assistant director Rod Dusek will attend this meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. Perez received permission to travel to the KDOT Regional Meeting, November 14, 2005, in Salina, Kansas.

Perez and the Board decided to schedule time and view county roads, Monday afternoon, November 7, 2005.

The Board directed Perez to try and rebuild the Courtland Cemetery road yet this fall.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters.

Sharon Hammons, occupant of house owned by Sherry Quackenbush, told the Board she was very concerned about the foreclosure sale because she is buying this house from Quackenbush. The Board told her to ask County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. about her rights to this property and who will get her rent check this month.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Having no appointments after lunch they would cancel the afternoon session. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Wilber, Nelson and Holl present. Also, present was Beth Reed, in the absence of the County Clerk.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

County Attorney Frank Spurney advised the status of several issues being reviewed by his office. Regarding the Arbuthnot Fountain issue, the attorney for the Arbuthnots was to be setting up a meeting to discuss the decisions being made on the outcome of the fountain. Correspondence was received from a Republic County taxpayer stating concern that tax dollars would be spent to refurbish the fountain. It was her opinion that tax dollars should not be utilized to fund a personal memorial.

Mr. Spurney discussed the foreclosure sale of Sherry's Thrift Shop and advised that Ms. Quakenbush would have 90 days to redeem the property before a deed would be given to the County. He, also, advised that Sharon Hammons had visited with him concerning the sale of the house that was included in the sale, as she has paid several years toward the purchase of that house. The Commissioners advised that she had visited with them the previous week and it was their suggestion that she contact him to see what her rights would be in this matter. The Board did assure Ms. Hammon that should the County become the legal owners of the property after the grace period, the County would acknowledge the years of payment and would have no intention of interrupting the sale. There is no written agreement between the Quakenbushes and Ms. Hammon.

Commissioner Nelson asked the County Attorney if witness fees could be altered to pay a witness an amount reflecting the amount of time actually spent in travel time and in court. Mr. Spurney advised that witness fees are set by law and cannot be changed by the County.

Deb Hadachek, representing the Belleville Telescope, audited a portion of the meeting.

Permission to Travel was granted to Steve Pounds to attend the North Central Weed Director's Association of Kansas being held in Smith Center on November 10th.

Kevin Calkins, Courthouse Custodian, advised that the Courthouse painting project should be completed this Tuesday. Prior to paying the painters for their work, he is to make a final inspection to assure that the project has been completed to our satisfaction. He is, also, to ask how to best care for the new paint on the building.

Mr. Calkins has suggested that a patio area be installed in the northeast corner of the Courtyard to allow a space for picnic tables. This patio could be either 16'x20' or 12'x16'. He is to draw up the plans and present them to the Commissioners for review. It was suggested that Wayne Gardner would need to be informed of this project prior to the installation of the sprinkler system.

Rev. Mark Imel of the Belleville Christian Church provided the morning prayer.

It was suggested that the Board send cards to Melinda Pierson for the recent honor of receiving the Governor's Award of Excellence on Main Street for the city's effort to revitalize its downtown business district. A card is, also, to be sent to the Belleville Public Library for its successful Works Progress Administration project.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 31st were read and approved as written.

Permission to Travel was granted to Vickie Hall and Amy McIntosh to attend a school in Hays from November 6-11, to learn about the new ELVIS system.

Permission to Travel was, also, granted to Vickie Hall and Amy McIntosh to attend Midwest Election Conference in Overland Park, Kansas on December 11th-14th, 2005.

David Strnad presented the monthly report from the Ambulance Department.

Alvin Perez received Permission to Travel to attend the Kansas County Highway Association Annual Conference on November 22nd; the Management of Intergovernmental Relations Program in Topeka on December 2nd; and the LTAP in Lawrence for the Master Road Scholar Program.

Discussion was held on the use of the old ambulance building and whether or not it could be moved to the County Shop to be utilized as a recycle center. Alvin will look into the possibilities and the pros and cons of moving the building versus building a shed to serve as the recycle center.

A complete report of activities within the Highway Department is attached hereto for reference.

Beth Ball extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend an Informational Meeting being held at the Golden Bell Haven on November 14th at 6:00 p.m. concerning Medicare D. This meeting is being sponsored by the NCK Prescription Drug Program and the Republic County Council on Aging.

Bryanna Spafford provided an update of projects being pursued by the Economic Development Committee.

After a lunch recess, the Commissioners and Alvin Perez, Highway Administrator, toured the County to view various road and bridge projects in progress. Some items noted from the tour were:

1. Visit with John Rhine concerning changing the access to land instead of fixing Bridge # M.5-30.1;
2. Straighten the intersection at 220 & Birch Roads;
3. The railroad bridge at 210 and Birch Road - Alvin will contact the Railroad concerning the repairs to the roadway when the bridge is removed;
4. Alvin is to research with the county attorney the status of 70 Road from the intersection of Nickel Road south for approximately one-half mile as the road is thought to have been closed.
5. Alvin is to check with landowners along the roadway from the intersection of Nickel and 60 Road to the intersection of Nickel and 70 Road to see if the road could be reclassified as a farm access road.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on the motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Wilber. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

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 14, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to authorize County Clerk Vickie Hall to select and purchase the HAVA-compliant voting equipment for Republic County. Nelson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Republic County will receive \$40,000.00 in federal funds and the Board has authorized the appropriation of county funds, for the amount that exceeds the federal allocation, to purchase the federally mandated HAVA-compliant voting equipment.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe stopped to visit with the Board. She noted that she has now completed her term as the 2005 President of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association. She showed the plaque she received to commemorate her service to this association.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as read. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl signed the 2006 Blue Cross Blue Shield Contract. Rates indicate 8% savings from the 2005 contract.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give part-time employees \$25.00 and full time employees \$50.00 as a Christmas gift. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. A thank you letter to employees will be enclosed with the checks.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. They approved the purchased of an ambulance cot that is certified to carry up to 650 pounds.

The official bid opening for decking steel and culverts was held at 10:30 a.m., with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and Gary Montre, Welbourn Sales, present. Bids were accepted from J & J Drainage Products at \$7,647.00 for pipe and no bid for decking; Welbourn Sales, Inc. at \$31,298.00 and D-C Wholesale bid at \$36,255.90. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the final bid of \$30,952.20 from Welbourn Sales. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Jack Tyler gave Mr. Perez his resignation. Mr. Tyler plans to go back to his previous job with Jewell County. Mr. Perez also noted that he is setting up interviews for a district operator in District 4.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that tax statements would be mailed out this week.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to give Jack West a 30-day extension on the Assisted Living Complex. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Wilber did not return for the afternoon session.

The Board approved travel for Amy McIntosh to attend the Excel and Doccu Explorer training session, November 21, 2005 in Hays, Kansas.

John McGinty, Customer Service Representative and Tom Barrett from Air & Fire Systems, Salina, Kansas visited with the Board.

James Hedstrom, Cellular One Representative, visited with the Board by speakerphone. Hedstrom indicated that the County should review the service requirements for 2006.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the purchase of a new computer for Secretary Beth Reed.

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

The Board will not be meeting this next Monday, November 21, 2005 due to Kansas Association of Counties Conference. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, November 28.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

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 28, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh visited with the Board about the federal mandates to become HAVA compliant and ADA compliant before the 2006 primary election. Republic County will receive \$40,000.00 in federal grant money to purchase electronic touch screen voting machines. The balance of the cost will be paid from the election fund and the equipment fund.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

John Robison stopped in to remind the Board of the annual meeting of the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. to be held in Washington, Kansas. Robison also asked about road repairs in the Norway area.

Larry Beeson gave a progress report on the curb and gutter around the Courthouse Square. He has one small section in front of the Belleville City Library to complete. He spoke with the Board about using rock to fill in front of the new curb. Beeson will be paid \$17,800.00 for the installation of the curb and gutter around the Courthouse Square.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about amending the 2005 Ambulance Budget. They will review the year to date expenditures with Cheryl Loring and confirm the procedure with the county auditor.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various Road and Bridge matters. The Board approved the signing of the contract with Hi Plains to have 4200 tons of asphalt mixed for the Road and Bridge Department.

Perez attended the KCHA meeting in Topeka, Kansas and was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Kansas County Highway Association.

Perez noted that they are having the usual problems with electric fences and hay bales in the road right-of-ways. He will run an ad in the local newspapers.

Bids were taken on gasoline for the road and bridge department. Only one bid was received at \$1.809 per gallon for gasoline and \$1.829 for the ethanol blend.

The Board agreed that Republic County should join the Kansas Organization of Recyclers (KOR).

At 11:16 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:26 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about hiring a young person through the high school work-study program. They would be paid minimum wage and work a couple hours a day for Ms. Spafford on special projects during the school year. Estimated cost of the program would be \$1200.00 per year.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m., visiting with Wanda Backstrum from the Kansas Department of Corrections. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to apply for the unexpended FY2005 funds from the Kansas Department of Corrections. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

At 1:30 p.m. the monthly department head meeting was held with the Board. Those present were Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Appraiser Barry Porter and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board reminded department heads to check the vacation hours of employees. Employees must use their vacation down to 240 hours or lose the hours-retained above 240 hours.

The Board asked the group to explore the idea of a 4-day workweek as a way to save money. Ideas should be brought to the Board for review. All departments do not have to consider this but all the offices in the Courthouse must maintain the same working schedule.

The Board also announced that part-time employees would receive a Christmas gift of \$25.00 and full time employees would receive \$50.00 each.

It was also suggest that department heads find ways to share the Christmas spirit with their employees such as serving cookies or treats during a coffee break.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe told the Board that the estimate for the new cement "wings" on the west front steps would be approximately \$25,000.00.

Jason Hedstrom, Cellular One representative, visited with the Board and department heads about service and equipment. Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to renew the existing service contract for 2 years. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons paid \$210,628.89 in bills for the hospital project.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to amend the 2005 Ambulance Budget and increase the expenditure by \$40,000.00 to cover the cost of the used ambulance purchased in the spring of this year. Second by Wilbur, motion carried 2-0.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board he would be ordering Beth Reed's new computer in the near future. The cost to be equally split between the Emergency Preparedness, Solid Waste and County General budgets. Raney will also get some price quotes on a new laser printer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh visited with the Board about the upcoming changes in the election process. Clerk Hall also received approval to purchase three computer monitors from Rod Woods.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and County Appraiser Barry Porter discussed the fact that the State Board of Tax Appeals denied the request to make the Courtland Medical Clinic exempt from property tax. Mr. Miller accepted the 2005 property tax statement.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford, Jack West, Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Blaine Miller, Barry Porter, Mike Hadachek and Deb Hadachek visited with the Board. Mr. West told the group that financing is in order and the final steps are being taken to get general contractors into Belleville to start work on the assisted living complex in December. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. was asked to draw up the real estate deed to transfer the property to Mr. West. The Board said they would donate the land to a qualified developer of an assisted living project. December 12 is the unofficial date for the ground breaking for this project.

Mr. West noted that he would seek IRB Bonds for the 1.6 million-dollar project later in 2006.

Appraiser Barry Porter spoke with the group about a proposal for tax relief for this assisted living project. Commissioners Wilber and Nelson spoke in favor of tax-exempt status with a 10-year abatement, with the business paying a larger percentage of taxes each year until the 10th year and after, when full taxes are due.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at the Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

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 5, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Joyce Blecha officially resigned as the Rose Creek Township Representative on the North Central Kansas Free Fair Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Ronda Blecha to represent Rose Creek Township. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the status of the injunction on the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. Regina Thompson needs to make an appointment for her clients to visit with the Board. Mr. Spurney will attempt to contact Ms. Thompson.

Larry Beeson told the Board that the curb and gutter around the Courthouse Square is complete. Rock will be used to fill the space between the pavement and the curb.

Republic County received one thousand dollars from the Duclos Foundation to weatherize the Courtland Medical Clinic.

The Board received a letter from Baldwin City Administrator in regards to the request for a \$8,139.60 reimbursement to compensate Republic County for Sheriff's Deputy Kim Judy's training at the Kansas Law Enforcement Academy. KSA 74-5609a allows Republic County to request the reimbursement for the schooling as Ms. Judy worked only a couple weeks for Republic County before turning in her resignation and accepting a job with the City of Baldwin.

At 9:47 a.m., Communications Director Raymond Raney asked for a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. Commissioner Holl made the motion to go into executive session, seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:57 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Holl asked for an additional 5 minutes, second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session ended at 10:08 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Republic County Health Director Marcia Hansen received a signature from Chairman Holl on one revised page of the Board on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Local Contract.

Ms. Hansen received permission to travel to the Regional Hospital Drill, December 7, 2005 in Salina, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave the Board his monthly report. The Board signed a permission to travel for Strnad to attend the Regional Hospital Drill in Salina, Kansas.

At 10:18 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Mr. Strnad to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:23 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Merlyn Farlee, Republic, and Amy McIntosh stopped to visit with the Board and Clerk Hall about the combining of polling places for the 2006 Elections. Republic, Agenda, Norway and Narka polling places will be closed and combined with other sites.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave his weekly report to the Board. He noted that Leslie Novak has been hired as the District No. 4 Operator. Novak will start his duties on December 6, 2005.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a five minute executive session with Mr. Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. She issued an invitation to the Welcome at 3:00 p.m. on December 12th at the First National Bank Basement followed by the official ground breaking at the Assisted Living project site near the Republic County Hospital.

The Board asked Bryanna Spafford to get a legislative study session together some time in the spring when the weather improves. They would like to invite the commissioners from surrounding counties and our state representatives.

Nelson made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

General session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Custodian Kevin Calkins. The group discussed the need for additional public parking on the east side of the Courthouse. The Board also directed Calkins to visit with the Sheriff Blad to find a workable solution for the disposal of the trash that comes from the Sheriff's Office and jail.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford returned to visit with the Board. The Board signed the Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate between Republic County and Republic County Assisted Living, LLC. The Warranty Deed was also signed by the Board.

Sheriff Blad forwarded the bids for carpet in the Sheriff's Department to the Board.

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Furniture Store bid \$3,111.00
Mobile Carpet of NCK bid \$2,721.24
Boman Floor Covering \$3,009.60

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the bid from Mobile Carpet of NCK, second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from voting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 12, 2005, 8:30 a.m., at the Courthouse in Belleville, Kansas.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board started the day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Robert (Bob) Blazek, Belleville, visited with the Board. Blazek inquired about insurance coverage carried by the Republic County Transportation System. Mrs. Blazek was a passenger on the mini-bus and had an accident. K-Camp Insurance will be contacting Mr. Blazek.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope Reporter, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board about the completion of the curb and gutter around the Courthouse Square. The Board asked Beeson to order the rock and get it laid into the trench near the curb.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe asked the Board about closing early to complete year-end bookwork. The Board agreed the Republic County Courthouse would be closed to the public at 2:00 p.m. on December 30, 2005.

Ms. Coons also noted that Linda Melton has completed her probation period and would receive a twenty-five cent per hour increase in pay.

Coons also noted that \$3,333.26 in RCD Loan Committee expenditures and salaries for 2005 would be reimbursed to the Courthouse General Fund.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved **Resolution 2005-23A**. The resolution requires a minimum amount of five hundred thousand dollars in liability insurance and five hundred thousand dollars in Workman's Compensation insurance for any contractor or sub-contractor who performs service for Republic County. Prior to this action one million dollars was required in liability insurance.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford stopped in to inform the Board that Developer Jack West has hired bond council.

Ambulance Director David Strnad, Assistant Director Rod Dusek and Josh Noxon received permission to travel to the upcoming Region Four Meeting. Strnad stated that if finances permit he would be ordering 2 computers before the end of the year.

Strnad also invited the Board to attend the annual Christmas party. The potluck meal, December 21, begins at 6:30 p.m., and concludes with a white-elephant gift exchange.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. The Board approved Leslie Novak's hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour as he begins work December 6, 2005 as the District 4 Munden-Narka area operator.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve **Resolution 2005-24A**. It defines the duties of KWORC in writing the By-laws and Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. This agreement will be filed in the Register of Deeds Office.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve **Resolution 2005-25** whereas, there are certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2005, 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 Equipment Fund. The amount will be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2005-26** whereas, there are certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2005, 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 Highway Improvement 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 Highway Improvement Fund with the amount to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

At 1:00 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Don N. Dean, PE, of Campbell & Johnson, P.A. stopped to extend holiday greetings to the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Developer Jack West visited with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve **Resolution 2005-27** showing the intent of Republic County to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds in the amount of approximately \$1,500,000 to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping an assisted living facility for the benefit of Republic County Assisted Living, LLC. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Chairman Holl signed the papers to authorize the group to proceed with the construction. The Board also agreed to allow the group to make payments in lieu of tax to the County pursuant to a 10-year sliding scale tax abatement for the assisted living complex.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give all employees a three-percent pay increase. The increase to include the first pay period or January 2006 paycheck. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Following a luncheon recess the Board and Clerk Hall went to the First National Bank Basement Meeting Room. Developer Jack West and associates welcomed those involved with the Republic County Assisted Living, LLC. After the Country Place Senior Living Welcome Reception the group went to the building site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 19, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received approval to purchase the AS/400 Homestead Tax System software and Advance/Escrow Tax software from Nex-Tech. The Board gave their approval to use approximately \$1,300.00 from the county motor vehicle fund to make this purchase.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. Perez has hired Mark DeMint to work in the shop as a mechanic, \$8.55 per hour, starting on December 16, 2005.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve a Utility Agreement granting John Eickman permission to construct and operate an underground electrical line on public road right-of-way. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The electrical line is crossing from Nebraska line into Section 1: T1S; R3W; West ½ of NE ¼ of Section 1, T1S, R3W.

The Board authorized the purchase of a used road broom at a cost of \$20,554.00 from the Equipment Fund. Perez also ordered a repeater from Pierce Electronics at a cost of \$3,860.00 along with 4 handheld radios to replace the old ones at the Road and Bridge Department.

Perez is also getting prices on a tire machine to replace the one in the tire room. He had two estimates from local vendors.

Loren Kisby gave permission to park the motor grader for District 4 in Munden, south of the old school where Kisby operates a business. The fuel tank, building, snowplow and other items were moved from Narka to Munden last week and placed at this site. A new meter was installed by Joe Gerber to supply electricity.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:05 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about Republic County Economic Development issues. It was noted that Belleville City has agreed to take the \$89,000.00 paid by Lambriar Inc., the net proceeds from the sale of the old MC Building, and set that money aside for economic development.

The Board had lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

The Board viewed the old ambulance building on their way back from lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with County Health Director Marcia Hansen. She explained the process for a nuisance complaint and stated she would do a follow-up on the property in a couple weeks. The property in question is on North K Street, just outside the Belleville City limits.

Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter received approval to purchase 2 monitors, software and mapping materials, spending about \$1,500.00 from the Appraiser's Budget.

A Project Exemption Certificate #112185 was received from the Kansas Department of Revenue. It covers the stone repair, mortar joint repair and limestone cleaning and sealing on the original Republic County Hospital building. Clerk Hall will get this on to Blaine Miller.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, December 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. Also in attendance was County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed the lease agreement between Republic County and Mike Brzon for use of an antenna tower and related equipment for the two-way radio communications.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. presented a correction deed for the assisted living complex. The deed was signed by the Board and notarized by Clerk Hall.

The Board signed the official 2006 Holiday Schedule.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Holl opened the official hearing to amend the 2005 Ambulance Budget. Ambulance Director David Strnad was in attendance. At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the Amended 2005 Ambulance Budget as previously published in the Belleville Telescope. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. A general review of current projects and the repairs being made to equipment dominated the conversation.

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 10:39 a.m., Holl made a motion to extend the session by an additional five minutes. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:44 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Leslie Latham, reporter for the Belleville Telescope stopped to monitor a portion of the meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney joined the Board to open bids for carpet in the 911 Center. Boman Flooring bid \$1,637.77 and Mobile Carpet of NCK bid \$1,578.19 to carpet the 911 Communications Room. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the low bid from Mobile Carpet of NCK. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from voting.

Raney visited with the Board about putting Lexan glass in the north window in the dispatch area. He will get more information for the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for the day at 12:00 noon. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, January 3, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Martin Nelson, Member