

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 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.

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins reviewed the progress in his department. The Board approved the purchase of a large artificial Christmas tree to beautify the west windows of the courthouse. Kevin will watch for sales and make the purchase.

County Clerk Vickie Hall visited with the Board about remodeling the front counter in her office.

The Board visited about tax abatements for the proposed ethanol plant. It was a consensus of the group to ask County Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the next meeting to visit about tax abatements for new businesses.

Arlene Clayton told the Board about various concerns.

Gary and Carol Nelson told the Board they were interested in Sherry's Thrift Shop. They were encouraged to watch the newspaper for future notices regarding that building.

County Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and board member David Blecha visited with the Board about the Republic County 4-H Building.

Clerk Hall will invite K-Camp representative Tom Job to come out and review the county's insurance coverage.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave a brief review of work being done in his department.

The Board signed a waiver and release form between Republic County and Baldwin City to resolve any and all claims related to the training expenses expended by Republic County for Deputy Kim Judy. Baldwin City then agreed to pay \$8,139.60 upon receipt of the waiver and release form. This form was forwarded to Attorney Michael A. Montoya of Salina, Kansas.

The next monthly department head meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on January 23rd in the Commissioner's Room.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about computer programs. At 11:49 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Strnad. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:54 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

It was noted that the County Commissioners did not include themselves in the 2006 pay increase of 3% for county employees.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe reported that approximately \$7,000 will be required as match money for the grant she is writing. This grant would repair the "wings" on the new Courthouse steps.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn for the day at 12:00 noon. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 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, January 9, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

The day began by the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Ambulance Director David Strnad gave the monthly department report and received approval to attend the Region Four Meeting, January 10, 2006, in Lincoln, Ks.

Strnad noted that he wants to hire a full time paramedic in the ambulance department. He is advertising this job opening in the newspapers. The ideal situation would be to hire a trained paramedic. If there are no suitable applicants, the job will likely be filled with a certified EMT. Josh Noxon was terminated from the ambulance department this past week.

Commissioner Wilber 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 Arbuthnot Fountain and Sherry Quackenbush's Thrift Shop.

Undersheriff Eric Brunner visited with the Board about a bill for towing a vehicle.

Approval was given for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the NCK Bindweed Meeting, January 12, 2006, in Mankato, Ks.

Melinda Pierson visited with the Board on behalf of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. She visited about the organizational meeting for the Republic County Tourism Committee to be held January 10, 2006.

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

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez received approval to attend three meetings. The Kansas County Highway Association Meeting, February 7, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas; Kansas Highway Executive Board Meeting, January 18, 2006 in Junction City, Kansas and the 2006 National Annual Conference, April 9-13, 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Perez noted that Henry Pierce installed the new repeater at the tower last week. Communications is much improved at the road and bridge department.

Roger Rizek has some railroad rock for sale at \$10.00 per load hauled out. The Board agreed that is a good price and if the quality of rock is acceptable, they encouraged Perez to buy some of it.

Perez told the Board road signs had been vandalized on 190 Road between Diamond and Elm Road. All road-closed signs and barricades, warning the public of danger, were removed and thrown into a hole. This was reported to the Sheriff's Department.

Perez reported that regular safety meetings for county employees would lower the insurance rates. The Board suggested holding two regular monthly department head meetings. One monthly meeting with department heads used as a time to study the topics of interest such as safety meetings. A second monthly meeting would be held on the fourth Monday of each month with the Board of County Commissioners.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. Approval was given to hire a student through the OJT Program to help Ms. Spafford with special projects. Student applicants from high schools in Republic County would go through the interview process to get the job.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pay the Republic County Economic Development for the student chosen to work through the On the Job Training Program (OJT). One student from 426, 427 or 455 school district would be paid minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, 2 hours per day, through May of 2006. Republic County would cover the pay for this OJT student from Appropriations line item Community Development in the general fund. Seconded by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

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

Following lunch the Board resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the prayer for the day.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to make Commissioner Nelson the Chairman of the Board for 2006. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried.

The Board completed the 2006 reorganization and signed 65 letters of appointment to committees. Chairman Nelson made a motion to approve the letters of appointment and the following Resolutions 2006-01 through 2006-11. Seconded by Wilber, motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2006-01 hereby RESOLVES that Steve Pounds be affirmed as Director of the Republic County Weed Department for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-02 hereby RESOLVES that David Strnad be affirmed as Director of Republic County Medical Services for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-03 hereby RESOLVES that Marcia Hansen be affirmed as Director of Republic County Health Department for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-04 hereby RESOLVES that Alvin Perez be affirmed as Republic County Highway Administrator for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-05 hereby RESOLVES that Alvin R. Perez be appointed to the position of Solid Waste Director of the Republic County Solid Waste Department, beginning January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Resolution 2006-06 hereby RESOLVES that Raymond L. Raney be appointed, as a half-time position, as Coordinator of the Republic County Emergency Preparedness Department for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-07 hereby RESOLVES that Raymond L. Raney be affirmed, as a half-time position, as Director of Republic County Communications Department for the year of 2006.

Resolution 2006-08 hereby RESOLVES that Raymond L. Raney be appointed as County Hazardous Materials Advisor for the year of 2006.

Resolution 2006-09 hereby RESOLVES that Paul Haase be affirmed as a Volunteer Assistant to the Republic County Emergency Preparedness Department for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-10 hereby RESOLVES that Steven Zukowske be affirmed as Volunteer Radiological Officer for Republic County, for the year 2006.

Resolution 2006-11 hereby RESOLVES that Raymond L. Raney be affirmed as Republic County Flood Plain manager for the year 2006.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about Economic Development Tax Abatements.

Porter also spoke about the proposed legislation to exempt commercial and industrial machinery and equipment. The Board will send a letter of opposition to our local legislators and Governor

Sebelius. The concern is the increasing shift to the other property types, predominantly real estate property. Much of the shift would go to residential real estate and create undue hardship on the real estate owners in the State of Kansas, many being homeowners that are on lower fixed incomes.

Tom Job, Director of Risk Management for K-Camp Insurance visited with the Board. Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and David Blecha were included in the discussion about Hold Harmless Agreements and liability insurance on the 4-H Building.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the Kansas County Treasurer's Legislative Meeting February 14-17 in Topeka, Kansas.

Cindy Coons noted that there are a total of 42 parcels that now qualify for the County's Delinquent Property Tax Sale. Cindy Coons will explore ways to get the tax sale on the calendar.

The Board gave approval for County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Deputy Kay Shoemaker to enroll in the "On Line" banking program through the Peoples Exchange Bank.

At 2:30 p.m., representatives from Nesika Energy met with the Board. Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford, Jeff Thompson, Jeff Strnad, Scott Whitefoot and County Appraiser Barry Porter visited about tax exemptions for economic development projects. They will leave a proposed tax abatement resolution with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. for review.

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, January 16, 2006 at 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, January 16, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall also was in attendance.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe reported she has mailed the grant request to repair the wings of the front steps of the Courthouse. Mrs. Rahe shared a printed copy of the 2005 Register of Deeds Activity Report and requested a raise in pay for herself as Register of Deeds.

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

Memorandums of Agreement were signed with the City of Courtland, City of Munden and the City of Scandia for the collection and payment of solid waste fees.

During the public forum, seven patrons from the Republic area came in to ask questions about the change in voting places for the 2006 August and November elections. Those present were Shirley Gunn, Joyce Beam, Phyllis Latham, Douglas M. Fuller, Dennis Wilkins, C. A. Noble and Randy Thayer. The Board emphasized that it was a difficult decision to close Republic, Norway, Agenda and Narka polling sites. The Board did not feel the patrons would want them to raise additional taxes for the sole purpose of buying more voting equipment that would be used twice a year.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh ran various scenarios to insure that an equal number of voters would be going into each polling place. The polling places that were chosen to remain open are centrally located and keep the driving distance as equal as possible for the voters of Republic County. The Board encouraged Clerk Hall to keep the expenditures close to the budgeted amount in the election fund and still comply with all the federal mandates. Republic County has currently spent \$40,000 in budgeted tax dollars plus the \$40,000 allocated to Republic County by the State of Kansas for the electronic equipment. That only funds 5 polling places.

County Attorney Frank Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board. A 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session for attorney client privileges. Second by Nelson motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Frank Nielander, a Republic County resident, has filed a civil lawsuit in US District Court in Topeka, Kansas. He was charged with criminal threat and disorderly conduct, following a July 2004 incident in the Courthouse as he lodged a complaint about the condition of his road. In the civil suit, Nielander names Republic County Commissioners, former Communications Director Mark Nordell, Sheriff's Deputy Josh Perez, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and Beth Reed.

Ambulance Director David Strnad spoke about meetings being held about the mutual aid merge system.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to approve the RCD Loan application in the amount of \$16,000.00 for Kyle Heltne. Commissioner Holl seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez noted that he had been in contact with K-Camp and KWORC. He shared the insurance premium breakdown with the Board.

Mr. Perez and Raymond Raney have agreed to be the Co-Safety Coordinators and work with KWORC. Carl Eyman will be in town next week to get the program started in Republic County.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford joined the group and visited with the Board about the funding issues for the 70 Road Project. John Cyr and Bryanna are both researching grants and/or cost share needed for road improvements to support the new Ethanol Plant.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss the acquisition of land with Bryanna Spafford. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to extend the session by an additional 5 minutes. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:40 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson joined the group to discuss having a high school student through the On The Job Training (OJT) Program to assist Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford with special projects.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Bryanna Spafford and Bob Knudson to discuss land acquisition. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:50 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Bryanna Spafford to discuss the acquisition of land. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At noon regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Communications Director Raymond Raney visiting with the Board about pay raises.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to introduce Zach King to the Board.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing and Heating, visited with the Board about energy efficient air-conditioner condensers on the roof. Mr. Tebow will continue to research the issue and study various types of heating systems. Custodian Kevin Calkins was also present for this meeting.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn for the day. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 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, January 23, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

At 8:30 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. Regular session resumed at 8:35 a.m.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the status of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain.

The Board signed the accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Beth Reed to attend the annual EMSAK Conference, March 28-31, 2006 in Manhattan, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Kim Holloway, Peggy Frint, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Administrator of the Republic County Health Department Marcia Hansen to attend the Public Health Emergency Response Planning Meeting, January 24, 2006 in Beloit, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. They will get delivery of the new broom this week from Van Keppel.

Mr. Perez gave the Board an estimate of \$21,535.20 to cover road base reconstruction of 70 Road extending south from U.S. Highway 36 approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the entrance of the proposed Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant. The Board has agreed to cover these costs.

Mr. Perez told the Board another chain saw was stolen from the Courtland Barrel site where they park the road grader. This is the 2nd one stolen in this area in less than a year.

Permission to travel was approved for Darlene Havel to attend the CTD Transportation Meeting, January 24, 2006 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

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

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford introduced Scott Whitefoot, Jeff Strnad and Jeff Thompson, representatives from Nesika Energy, LLC. The group visited with the Board. The Executive Summary and Cost Benefit Analysis for the proposed

ethanol plant was presented to the Board. The Cost Benefit Analysis was compiled with the help of numerous county officials.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion, pending the approval of Republic County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., to accept the Republic County Tax Abatement Policy. He continued his motion to give Nesika Energy, LLC a 10 year, 100% tax abatement or exemption, on any new buildings on the 28.7 acre tract in Section 13 of Courtland Township. The current level of real estate taxes would remain on this land, computed at the agriculture rate. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Following lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board, the regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with 12 in attendance. Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Health Director Marcia Hansen, EMS Director David Strnad, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Communications Director Raymond Raney, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Sheriff Ron Blad, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Plans were made for the annual county recognition supper to be held February 23, 2006 at the Republic County 4-H Building. Bids will be taken for a catered meal.

Department heads and the Board visited about the proposal for Courthouse Office staff working four ten hour days and closing the Courthouse offices on Friday. The group spoke of cost savings due to the very old air conditioners using a lot of electricity in the summer months. Being open until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, would also allow patrons to take care of their business within the Courthouse after they leave their jobs. It was agreed that the department heads would have one more meeting to work out holiday schedules and ask their employees if they would be willing to try the proposed schedule. Clerk Hall was asked to see if the new schedule had any effect on compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Board approved an increase in pay for Investigator Josh Perez. Mr. Perez will be paid \$10.60 per hour.

The Board approved a 25 cent per hour pay increase for Dispatcher Betty Vodicka. She has completed her training period.

Pawnee Mental Health Representative Robbin Waldner Cole, LSCSW, gave a review of the services provided to the citizens of Republic County. She stated 253 persons from our county have received services in 2005. Ms. Cole is replacing Jack Jacobs at Pawnee Mental Health.

Economic Development Bryanna Spafford introduced Sarah Monsanto to the Board. Sarah is working in the office under the On the Job Training program and assisting with special projects.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 30, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to attend the workshop for Homeland Security Regionalization, January 30, 2006 in Wichita, Kansas.

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

Approval was given for the new front counters in the County Attorney's Office and County Clerk's Office. The counters will be ordered from the Kansas Correctional Industries in Lansing, Kansas.

Pastor Ray Gilstrap offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to attend the Regional Hospital Response to Bio-terrorism Conference, February 1, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

Chairman Nelson placed a telephone call to Dr. Herbert D. Doubek. Dr. Doubek is currently serving as a Non-Lawyer Member to the 12th Judicial Nominating Commission. Chairman Nelson made a motion to appoint Doubek to serve another term on the commission. The term will be from March 6, 2006 to March 1, 2010. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. A meeting was scheduled at the end of the day to visit with Bob and Melissa Arbuthnot.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons noted that there are 42 properties eligible for the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Sale totaling \$41,262.58 in taxes. That amount does not include interest and fees.

Larry Beeson presented the bill for the new sidewalk on the north west corner of the Courthouse.

Custodian Kevin Calkins reviewed the work being done in his department.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez received permission to attend the KCHA Conference Planning Sessions, February 2-3, in Hutchinson and Great Bend, Ks.

Steve Awalt, Awalt Construction, received permission from the Board to close one block of the main street in the City of Munden during the demolition of an old building. It will be closed during the daytime hours while heavy equipment is near the street and opened to traffic in the evening. Awalt will get barricades and signs from the Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Perez spoke with Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson about repairing the intersection and street between the Republic County Hospital and the Ambulance building for safety reasons.

Mr. Perez read the bids for unleaded gas for the fueling center. Farmway Co-op \$2.019 and Hoard Oil at \$2.039 per gallon. Farmway Co-op was awarded the bid.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to appoint Communications Director Raymond Raney and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez to serve as Co-Safety Coordinators for Republic County.

Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. A letter will be sent to K-Camp and KWORC giving notice of the appointments.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:30 a.m with no action taken by the Board.

A change in pay was approved for Don Long to \$9.17 per hour. Mr. Perez noted that this was the 2% longevity pay increase.

At 11:45 a.m., Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. Mrs. Spafford will turn in Sarah Monsanto's hours every two weeks to voucher for contract labor from the Economic Development Fund.

At 12:00 noon, Chairman Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 4:30 p.m. today when the session would resume to meet with the Arbuthnot family. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Board met with Bob and Melissa Arbuthnot and County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. about the condition of the fountain.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 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, February 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson, Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus visited with the Board about liability insurance on the 4-H Building.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Clerk Hall visited with the Board about the proposed Compressed Work Week. A 40-hour workweek compressed into four ten-hour days.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance at this meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to attend the EMS Merge Committee Meeting, February 8, 2006 in Clay Center, Kansas.

At 9:08 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Strnad. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. This meeting was extended by 5 minutes. At 9:19 a.m., the regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. spoke with the Board. Sherry Quackenbush did not make payment for the property known as Sherry's Thrift Shop in Belleville. The group discussed the procedures that will now be taken by Republic County.

The State Board of Tax Appeals approved the exemption application for the Courtland Medical Clinic from Ad Valorem Taxation in Republic County. Docket No. 2005-9601-TX exempted real estate and improvements know as Parcel ID# 079-155-21-0-20-04-004.00-0, and LASA Manufactured Home, VIN# TW1MSC12419.

The Board approved a memo to department heads to confirm the annual Employee Appreciation Supper on February 23, 2006 at the 4-H Building. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Business Is Cookin will cater the meal.

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

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the Republic County Highway Department Policy and Procedures Work Schedule Change. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The Road and Bridge employees will work four 10-hour days from April through the end of October. The department will work five 8-hour days for the balance of the year. This agreement will be effective on Monday, February 13, 2006.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and drive to Mankato, Kansas for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The Board, Mr. Perez and Clerk Hall left to join the Jewell County Commissioners for lunch. Following lunch the group proceeded to the Jewell County Courthouse to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Board returned to Belleville at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for the day due to lack of scheduled business appointments. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2006 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.

Lea Welch, Chief Clerk for 12th Judicial District and Republic County Clerk of the District Court Kris Kling visited with the Board about the proposed Compressed Work Week.

Arlene Clayton stopped to visit with the Board during the public forum.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus reported that the 4-H families would take the responsibility for the liability insurance on the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters in his department. Strnad received permission to attend the Region IV Meeting, February 14, 2006 in Clay Center, Kansas.

Mr. Strnad told the Board he had terminated EMT Winter Kuehn on February 12, 2006.

At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session, with David Strnad and County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:47 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Strnad informed the Board that he had promoted two part-time EMT's to full time status. Kim Holloway and Joseph Blecha began their full time duties February 12, 2006, as that is the first day of the next pay period, and will make \$8.00 per hour.

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

Health Director Marcia Hansen received permission to travel for Sue Swanson and Julie Lindberg to attend the WIC meeting, February 17, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

Board approved travel for Mrs. Hansen to attend supervisors meeting, February 16, 2006 in Osborne, Kansas

Mrs. Hansen invited the Board to the meeting on sanitation to be held Thursday, February 16, 2006, 8:00 a.m., at the First National Bank Building in Belleville, Kansas.

Weed Director Steve Pounds gave his Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2005. Mr. Pounds will be traveling to Salina, Kansas February 16, 2006, for the Weed Directors Meeting.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. Gary Montre of Welborn Sales was also in attendance for the bid opening on grader blades and culverts.

Grader Blades:	Martin Tractor	\$ 2,456.00 (not a total bid)
	Welborn Sales	\$15,506.40
	D C Wholesale	\$14,500.30
	Barry Equipment	\$16,334.00
	Murphy Tractor	did not make a bid.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the \$14,500.30 grader blade bid from D C Wholesale. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Culverts:	D C Wholesale	\$69,838.96
	Welborn Sales	\$67,816.20
	J & J Drainage	\$71,946.14

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the \$67,816.20 bid for culverts from Welborn Sales. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Perez received permission to travel to the KDHE Conference on Recycling, Compost and HHW, March 28-30, in Great Bend, Kansas.

Mr. Perez inquired if children of the employees were invited to the annual county supper, February 23, 2006. The Board is limiting the reservations to the employee and spouse or employee and their significant other. Business is Cookin; Republic, Kansas is catering the supper this year.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-12, the Policy and Procedures Work Schedule Change, implementing a compressed work week for several departments in the Republic County Courthouse. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Beginning March 13, 2006, Republic County Courthouse staff from many departments will operate on a Compressed Work Week (CWW) or four ten-hour days. Business hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. The Courthouse will be closed to the public on Friday.

The Sheriff's Department, Corrections and 911 Communications Departments will remain on their regular 24/7 schedules even though those offices are in the Courthouse. Secretarial staff in the Sheriff's Department will work the CWW schedule.

One half hour lunch breaks will be taken with employees alternating lunch breaks to keep the offices open to the public during the lunch hour.

As in previous years, Republic County pays eight (8) hours per day for holidays, bereavement and civil leave. When any of these days fall within the compressed work week, employees will have a total of 38 hours that week. Employees have the option of taking 2 hours from their accrued leave time to make a full 40-hour work week.

In 2006, Columbus Day, October 9th, will again be observed as a holiday for those working on the Compressed Work Week. All other county employees will continue to observe Columbus Day on the day following Thanksgiving Day.

In 2006, Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, November 10, 2006. Employees working the CWW schedule will work Monday – Thursday of that week. The Courthouse will be closed as usual on that Friday but CWW employees will be paid for the Veterans Day holiday at regular rate, giving those employees 48 hours of pay that week.

The Board wrote a letter advising Chief Judge Thomas M. Tuggle of Resolution 2006-12. As this transition will affect the Republic County District Court, the Board is seeking Mr. Tuggle's support as they request the State Judicial Administrators approval to allow the District Court hours to become consistent with the rest of the Courthouse.

The Board is sending a letter to Mr. Howard Schwartz, Judicial Administrator, to request that Republic County's District Court hours become consistent with the new hours of the Courthouse.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford gave a review the progress in her department.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to invite Lonnie Hedstrom of Swedish American Bank in Courtland, Kansas to be on the RCD Committee for a period of two years. Also, to amend the RCD By-Laws to read: The Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Committee shall consist of at least ten (10) but not more than thirteen (13) members, representing areas throughout Republic County. Commissioner Nelson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the RCD Committee's recommendation to finance a \$9,000.00 loan to Rafael R. and Rosalva Rodriguez for 6 years at 4 percent interest, the first year being interest payments only. A 2nd mortgage to be filed on the building at 1334 19th Street and assignment of life insurance policies to cover the loan amount. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

It was noted that the next RCD meeting would be held on March 8, 2006 at the 4-H Building.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Wilber seconded, passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion at 1:05 p.m. to go into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for a period of forty minutes. Those present were EMT Winter Kuehn, her boyfriend Jeff Simmons and County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr.. The regular session resumed at 1:45 p.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion at 1:45 p.m. to go into a 15-minute executive session with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 2:00 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about the filing the Sheriff's Deed and issuance of the Writ of Assistance for Sherry's Thrift Shop. The custodian was directed to change the locks on the doors of that building.

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

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

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, February 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on **Tuesday**, February 21, 2006 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

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

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that Dean Weatherhead and Bill Lowell are still in disagreement about the fence between their properties.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing & Heating, visited with the Board about energy conservation in the Republic County Courthouse. He is still reviewing prices.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County, Narka City and Agenda City for the payment of Solid Waste fees.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave the Road Supervisor's 2005 Annual Report giving the total annual county costs. They also reviewed the Federal Aid Program for the County's 5-Year Plan Development.

Perez noted that Carol Pachta is planning to retire. March 3 will be her last day. Mrs. Pachta is retiring after 17 ½ years of driving the mini-bus for the Republic County Transportation System.

At 10:56 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to talk about non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:11 a.m. No action was taken by the Board.

Alvin Perez received permission to travel to the KDOT Information Meeting on March 1, 2006.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford gave a review of her department.

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

At 1:00 p.m., a delegation of concerned citizens voiced their opposition to closing the Courthouse on Friday. Those in attendance were: Dawn Surber, Steven Surber, John Surber, Vonda Cooper, Jan Lervold, Gerald Blazek, Rod Woods, Todd Frye, Teresa Frye, Jarri Cooper, Rafel R. Rodriguez, Nancy Holt, Bob Trecek, Tom Grover, Brad Chatfield, Brent Scott, Rhonda Passmore, Cathy Chase, Keith Anderson, Marion Lesovsky, Jerry Stump and Lynette Beam.

Republic County received official notification that CommuniGroup of K.C., Inc., d/b/a CGI Long Distance Services d/b/a CGI located in Mission, Kansas, has given notice by letter, that they plan to discontinue service due to bankruptcy.

Dave White, former CGI representative, visited with the Board about options available to continue the County's long distance services. Commissioner Holl made a motion stating that Republic County will contract with World Net Solutions as the long distance carrier. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about purchasing vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. He will return with more information about trade-in values.

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, February 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2006 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.

Lyle Blecha visited with the Board about volunteer firemen that are called out during business hours. Clerk Hall will check with other counties and ask how they compensate county employees who are called to a fire.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Clerk Amy McIntosh to attend the Special Voting Equipment Meeting, March 29, 2006 in Junction City, Kansas.

Marion "Jimmy" Alexander has completed the probationary period and will receive a 25 cent increase in pay.

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

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and Attorney Wendell F. (Bud) Cowan from Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 9:49 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and David Blecha visited with the Board about the ownership of the 4-H Building. The Board will ask County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. for clarification to determine ownership.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about various matters. He shared a floor plan for the new Road and Bridge office that was drawn up by Eric Campbell of Campbell and Johnson Engineers. The plans will give him a starting point so he can get an estimated construction cost. The Board wanted Perez to also consider moving and remodeling the old Ambulance building. Try to determine if that might be more affordable.

Perez told the Board that he would like to be given the option of purchasing the two four wheel drive pickups that might be traded in by the Sheriff's department.

A clarification was noted on the 2006 holidays. The Courthouse will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 9, 2006. Those in the Courthouse, working the compressed workweek, will have October 9th as a paid holiday. The Road and Bridge employees and all other departments will be working on October 9th. Health, Ambulance, Sheriff, 911 Communications, Weeds and Road and Bridge departments will continue to have Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following Thanksgiving as paid holidays. (Employees in those departments will continue to trade Columbus Day for the Friday following Thanksgiving as they have done for many years.)

Carol Pachta's retirement party is from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2006 at the Road and Bridge Department.

Custodian Kevin Calkins received permission to purchase a power washer to clean air conditioners and to complete other maintenance projects.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. She asked the Board to become members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and set an example for other businesses in the outlying areas. Full membership dues for government entities are \$275.00 per year but Ms. Spafford noted that first year memberships are half price. Commissioner Holl made a motion to join by paying the \$137.50 membership fee. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:59 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 12:09 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. regular session resumed as they visited with Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing and Heating, Courtland, Kansas.

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

The monthly department head meeting was held with County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Appraiser Barry Porter, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Custodian Kevin Calkins, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Ambulance Director David Strnad, County Clerk Vickie Hall and reporter Deb Hadachek in attendance.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 2006 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 Commissioner Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Sanborn Institute and Master Academy, April 10-14 in Wichita, Kansas. Hall will also attend the NCKCCA Spring Conference, March 16, in Osborne, Kansas.

Retha Blecha gave the Board a review of the work being done at New Tabor Cemetery No. 11.

Custodian Kevin Calkins received permission to replace two water fountains in the Courthouse. The Board also approved Tom Grover as a temporary part-time custodian for the Courthouse. Starting March 14th, Custodian Calkins will be on medical leave.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad presented a permission to travel for Kim Holloway to testify in Riley County District Court. Republic County Ambulance employees were in route home when they found themselves first on the scene of an accident in November of 2003.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about a time line for a delinquent tax sale. A resolution to hold a tax sale was passed in November 2004.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Karen Bonner received permission to travel to the Spring NCK County Treasurer's meeting, April 7, in Concordia, Kansas. Mrs. Coons also will be attending the Kansas County Treas. Association Spring Meeting, April 18-21, in Wichita, Kansas.

Chairman Nelson signed a letter to EMT Winter Kuehn to notify her of the date and time of the requested grievance hearing. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners Room.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:30 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez received permission to attend the Kansas County Highway Association Spring Meeting, May 8-10, in Junction City, Kansas.

The Board signed a letter directed to the Kansas Department of Transportation, Larry W. Emig, P.E., Representative Mark Taddikan, Representative Clay Aurand and Congressman Jerry Moran. The letter speaks about the 5-Year Plan and asks that consideration be given to reducing the percent of local match that is required for federal funding on projects and include the preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition and utility adjustments into the cost share for program costs.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford is planning a study session, April 3rd in Belleville, to include state representatives and county commissioners from the neighboring counties. Ms. Spafford will make the agenda and the invitations. Clerk Hall will mail them out.

At 11:46 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss confidential data exception. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:51 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing and Heating, of Courtland, Kansas. Tebow has found someone in Salina, Kansas to check out the efficiency of the boiler in the Courthouse.

Roger McCartney, DVM asked the Board to sponsor a Republic County informational meeting on the Cattle Identification Program to track source and age verification of cattle. The meeting will be held March 22, 2006 at the 4-H Building. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to have Republic County sponsor the meeting and Dr. McCartney will do the advertising of the event. Commissioner Wilber seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited about the purchase of new vehicles for his department.

At 2:50 p.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to visit with Blad about non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 2:55 p.m.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board. Ambulance Director David Strnad and EMT Kim Holloway were also in attendance.

March 13, 2006, Republic County **Courthouse employees** are going to start working a compressed workweek. Employees will work four ten-hour days, Monday through Thursday. The Courthouse will be closed to the public on Friday. Emergency services are always accessible by dialing 911.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2006 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.

David Blecha visited with the Board about the ownership of the Republic County 4-H Building.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

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

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. Chairman Nelson conducted the official Grievance Hearing, held at the request of EMT Winter Kuehn. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Winter Kuehn, Jeff Simmons, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Assistant Director Rod Dusek, EMT Kim Holloway and County Clerk Vickie Hall were present.

Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about a County Surplus Sale.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. will be asked to write a letter to Winter Kuehn advising her that it is the consensus of the Board to support Ambulance Director David Strnad. As the official Grievance Committee, the Republic County Board of County Commissioners denied Ms. Kuehn's request to be reinstated as a Republic County employee.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region Four meeting, March 14, 2006, in Salina, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez presented a cost estimate for detours on the county roads due to the installation of 6 new box culverts along 148 Highway. There is only 1.75 miles of new gravel required to complete this detour.

Perez received permission to travel to the seminar on "Local Project Coordination", March 16, 2006, at the KDOT office in Salina, Kansas.

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

Undersheriff Eric Brunner visited with the Board about vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. The Board will speak with Sheriff Blad at the March 20 meeting to finalize the purchase of vehicles.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board.

Plans for Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant have been confirmed by local officials. The Republic County Economic Development Office is working with other ethanol plant communities on how to have an effective community awareness/action plan in place to embrace this type of industry.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on March 20, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2006 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 approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has hired Dein Skipton as full time jailer.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

It was a consensus of the Board to have Jim Reed and Wayne Gardner proceed with the yard work on the north side of the Courthouse. Plans are to have the sprinkler system installed and new lawn planted this spring.

The Board opened the only sealed bid that was received for the building formerly known as Sherry's Thrift Shop. Jean Meyer placed a bid of \$1,500.00 to purchase the building. The Board rejected this bid.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that he was drawing up a lease agreement between Republic County and the Republic County 4-H Foundation. The lease is needed to give the 4-H total control of the building, which is necessary for the general maintenance of it, to purchase liability insurance and to schedule events. Spurney suggested the County lease it to the 4-H Foundation at \$1.00 per year for the 99 years.

Chairman Nelson also asked the County Attorney about needing a delinquent real estate tax sale and the status of the injunction for the Arbuthnot Fountain.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pursue a delinquent real estate tax sale through Attorney William Navis and Vicki Kopsa. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Ms. Coons told the Board that some of the cost could be added to the sale of property to enable the County to recoup some of the abstracting expenses and other costs involved in preparing this sale. Ms. Coons will bring a cost estimate and a time line for a delinquent sale to the next meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Permission to travel was approved for Beverly Reynolds and Kim Holloway to attend a Medicare Seminar, March 24, 2006 in Great Bend, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez told the Board that Jewell County equipment would assist us in the grinding and improvements on the 70 Road Project.

Perez noted that he shut the County mini bus transportation system down today because of the bad weather.

Randy Alkire and Jarrod McIntosh were recently hired by Perez to work on the bridge crew at the Road and Bridge Department. March 24 will be their first day.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board about Friday, March 17 when the Courthouse was closed to the public. Two people, who had business with the District Court, buzzed in the north door. They also received about a dozen telephone calls.

A Utility Agreement was approved between Republic County and Nesika Energy, LLC. Permission was granted to operate an underground water line, pipe with casing, on certain public road right-of-way between sections 18-3-4 and 13-3-5 on 70 Road near the Kyle Railroad tracks.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing Company of Courtland, Kansas and Brad Moxter, Branch Manager for American Boiler and Mechanical in Salina, Kansas met with the Board. They visited with the Board about the efficiency of the boiler currently being used to heat the Courthouse. The current boiler is cast iron and is approximately 34 years old. We need to make a line item in the 2007 budget to prepare for the purchase of a new boiler.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase a pick-up truck from Melton Motor Company and a Trail Blazer from the Partners Program. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The vehicles will be paid from the Emergency Vehicle Fund.

The Board planned the agenda for the NCK Study Session.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and not hold an afternoon session due to lack of business appointments.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2006 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 spoke with Roger Rizek about the past maintenance of the boiler in the Courthouse. He noted that several years ago, he replaced one section of the boiler. There is another new section currently in the basement that could be installed at any time if a section goes bad.

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

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to declare April as Fair Housing Month. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

David Bowersox, Commander Carmen Thomas and Howard Thomas requested funds for the countywide Legion Baseball Team. The Board will consider their request.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board. Mr. Spurney has prepared a lease agreement, for the 4-H Building, between the Republic County 4-H Foundation and Republic County Commissioners. Chairman Nelson made a motion to offer the lease at one dollar (\$1.00) per year for 4 years. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. The 4-H will be required to provide the Board with proof of insurance.

Chairman Nelson informed Mr. Spurney that the Board has made a decision to hire an outside firm to conduct the delinquent real estate tax sale for Republic County.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the maintenance of the heating system. He noted that he could install the shut-off valves for the furnace.

Mr. Calkins noted that Todd Frye gifted a Clark, dual head, and floor scrubber to Republic County. The machine will need \$400.00 in batteries but the machine is in good condition.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region Four Disaster Planning meeting, March 28th in Lincoln, Kansas.

Mr. Strnad informed the Board that Erin Dusek would work as a part-time EMT.

The Board issued a letter to Jean Meyer. Notification that the Board rejected her bid of \$1500.00 to purchase Sherry's Thrift Shop and thanked her for her interest

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. He noted that beginning April 3rd, the Road and Bridge employees would start working longer days.

Mr. Perez will be attending a recycling conference in Great Bend, Kansas.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about various matters. Bryanna noted that she received a letter of appointment from Governor Kathleen Sebelius, to serve as a member of the State Council on Travel and Tourism, a three-year term ending September 30, 2008.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

The Board resumed regular session at 1:30 p.m. with the monthly department head meeting. Those attending were: Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Sheriff Ron Blad, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Extension Agent Tandy Rundus, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Register of Deeds Ruth

Rahe and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The group visited about the proposed GIS System for Republic County, the installation of video cameras in the Sheriff's vehicles, department heads providing a list of items for the County Surplus Sale and the compressed, four day work week.

It was a consensus of the Board to expand the definition of Bereavement Leave, in Section 502, of the Employee Manual. It now reads: In the instance of a death of the employee's immediate family, an employee will be granted funeral leave not to exceed five working days. Three days with pay and 2 days unpaid. That remains true for most employees however, for those working a compressed workweek it will be translated into hours and state that the employee will be entitled to twenty-four hours with pay and sixteen additional hours unpaid.

County Attorney's Secretary Cathy Calkins visited with the Board. She noted that her job works in tandem with the District Court. The Board told Ms. Calkins that she could work on Friday mornings on an as needed basis.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2006 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.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board. At 8:39 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 8:54 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board signed the Republic County Head Start In-Kind Form to document Republic County's contribution to the head start program.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Ratio Study Fundamentals Class April 24-28 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Custodian Kevin Calkins and the Board reviewed the bid packets for the multi-indoor air conditioning unit.

Undersheriff Eric Brunner told the Board that Dein Skipton has declined the position of jailer. It was a consensus of the Board and Mr. Brunner that the Sheriff's Department will purchase two video cameras for department vehicles.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited about the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain and the final draft of the lease agreement for the 4-H Building.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Mr. Spurney to visit about non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 9:35 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

Chairman Nelson told Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe not to hang unprofessional signs on her office door as they reflect poorly on other county employees and the County at large. Patrons reported to the Board that a sign was posted and inappropriate.

Ms. Rahe told the Board she would be buying a Dell Computer, a Register of Deeds Software Program and a new photocopier out of the Technology Fund.

Ambulance Director David Strnad presented the renewal application for the Registration of the DEA License for Republic County. This license is renewed every 3 years.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about general matters. Duane Swanson was hired as a Landfill/Recycling and Road and Bridge employee. Carrol Nelson will assume the part-time position as the transportation driver for the County.

At 10:28 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:38 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Twin Valley will arrive on Tuesday morning to empty Sherry's Thrift Shop. They will dispose of all the clothing and items currently in the building. They will load it and haul it away at no cost to the county.

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

The Republic County Commissioners sponsored the First Annual NCK Area Study Session with State Officials. Special invited guests were Mark Taddiken, Clay Aurand, Sharon Schwartz, Janis Lee and Joann Freeborn. Officials from Cloud County, Jewell County, Washington County and Republic County were invited to lunch and the study session held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Belleville Country Club.

Regular session resumed at 2:30 p.m. when the Board and Jewell County Officials returned to the Republic County Courthouse to continue discussion on matters of mutual interest.

John Shorney visited with the Board about the real estate taxes on his home. The Board directed Mr. Shorney to visit with Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 27 meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2006, 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.

Tandy Rundus, discussed matters relative to the 4-H building at the Republic County fairgrounds. A Building Lease was presented for review. Some changes are to be made and then resubmitted for signatures. Tandy will provide the 4-H Council's attorney with a copy for approval.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, discussed the upcoming tax sale. Upon motion duly made by Holl, seconded by Nelson and made unanimous by Wilber, an Executive Session for five minutes (8:47 am – 8:52 am) was called to discuss non-elected personnel.

Kevin Calkins, Courthouse Maintenance Engineer, submitted bid specifications for review regarding the courthouse air-conditioner project. No action was taken.

Rev. Mark Imel, minister of the Central Christian Church, gave the morning prayer.

County Attorney, Frank Spurney, advised the Board that Judge Tuggle has approved and signed the Journal Entry filed in Arbuthnot vs. Republic County, setting aside the injunction filed in that case. The County is now in a position to have the fountain removed from the Courtyard.

Minutes of the April 3rd, 2006 regular Board meeting were approved as written.

David Strnad and Rod Dusek presented the EMS report for March and discussed various topics relative to that department.

Cheryl Loring reported that Raelene Henderson has been hired as jailer at \$7.25 per hour; Carol Nelson has been hired as bus driver for the Transportation Department at \$8.00 per hour; and Duane Swanson has been hired to operate the Landfill and Recycle Program at \$9.25 per hour. Chris Springer submitted his resignation as deputy effective April 19, 2006.

Melinda Pierson received permission for the Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Courthouse lawn on April 15th.

The Commissioners signed a letter of support for tax credits for the Republic County Hospital.

Cindy Coons advised that as no applications for a loan from the Republic County Revolving Loan Fund have been received, there will be no RCD meeting on Wednesday, April 12th. An extension of 90-days has been given to Kyle Heltne on his RCD loan. The due date will be July 23rd, 2006.

Kenneth Christensen was in to discuss the drainage problem on the streets of Norway.

In the absence of Alvin Perez, Brad Swanson, gave a report for the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Swanson reported that a box culvert was burned and totally destroyed when a landowner was burning a pasture and the fire got out of control. The cost to install and replace the culvert will be \$3,185.14, which includes labor, equipment, and materials. Mr. Swanson was to check with the County Attorney to determine the legalities of recouping this expense from the landowner.

Commissioner Nelson requested that Mr. Swanson put together approximate costs on oiling the cemetery road at Courtland. Private citizens have inquired the amount to see if the road could be oiled using private funds instead of county funds.

Larry Brown, representing US 36 Highway, advised that all counties located along US 36 Highway, are being asked to help with a study to be conducted by the Docking Institute to determine the feasibility of making US 36 Highway a four-lane highway all across Kansas. The cost of the study will be \$52,000. Each of the thirteen counties is being asked for \$2,000.00 to put toward this project to make up one-half of the cost. The other \$26,000.00 would be paid out of the Foundation funds. If Republic County is interested in participating in this study, it will need to budget the \$2,000.00 for the 2007 year.

Bryanna Spafford, Economic Development Director, met to discuss various topics of interest to economic development.

After lunch at the Golden Bell Haven, the Commissioners reconvened to canvass the ballots from the City Election held on Tuesday, April 4th.

An agreement with NESIKA ENERGY, LLC was reviewed. The agreement will need some minor changes and the Board will, again, review the agreement at the next Commissioner meeting on April 17th.

There being no further business upon motion by Holl, seconded by Nelsn and made unanimous by Wilber, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Beth Reed

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2006 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.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and David Blecha visited with the Board. Clerk Hall will ask County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and KCAMP Representative Tom Job to review the proposed 4-H Building Lease to include an option to buy.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about investing County funds.

Commissioner Harold Wilber made a motion to adjourn for 45 minutes to visit with Congressman Jerry Moran. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Moran was visiting at the Republic County Farm Services Agency.

Regular session resumed at 9:15 a.m. as they visited with Curtis Lindberg and John Dinning, Courtland Cemetery District No. 25 Board Members. They were concerned about the road one mile east of Courtland, which leads to the Courtland Cemetery.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe told the Board she would receive software training from Nex-Tech on Tuesday.

Retha Blecha received permission to travel to the Local Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Outreach Workshop, May 2nd in Salina, Kansas.

Arlene Clayton came in and quickly mentioned various matters.

Mike Hadachek and Todd Frye visited with the Board about RCD matters. Mr. Frye requested a one-year extension on interest only. Commissioner Linda Holl made a motion to approve Todd Frye's request for a one-year extension allowing them to pay the interest only for one more year. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

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

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. Clerk Hall will send papers to Jeff Thompson and Thayne Larson for signatures on the Development Agreement with Nesika Energy, LLC. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to sign this agreement. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. A Utility Agreement was signed between AT&T Kansas and Republic County to bury copper cable in the road right-of-way on project #5871423.

Road and Bridge employees will be working around the Courthouse Square this week. The rocks will be removed and asphalt added by the curb and gutter.

A landowner was burning pasture at 15-T.8 and accidentally burned the box culvert. The estimated replacement cost of \$3,185.14 will be mailed to the landowner.

KDOT is requiring the County to advertise for the Transportation System. It will cost approximately \$1,600.00 per year.

Wanda Backstrum and Kevin Riddle presented the Department of Corrections Plan and Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2007 Plan. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The revised interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice Services was reviewed with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to sign the revised agreement. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Hall will contact County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to see if the public needs to be notified to take the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain out.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board that the Ambulance, Unit One, was repaired and is back in service.

Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about plans for a handicap assessable bathroom in the Republic County Health Department.

The Board signed the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Amendment to the Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Local Contract. Republic County received \$3,646.00 in funds from a grant for Pandemic Influenza Planning Supplemental Funding Amendment to local Contract.

Attorney William L. Navis and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the upcoming Tax Foreclosure Sale. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-13 Ordering Preparation for Tax Foreclosure Sale. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. There are currently 36 eligible real estate properties.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about various matters.

Commissioner Nelson will call Jim Reed about the Courthouse yard. The Board asked that Wayne Gardner be placed on the schedule about the sprinkler system for the Courtyard.

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2006 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 approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Wayne Gardner, Every Angle Covered, submitted his bid of \$6,850.00 to install the water sprinkler system on the north side of the Courthouse.

Randall Hofmeier, CPA and others from Bartlett Settle and Edgerle, Hutchinson, Kansas, arrived to audit the year ending 2005. Mr. Hofmeier will be available this week to discuss budget plans for 2007.

Permission to travel was approved for County Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the KCAA Business Conference, June 4-7 in Wichita, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Election Deputy Amy McIntosh to attend the Infinitec User Group Conference, May 16 in Topeka, Kansas. The Conference will include the Electronic Voting Information System, the ELVIS Project.

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

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney Jr. visited with the Board about the Arbuthnot Fountain.

The Board also approved the real estate contract for Sharon Hammons. Dewayne and Sherry Quackenbush were selling a house on contract to Ms. Hammons. This contract will complete the agreed purchase of Lots one (1), two (2) and three (3) of block twenty (20) of Simond's Addition to the City of Belleville. The balance of the contract is \$5,000 and was prepared for Republic County by County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. The property was originally used as collateral for a delinquent RCD Loan.

Arlene Clayton came in and visited with the Board about various matters.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the courthouse lawn. Plans are for Jim Reed to complete the yard work on the north side of the Courthouse. Reed will come in to visit with the Board in the near future.

Bernie Carrico stopped to give the Board a packet of material for their consideration. Sheriff Ron Blad and Undersheriff Eric Brunner visited with the Board.

Mike Hadachek received signatures from the Board on RCD paperwork.

Linda Sutton, Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC) Consultant, visited with the Board, along with Main Street and Chamber of Commerce representatives. Ms. Sutton works through the Cloud County Community College Outreach Center. John Surber, Rod Woods, Jane Couture, Melinda Pierson, and Mike Hadachek joined her. Sutton visited about statistics she had collected from local retail businesses.

Mr. Hadachek would like to see a comparative report on the cost savings due to the Courthouse being closed on Fridays. The Board advised him that the mild winter, increased cost of fuel and various other variables would have to be taken into consideration. The County Clerk's Office is doing a monthly comparison on utilities.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez received permission to attend the KDOT Transportation CTD Meeting, April 25, in Minneapolis, Kansas and the Basics in Budgeting & Finance. May 19 in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Perez said he is accepting job applications for a mechanic and a bridge foreman.

Tom Snapp, an employee at Road and Bridge, finished year one and will receive his 2% increase in wages from \$9.66 to \$9.85.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. Subjects were budgets, employee evaluations, county surplus sale and inventory of county property. Those present were Communications Director Raymond Raney, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Health Director Marcia Hansen, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Weed Director Steve Pounds, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Appraiser Barry Porter, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

A Public Officials Workshop on the Phases of Kansas Homeland Security was given by Dennis Colsden, North Central Kansas Regional Homeland Security. County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Health Nurse Kathy Zach, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Health Nurse Sue Swanson, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Health Director Marcia Hansen, Linda Holl, Martin Nelson, Harold Wilber and County Clerk Vickie Hall attended the workshop.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez and Steve Anderson visited with the Board about recycling in Republic County.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2006 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.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board at 8:45 a.m. and will return for the grievance hearing at 1:00 p.m. today.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe noted that she had attended the information meeting about the Transcendental Movement in Smith County Kansas.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad received approval to travel to the Region Four meeting, May 9, 2006, in Mitchell County.

The Board approved the agreement between the Republic County Emergency Medical Service and the Fair Amusement Board of the North Central Kansas Free Fair. The agreement states that Republic County EMS will provide EMS vehicles and crews to all racing events and charge a fee as stated in the signed contract.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, visited with the Board about the Hospital Block Grant No. 03-PF-318. The Board composed a letter to Roberta Nelson, Field Representative for the Kansas Department of Commerce, stating the block grant project is completed.

The Final Performance Public Hearing, for the hospital block grant money, will be held on May 15, 10:00 a.m., Commissioner's Room, Courthouse.

Larry Beeson stopped by to tell the Board he is interested in placing a bid for the removal of the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. Wayne Gardner stopped by to tell the Board he has reconsidered and is no longer interested in placing a bid for the removal of the fountain.

Don Danielson asked the Board about getting some millings from the County to put on the drive way at the Republic County Historical Museum. The Board suggested Danielson speak with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez about the availability of the millings. The Board noted that they did not mind donating some millings if Mr. Perez feels there are some available at this time. However, the Road and Bridge Department's current work schedule would not allow them to deliver millings to the museum at this time.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez gave a general report on the work being done in that department. Due to rain last week, the men are dragging the roadways. Gravel is being hauled and added as needed to the county roads.

Mr. Perez noted that he had received 6,480 gallons of MC-800 at a cost of \$11,016.00. During the mixing of the asphalt in the west yard the County paid \$1.61 per gallon. The price has increased in the past two weeks and this load cost \$1.70 per gallon. By the time the crews are ready to start sealing the roads the price could increase another 10 to 14 cents per gallon.

A rough estimate for materials alone to seal asphalt roads this fall is \$7,500.00 per mile. This is going to limit the asphalt-sealing program this year.

Perez noted that he had been in contact with the county auditor about the year-end Road and Bridge funds available for transfer from 2005. The Board approved the transfer of \$25,000.00 to

the Special Equipment Fund and \$124,257.00 into the Special Highway Fund. This leaves a balance of \$100,000.73 in cash.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited about the work being done in her department.

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

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Martin Nelson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and conduct a grievance hearing with Republic County employee Bernadette Carrico. Ms. Carrico invited her husband, Mike Kolman to attend the hearing. Additional persons attending were Sheriff Ron Blad, Undersheriff Eric Brunner, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., the Commissioners and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Ms. Carrico gave a general review of events followed by questions from the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff was also given an opportunity to review the events. Ms. Carrico and Mr. Kolman made a recap of their concerns and were advised that they would receive a letter about the proceedings from the County Attorney in the near future.

At 1:25 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Discussion by Sheriff Blad, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and the Board continued in open session.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Shepek. County Clerk Hall was also in attendance.

At 1:55 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to re-classify employee Bernadette Carrico as suspended with pay through May 1, 2006. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board he was in agreement.

The Board visited with Curtis Klima from the NCK Fair Amusement Board. The Amusement Board requested money to extend the catch fence by 350 feet at the racetrack.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$2,500.00 from the NCK Fair Appropriation Fund to the North Fair Amusement Board to extend the catch fence. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2006 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.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the rising cost of fuel and road materials.

At 8:43 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Nelson, Motion carried 3-0. At 8:45 a.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

A utility agreement was approved for Dewayne Kalivoda to bury an underground waterline in Section 5 of Richland Township crossing into Section 4 of Richland Township.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to pay \$125.00 to re-program the cash register for the driver's license machine.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance.

Larry Beesen visited with the Board about the needed repairs to the building that was formerly Sherry's Thrift Shop. Beeson estimated it would cost about \$3,600.00 to install support beams and/or replace the load bearing walls taken out by the previous owners of Sherry's Thrift Shop.

After careful consideration the Board decided to put no additional money into this building and to ask Jean Meyer, Computers and More, if she was still interested in buying this building. Meyer was the only bidder when Republic County solicited sealed bids to sell this building "as is" a few months ago. Clerk Hall will call Ms. Meyer and ask if she is still interested in this building.

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

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. had the Contract of Sale between Republic County d/b/a Republic County Development, and Sharon Hammons of Lots one (1), two (2), and (3) of Block twenty (20) of Simond's Addition to the City of Belleville, Kansas. The Board signed the contract.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Spurney. Second by Ms. Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:49 a.m. with no action taken by the Board. The Board requested an additional 10-minutes. Regular session resumed at 9:59 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Steve and Kyle Awalt visited with the Board about various construction matters.

Commissioner Nelson left the meeting and did not return for the afternoon session.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about computers in his department. He is considering a new hard drive to save the daily files.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid for the City Multi Mini Split job from Tebow Plumbing. Phase One was bid at \$48,868.67 and Republic County received only one bid. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The Board signed a contract with Novak Brothers and Gieber Auctioneer to hold the County Surplus Sale on May 20, 2006 at the NCK Fair Grounds.

Deputy Jimmy Shepek gave a report on the county jail. Henry Tetreault was offered a full time position as jailer and Jordan Perez was offered a part time position.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Gerald Blazek visited with the Board about RCD matters.

At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 30-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Bernadette Carrio, her husband Mike Kolman and County Clerk Vickie Hall attended this session. An additional 15-minutes was requested for this session. Regular session resumed at 2:15 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2006 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.

At 8:36 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 8:51 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the delinquent real estate tax listing. Ms. Coons noted that they currently have 22 parcels for the upcoming tax sale.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

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 Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. told the Board that Paul and Jean Meyer have purchased the property previously known as Sherry's Thrift Shop. The purchase price was \$1,500.00 for this property. The Board signed the real estate deed to sell Lots 15 & 16 of Block 16 of the Original Townsite of Belleville to Paul and Jean Meyer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh gave a progress report on the 2006 election process. The Board gave Clerk Hall permission to use the small room in the far southwest corner of the first floor of the Courthouse to store the electronic election equipment.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board opened the Final Performance Hospital Hearing. Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and Deb Hadachek were present to close out the \$400,000.00 block grant for the Republic County Hospital Project. This grant has been a great supplement to local money spent on the hospital project. It has also allowed for additional work to be accomplished that would not have been possible without the grant. It has been a huge project that actually benefits a large population of our County.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received permission to travel to the Kansas Register of Deeds Association Meeting, June 6-9, in Garden City, Kansas.

The Board recognized the month of May as Mental Health Month to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about roads.

Perez noted that Evelyn Love gave her 2-weeks notice and will be retiring from Republic County on May 19, 2006. Mr. Perez told the Board that he would host a joint retirement party for Evelyn and Charlie Love on May 25 from 3:30-5:30 at the County Shop.

A Utility Agreement was approved for Every Angle Covered to bury an underground control wire for water wells from the east water tower in Scandia.

Bids were read for the replacement of the furnace and air conditioning unit at the Road and Bridge Office. Culbertson Electric bid \$5,289.00 while Tebow Plumbing bid \$3,520.00 for the furnace and air conditioning. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid from Tebow Plumbing.

John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning, stopped by to visit with the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. She noted that Republic County could use about 20 pads for travel trailers or mobile homes. Due to different events such as the NCK Fair, the need for trailer pads varies with the event and the time of year. The first wave of workers coming in to work on the Ethanol Plant near Scandia will be dirt movers.

The Republic County Economic Development Corporation's general meeting will be held on July 19, 2006. All three commissioners plan to attend so a "Notice" of the meeting will be put in the Belleville Telescope.

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

Mike Hadachek, Larry Beeson, Ernest Herring, Jr., Gerald Blazek, Kay Shoemaker, Cindy Coons and Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Ambulance Director David Strnad, Assistant Director Rodney Dusek and Josh Melton visited with the Board about the engine repairs on a county ambulance.

Mr. Strnad received permission to travel to the Web EOC Meeting May 18, 2006 in Clay Center, Kansas. It was also noted that he plans to take bids for a new computer.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Sara Monsanto gave the Board a report of work Sara did through the Student on the Job Training Program. She completed her hours at the Economic Development Office.

Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Shepek visited with the Board about a salary survey.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

The morning began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Attorney William Navis visited with the Board about the upcoming delinquent real estate tax sale.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to award Chapman-Hyland Abstract Company, Eloise Chapman Ray, the bid for the tax sale abstracting services. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. This was the only bid received at \$75.00 per tract. Mr. Navis told the Board he felt that was a reasonable charge for the title searches and abstracting services.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received notification that Republic County was awarded a \$40,000 Heritage Trust Fund Grant, to complete the project of restoring the front entrance of the Republic County Courthouse.

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

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the Working with Abstracts Seminar, September 14, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about repairing an ambulance. The Board would like to visit with Josh Melton next week and ask for an explanation of the bill presented for work done on the ambulance.

David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region Four Testing Meeting, May 25, 2006 in Lincoln, Kansas.

Mr. Strnad stated that they had accepted the bid from Computers and More, Jean Meyer for the new computer in the Ambulance Department.

Ken Johnson, Concordia, Kansas invited the Board to celebrate the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the 6th Principal Meridian, June 10, 2006. Two new highway signs are being put up to direct people to the monument. Most of the festivities are being held in Mahaska, KS.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge and Transportation matters. Barbara Buchanan was hired to drive the Republic County Transportation bus. Buchanan will be paid \$8.00 per hour with no benefits. Mr. Perez reminded the Board about the retirement party for Charlie and Evelyn Love to be held on Thursday at the county shop.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Mr. Perez to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:25 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Perez noted that he moved Terry Cherney from district operator to a new position of Road Foreman for the east side of the County. Cherney will be paid \$12.91 per hour. Kevin Kopsa has been working as an operator and was recently promoted to bridge foreman. Kopsa will be paid \$13.17 per hour. Both changes are effective May 23, 2006.

Les Novak was serving his probation period in January when the 3% cost of living raises were given out. Novak has now completed his 6 months and will receive the cost of living increase going from \$9.37 to \$9.66 per hour.

The Board enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the prayer of the day.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited about various matters.

Patron Rick Fry visited with the Board about his property being on the delinquent real estate tax sale. To keep his property off the tax sale for one more year Mr. Fry would have to pay 2000 and 2001 taxes and a \$75.00 mowing fee charged by Belleville City for mowing his property. The Board told Fry that all taxpayers had to be treated the same and that the Board could not selectively pull his property off the tax sale.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing Co. visited with the Board about Phase I of the City Multi Mini-Split job. Tebow requested a purchase order/letter/contract for installation of Phase One. Due to the size of the job he must the agreement in writing. The County Attorney's Secretary Cathy Calkins typed a letter of commitment for Phase One and the Board signed it.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, May 30, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 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 approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed the 2005 personal property tax abatement for Denzil and Joyce Anderson, the old Bel-Villa Restaurant, in the amount of \$1,087.33 due to the sale of the building fixtures and contents.

Wayne Gardner visited with the Board about business incentives and tax breaks for small businesses.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Health Director Marcia Hansen discussed the cost estimates for the handicap bathroom in her department. Richard Lindberg gave an estimate of \$1,664.00 and Tebow Plumbing estimates \$2,500.00 to complete the bathroom. The work will begin in the near future.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Deputy Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about road improvements near the County Ambulance Building. The cost will be about \$3,000.00 to \$3,500.00 in concrete to make the repairs at the west end of the street.

Perez noted that a new heating and air conditioning unit was installed last week at the county shop. Nathan Craig will be changing his job description to bridge crew and Perez noted that Randy Alkire will be moving to the position of truck driver. There will be no change in their hourly rate.

Mr. Perez notified The City of Courtland about displaying the standard size, 30 inch by 30 inch, stop sign in their community.

Melinda Pierson, Jane Couture, Paul Haase, Rod Woods and Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board on behalf of the county travel and tourism committee. The group discussed the cost of placing an ad in the 2007-2008 Official Kansas Visitors guidebook. Black and white ads are no longer acceptable and the cost of the colored ads has almost doubled in price. A quarter page ad will cost \$4,430.00 and one eighth of a page will cost \$3,250.00 with half the payment due this August and the balance may be paid in January 2007. Belleville City has budgeted \$1,000.00 to go towards the purchase of an ad. The group was seeking assistance from the Board of County Commissioners to help pay for a Republic County ad.

Clerk Hall visited with the Board about the pay telephone on the southwest corner of the square. AT&T is disposing of all the pay telephones. Another company will purchase them but to maintain that one telephone will cost \$75.00 per month. The City of Belleville has been approached about sharing the expense with Republic County.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs and business opportunities with Steve Anderson. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:55 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 12:10 p.m., County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Cindy to discuss non-elected personnel.

Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 12:15 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford returned to visit about Nesika Energy and stated that the directors have signed the Construction Agreement. A public forum will be held on June 28 at the Scandia Gym.

Following a lunch break the Board visited with Curtis Klima about promoting the NCK Fair and the car races.

Clerk Hall visited with Bud Cowan from the Attorney Assist for KCAMP.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2006 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 adopt Resolution 2006-14. It states that Republic County casts its ballot for the appointment of Doyle Rahjes and Jerry Meyer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-Large for positions 2 and 6, respectively, for terms beginning June 1, 2006 and ending May 31, 2010. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Republic County Clerk of the District Court Kris Kling visited with the Board about State mandates and the 2007 district court budget. Kling said it was suggested that each County include \$3,000 in their budget for computer services. There are six counties in our judicial district. Ms. Kling will bring the proposed 2007 budget to the Board in the near future.

The Board told Ms. Kling that Republic County should be able to hire local vendors for computer services on an "as needed basis" instead of being bound by a contract with a computer vendor chosen at the district level. The Board felt it would be more convenient and cost effective to hire a local computer technician and pay by the hour for support.

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

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to keep the pay telephone on the Courthouse Square in service. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Belleville City Manager Robert Knudson reported that Belleville City would pay fifty percent of the \$75.00 per month charge to maintain that telephone service.

Extension Agent Tandy Rundus stopped to report that 4-H representatives are still researching the lease agreement for the Republic County 4-H Building. That agreement should be finalized and signed by all parties.

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

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about the billing for the ambulance repair.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about road projects. Perez noted that his employees spent several hours last Wednesday night in the Republic area removing debris and checking roads after the heavy rain in that area. Debris will need to be removed from ditches and culverts to provide proper drainage in the future.

The Board approved the purchase of one gas powered posthole digger to be used by the road foremen.

The residents have disposed of 183 tons of recyclable material since the recycling program began in Republic County.

Luke Moore has been hired as a mechanic at the County shop. June 5 is his first day and he will make \$10.02 per hour.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about business developments. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to sign the proclamation declaring June as Business Appreciation Month. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for Health Director Marcia Hansen and Sue Swanson to attend the Annual Planning Conference, June 8-9, in Wichita, Kansas.

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

At 1:00 p.m., the Board visited with County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring about preparations for the 2007 County Budget.

Carolee Miner, Patrick Wallerius and Shelia Nelson-Stout, representatives from OCCK in Concordia, met with the Board to discuss 2007 budget appropriations. OCCK has requested \$22,145.00 for the year 2007.

Health Director Marcia Hansen informed the Board that Julie Lindberg turned in her resignation as secretary at the Republic County Health Office. The Board accepted her resignation with regret as she has served as the secretary in that department for 12 years.

Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka, Representative of the NCK Agriculture Fair Board, visited with the Board about projects at the NCK Fairgrounds. They will take bids for a new metal roof on the Commercial Building at the fairgrounds. Payment for the new roof would be made from the Fairground Improvement line item in the 2006 county budget.

At 4:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 4:10 p.m. No action taken by the board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2006 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.

Wayne Pachta, John E. Robison, Jerome Kieffer, Terry Alstatt, Jerry Strnad and Lori Siemsen, Republic County Soil Conservation representatives, submitted their budget request for 2007.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Curtis Klima, NCK Fair Amusement Committee, visited with the Board about special projects. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to allocate \$2,500.00 in funding for replacement lighting at the racetrack and \$1,500.00 for promotion of the Midget National Races. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. The money will be taken from the Fair Improvement line item in the budget.

Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about property tax exemptions.

County Clerk Vickie Hall reported that all the electronic election equipment purchased by Republic County has been officially tested and certified by the State. Each machine was tested on Thursday.

Republic County District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented the 2007 proposed court budget.

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

Treasurer's Deputy Kay Shoemaker noted that the RCD meeting would be held on Wednesday evening. There was no information to exchange at this time.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Road and Bridge will purchase **one** gas powered posthole digger instead of two. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about road maintenance. The men have completed the work on the Courtland road by the Courtland Cemetery. Jewell County ground that road for us.

The employees will now start concentrating on patching the asphalt roads.

Norman Hoard visited with Perez and the Board about alternative use of fuel.

A permission to travel was approved for Alvin Perez to attend the Recycling Task Force Meeting, June 21, 2006 in McPherson, Kansas.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to allow the Belleville Public Library to use the Courthouse Lawn for a July 6th activity.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion for the Board to sign and finalize the original proposed 4-H Building Lease between Republic County and the Republic County 4-H representatives. The Board asked County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to make a duplicate copy of the proposed lease and get the 4-H representatives to accept or reject it. Nelson seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0. This lease agreement should have been completed weeks ago.

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

At 1:00 p.m. the Board visited with Robin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health and board member, Dr. Robert E. Holt. They made the 2007 budget request for Pawnee Mental Health. They are requesting \$21,000 for 2007.

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

The Board went to the First National Bank meeting room to participate in the pandemic influenza tabletop exercise.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2006 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.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Conference, September 12-15, 2006 in Hays, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh to attend the Regional Election Training, June 27, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Deb Eitzmann to attend the Personal Property Class, October 17-20, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas.

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

County Appraiser Barry Porter presented his department 2007 budget proposal. GIS Mapping was discussed with the Board.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the 2007 District Court budget. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase the payment of Republic County jury fees to \$20.00 per day. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Deb Hadachek, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, introduced Eileen Sutton to the Board. They monitored a portion of the meeting.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board. Steve Anderson joined the group. At 10:16 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:26 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Steve and Kyle Awalt visited with the Board.

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

Perez noted that the excavator and one truck are working on the corn stock debris around the Republic area. Many ditches and culverts need unplugged after the heavy rain.

There was a request to change the Yield signs to Stop signs at Jade Road and 240 Road. After much discussion, the Board and Perez decided to add a Cross Roads sign (indicates an intersection) on the east and west roads. Stop signs will not be added to the intersection at this time.

A Utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and AT&T to move and bury a telephone cable along south right-of-way of Nickel Road and the intersection of 90 Road so the Road and Bridge Department can begin construction work.

The Jewell County Commissioners called and canceled the previously scheduled lunch and joint meeting due to wheat harvest. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen presented her 2007 budget for the health department. Ms. Hansen noted that she has hired Regina Beldon as the new office manager/bookkeeper for the Health Department at \$8.50 per hour. Debbie Sells will take on increased responsibilities as Wick Clerk and receive \$8.10 per hour.

Melinda Pierson, representing both the Chamber and Main Street visited with the Board about advertising in the Kansas Get-A-Way Guide. She will await the decision of the Board as to how much money Republic County will be able to pay towards advertising.

Melinda presented two Hold Harmless Agreements for the Farmers Market starting July 1 and going through September 30, 2006. She also offered one for the Triple Race Feature on Friday, July 28, 2006. Festivities and lunch will be served on the Courthouse lawn from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

Nancy Holt and David Bowersox presented the proposed 2007 Republic County Historical Society budget. Their request is \$16,000 with no increase in the last few years.

Weed Director Steve Pounds presented his 2007 proposed budget for the Weed Department.

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

Alvin Perez, Harold Wilber and Martin Nelson drove to Concordia to view a modular classroom that is for sale. They wanted to personally view the construction and see if the building would be sturdy and appropriate for the proposed office building at Republic County Road and the Bridge/Weed Offices. They will visually check today and discuss it on Monday, June 26, 2006 at regular session.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2006 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.

Josh Melton, representing Melton Motor Company, Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about repairs to the ambulance. Payment will be made in two weeks with the regular accounts payable procedure.

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

At 8:57 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:07 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Steve Awalt visited with the Board about concrete.

Permission to travel was approved for Retha Blecha to attend the "Reading Legal Descriptions and Deeds Seminar", October 16, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the Republic County 4-H Building Lease. County Extension Agent Tandy Rundus agreed to have the lease signed by all parties and returned to the Board on Monday, July 3, 2006.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. asked the Board to raise the pay for his secretary. The Board agreed to pay Cathy Calkins \$10.07 per hour.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Starting January 1, 2007 the Board approved a \$1.00 County fee to be paid by all drivers licenses applicants. Ms. Coons noted that several people have paid their back taxes and the list is down to 19 parcels for the upcoming delinquent tax sale.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board. The Road and Bridge employees are making good progress south of Narka as they patch the road.

Perez noted that Stephen Istas was hired as Agenda District #10 Operator replacing Terry Cherney. Istas will be paid \$9.37 per hour.

At 10:31 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss acquisition of property with Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:41 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:42 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad and Secretary Jan Kauer visited with the Board. Blad presented his proposed 2007 budget for the Sheriff's Department and the Jail.

Blad noted that Jeff Smith would work part-time as a deputy for the Sheriff's Department. Two deputies have resigned and moved out of the area.

At 1:22 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Highway Administrator Alvin Perez to discuss the acquisition of property. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. At 1:27 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

At 1:30 p.m., the Board held the regular monthly department head meeting. Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney, Appraiser Barry Porter, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Alvin Perez, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Custodian Kevin

Calkins, Sheriff Ron Blad, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Ambulance Director David Strnad, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Extension Agent Tandy Rundus were in attendance.

The Board gave approval for Gloria Ball to work part-time in the County Health Department. Ms. Ball will start at \$7.25 per hour.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe presented her 2007 budget proposal. She noted that she purchased a new file cabinet to store 455 and 427 school transcripts. Ks. Statute states records of all "closed" schools will be kept in the Register of Deeds Office.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek presented the 2007 proposed department budget.

At 2:54 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Strnad. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 3:04 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney presented his 2007 budget proposals. He noted that Republic County would receive \$3,727.00 in SLA Funding for 2007. He also noted that Republic County has been awarded \$23,000 in Homeland Security funds for 2007.

Custodian Kevin Calkins presented his 2007 budget proposal.

At 3:50 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Kim Holloway. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 4:05 p.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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, July 3, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 3, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also in attendance.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh visited with the Board about public demonstrations of the new election equipment. Clerk Hall noted that they plan to show the equipment at the local festivals within the County and other local communities.

At 8:49 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Custodian Kevin Calkins. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. At 8:54 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

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

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring joined Clerk Hall to visit with the Board about the 2007 budget projections.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board about the Nesika Energy informational meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received approval for EMT Pam Smith to attend a Drunken Drivers Conference on July 27, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

Strnad also received permission to travel to the Region IV Meeting, July 11, in Ellsworth, Kansas.

Approval was also given for Strnad to attend a meeting in Seneca, Kansas about EMS wages. The Board asked Strnad to get more information about the contents of the meeting before making a decision to attend it.

At 10:12 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Strnad. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. At 10:22 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-15 as an official listing of salaries of Republic County Elected Officials. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. This is done each year for the county auditor's files.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept Resolution 2006-16 to hereby levy an annual tax not to exceed one and one half mills upon taxable intangible property to create a fund for the purpose of repairing, remodeling, re-equipping and refurbishing the Republic County Courthouse.

Said levy shall be made annually for a period of 2 years. Motion was second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez spoke with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to purchase a truck from Mid American Truck Equipment to pull the “belly-dump” trailer currently owned by the County. Payment of \$18,250.00 will be paid from the Special Equipment Fund. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The Board gave their approval for the County Transportation bus to run in Belleville City on the 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings to assist people in getting to the Farmer’s Market.

At 11:28 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to talk about non-elected personnel with Mr. Perez. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

At 11:33 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Having no further business, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2006 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 the accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept Resolution 2006-17, second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. A resolution granting Twin Valley Telephone, Inc., its affiliates, subsidiaries, successor and assigns, the right to construct, install, maintain and operate a telephone, cable television and digital data system within Republic County, Kansas.

It was a consensus of the Board to give the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature \$200.00 as they work to bring Senior Issues to the attention of the Kansas State Legislature.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about his department. Strnad gave his report for the month of June.

Highway Administration Alvin Perez visited with the Board. The men have worked on patching the Narka blacktop, dragging roads and doing smaller projects around the County.

The Board gave permission to appoint Darlene Havel as the secondary contact person on the Non-DOT Drug Testing program. This will change the address and eliminate some confusion on administering the program for the county. Chairman Nelson signed this change form.

Perez noted that we have tentatively been awarded the bid on the building from USD 333 in Concordia. The final acceptance would be at the official board meeting tonight, July 10, 2006. If we are the successful bidder, plans will need to start to get the foundation ready and have the building moved by September.

Perez said that a check was received from the insurance company for the fire damage that happened to the box culvert at 15-T.8. The check was \$3,781.64 or 75% of the total bill for the replacement of the structure with the culvert.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. At 11:05 the Board requested 10 additional minutes, regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

John Cyr, North Central Kansas Regional Planning visited with the Board concerning validation of the 2006 annual review of the NCK Solid Waste Management Plan. The Board approved the report, as there was no changes to the plan from last year.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about the Business Development Fund. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka recently announced approval of several JOB Grants totaling \$150,000.00 to be provided to area banks to provide to Four Rivers Development, Inc. (FORDI) to create a Business Development Fund.

The Four Rivers Development, Inc. is a non-profit organization with locations in Beloit and Salina providing services to the businesses and banks in North Central Kansas. FORDI provides services in 10 counties in North Central Kansas including Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, Saline and Washington.

Debra Peters, manager of Four Rivers Development, Inc. may be contacted at 785-738-2210 for more information.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as the Board visited with James Popelka and Kelvin Blecha, representatives of the NCK Fair Ag Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$17,500.00 from Fuller Construction to replace the roof on the Commercial Building at the NCK Fair Grounds. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The new roof will be put on before the end of the year as a 2006 project.

County Extension Agent Tandy Rundus and Pam Hammer asked the Board to “sponsor” the Touchstone Craft Fair to be held November 4, 2006. The club would like the craft fair to be at the Republic County 4-H Building. Clerk Hall will contact Tom Job at KCAMP, the insurance carrier for Republic County, to receive clarification on the liability insurance requirements.

Melinda Pierson and Bryanna Spafford visited with the Board about advertisement in the Kansas Get-Away Guide. The cost of advertising in the book has become quite expensive.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 2006 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.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary, visited with the Board about the next 2 years of advertising in the Kansas Visitors Guide. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pay \$625.00 from the Community Development Fund for advertising in the Kansas Visitor Guide. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Louis Johnson presented the 2006-2007 budget request of \$14,600.00 for the Republic County Council on Aging.

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

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller stopped to negotiate a price for the old ambulance building. The Board told Mr. Miller they would set a price on Monday, July 24, 2006.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pay \$250.00 in annual dues to the Belleville Main Street. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Raymond Raney, 911 Communications Director, told the Board that the air conditioner quit in the 911 Center. The Board asked Raney to call Tebow Plumbing and remedy the problem.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:35 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Larry Beeson, Junior Herring and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters.

In other RCD matters, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to extend the draw down date by 60 days for Kyle Heltné's RCD loan funds. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. The new date will be September 23, 2006.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. He noted that Dawn Colby would be hired as a part-time EMT.

At 10:06 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with David Strnad and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:11 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator Alvin Perez to attend the KDOT Meeting July 25, 2006 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Mr. Perez noted that he had received a letter from USD No. 333 in Concordia telling him that Republic County had been the successful bidder on the modular classroom building. The building must be moved before September and will be converted into office space for the Road and Bridge Department, Transportation and Solid Waste.

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

Road and Bridge employees hauled gravel and put it on the detours for the Hwy. 148 project. Perez told the Board that there was a mistake made and the signs at eight locations along 36

Highway warning people that Highway 148 was closed were never made or installed. Perez told the Board that this has caused a lot of confusion as we have vehicles going everywhere on our county roads. Vehicles including semi-trucks are trying to get turned around and find their way back to the highway.

Kevin Riddle asked Chairman Nelson to sign the Proposed FY 2007 Budget for Community Corrections.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the air conditioner in the 911 Center.

The balance of the afternoon was spent preparing the 2007 Republic County Budget with the County Auditor Randy Hofmeier, Auditor Jerry Pugh, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring. Republic County Valuation for 2006 is 48,500,551. The 2006 levy will go down by 2.097 mills from the 2005 budget. The Republic County Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, August 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. with a second by Wilber. Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Nelson, Holl and Wilber present. Beth Reed was present to record the Minutes of the meeting.

Accounts Payable vouchers were presented for signature.

Brian Schultze was hired as Sheriff's deputy at an hourly wage of \$8.75.

Junior Herring met with the Board concerning an RCD matter.

A portion of the meeting was monitored by Eileen Sutton, representing the Belleville Telescope.

County Attorney Frank Spurney advised the Board on various matters.

Wilber moved, Nelson seconded and Holl made unanimous that the Minutes of the July 17th, 2006 meeting be approved.

Six-month Memorandum of Agreements were signed for Scandia, Courtland and Narka setting the monthly amount to be paid to the County for solid waste fees.

Raymond Raney received permission to attend a CAMEO class in Topeka July 31 through August 3rd.

Tandy Rundus visited with the Board concerning insurance requirements for rental of the 4-H building. As advised by the County's insurance company, unless an event to be held in the 4-H building is a county-function, the party renting the building will need to provide their own liability insurance prior to holding the event.

Alvin Perez, Highway Administrator, met to discuss various road and bridge project matters.

A Resolution was approved to place Cross Road signs and Stop signs at the intersection of 170 Road and Rock Road to provide safety to the traveling public. Cross Road signs will be placed 500' both East and West of the intersection center line in conjunction with Stop Ahead signs being placed on 170 Road approximately 500 feet, both North and South of the intersection, and Stop Signs to be placed on the North and South side of the intersection of Rock Road. The Cross Road signs will be placed in the NE ¼, NE ¼ 27-3-3 & SW ¼, SW ¼ 23-3-3. The Stop Ahead and Stop Signs will be placed in the SE ¼, SE ¼ 22-3-3 & NW ¼, NW ¼ 28-3-3 of the 6th P.M.

Marlin Havel had requested that the Commissioners close the road north of Havel Salvage to Rural Gas, Inc., so that a permanent set of scales could be installed. The Commissioners chose not to close that particular road at this time.

Mr. Perez received permission to attend a Road and Bridge Issues I & II workshop to be held in Hutchinson on August 8th and 9th, 2006.

Steve Awalt met to discuss bidding criteria on the fountain removal project.

The Commissioners recessed to attend the regularly scheduled monthly Hospital Board meeting.

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

John Cyr and Steve Thompson of North Central Regional Planning Commission, along with Raymond Raney and Barry Porter met to discuss Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and the benefits of implementing this program in Republic County. A slide presentation explaining the GIS was then given to the Department Heads at the monthly Department Head meeting held at 1:30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board accepted the proposal of North Central Regional Planning Commission to provide and Environmental Review for Republic County.

Chairman Nelson called the Solid Waste Hearing to order. There were no patrons who attended this session.

As there was no further business to be conducted by the Board, the meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 31, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____

Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED: _____

Martin Nelson, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member
Linda Holl, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 31st, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Nelson, Holl and Wilber present. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Holl moved, Wilber seconded and Nelson made unanimous that the Minutes of the July 24th, 2006 meeting be approved as written.

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

A portion of the meeting was monitored by Eileen Sutton representing the Belleville Telescope.

Alvin Perez met to discuss various Road and Bridge matters. Bridge inspection bids were opened at 10:30. Two bids were received: Campbell and Johnson - \$35.72 per bridge (254 bridges) for a total of \$9,108.60; Cook, Flatt and Strobel - \$39.00 per bridge (254 bridges) for a total of \$9,906.00. Holl moved, seconded by Nelson and made unanimous by Wilber that the low bid of Campbell and Johnson, at \$35.72 per bridge, be accepted.

Bid openings are scheduled for August 7, 2006, 10:30 a.m. for the moving of the double-wide building from Concordia to the County Shops.

A ten-minute executive session was called to discuss non-elected personnel. Included in this session were the three Commissioners and Alvin Perez. No action was taken.

After a lunch recess, Marcia Hansen, Health Director, met to obtain signatures on the School Nursing Services Contracts for USD 426 and USD 109 for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Also, signatures were obtained on the Child Care Licensing Grant regarding day-care providers within the County, for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

David Strnad reported that he had hired Dawn Colby as a part-time paramedic, effective July 27, 2006, with a beginning wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Cindy Coons, Treasurer, received permission to attend a Kansas Title and Registration Seminar to be held in Salina on August 17, 2006.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, August 7th. Ballots from the primary election held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 will be canvassed on Monday, August 7th, in the Commissioners' Room in the Courthouse.

There being no further business, Nelson moved, Wilber seconded and Holl made unanimous that the meeting be adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson, Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling invited the Board to a meeting about Court Security to be held September 12, 2006.

The Board agreed to discontinue the individual listing of the Republic County Courthouse in the Kansas Visitors Travel Guide.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Nelson ordered the 2007 Republic County Budget Hearing to begin. Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek, Weed Director Steve Pounds and Highway Administrator Alvin Perez attended the budget hearing along with County Clerk Vickie Hall and the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the proposed 2007 Budget as published in the Belleville Telescope. Second by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Chairman Nelson.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to travel to a district meeting in Beloit, Kansas.

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

A memorandum of agreement concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees was signed for the Cities of Munden, Narka and Agenda.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Perez received permission to attend the KCHA Executive Committee Meeting, August 16, 2006, in Salina, Kansas.

At 10:50 a.m., Chairman Nelson made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:55 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Nelson called to order the official opening of the bid to construct the foundation for the Road and Bridge office building. The Board accepted the \$12,100.00 bid from Budreau Construction, Clyde, Kansas. This was the only bid received for this project. Budreau plans to start September 5 and have the job completed by September 29, 2006.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch and view the building on the Jimmie Otott property. Otott's building has been offered to the County if the County moves it and fills in the hole.

The Board and County Clerk Vickie Hall held the official canvas of ballots from the statewide primary election.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Karen Bonner received permission to travel to the NCK District Treasurer's meeting, September 8, 2006 in Abilene. Ms. Coons also received permission to attend a certification class, September 12-13 in Great Bend, Kansas.

Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that taxes may be paid "on line" starting this November and that the delinquent tax list will be printed in the County paper.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to reject all bids for the removal of the Arbutnot Memorial Fountain. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. It was decided that County equipment and County employees would do the job.

The Board drafted letters to the NCK Fair Amusement Board and the Agriculture Board. The Commissioners sent the letters thanking them for extensive planning, promotion and execution of another successful NCK Free Fair.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on August 14, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Nelson, Holl and Wilber present. Beth Reed was present to record the Minutes of the meeting.

Accounts Payable vouchers were presented for signatures.

David Strnad submitted the July report for the Ambulance Department.

The Chairman signed the 2007 Operations Fund Budget for the Republic County Conservation District.

The Board approved an Amended Republic County Industrial & Commercial Development Policy, as requested by the RCD Loan Committee.

Wilber moved, Holl seconded and Nelson made unanimous that the Minutes of the August 7th, 2006 meeting be approved as written.

Roger Fuller of Fuller Construction presented a bill in the amount of \$17,968.00 for the completion of the roofing project on the exhibit building at the fairgrounds. This amount had been approved at a prior Commissioner meeting. A voucher will be submitted for payment to Mr. Fuller.

Beth Reed received permission to attend a Kansas Emergency Management Association Board meeting in Hays on August 15 and 16, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned so the Commissioners could attend the funeral of Patricia Herrman. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Ron Blad, Sheriff, and Eric Brunner, Undersheriff, met to discuss the pay scale in the Sheriff's Department. A proposal was submitted, but no action was taken. This proposal, if approved, is designed to eliminate much of the overtime hours now being paid to personnel in the Sheriff's Department. The Board will study the proposal and visit with Sheriff Blad on Monday, August 21st, 2006, with a decision on whether or not it will be approved.

Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker met to discuss RCD matters. Discussion was held on actions to be taken concerning Junior and Alisia Herring's over-due loan payments on A. J.'s Cafe. The RCD Loan Committee has recommended that a letter be written to request that their outstanding loan be brought up-to-date within ten days to avoid further action. A letter should, also, be sent to Larry Beeson, co-signer of the loan, to advise him of the situation and set out actions that will need to be pursued, if the loan is not brought to a current status within the ten-day period. Holl moved, Wilber seconded and Nelson made unanimous that these letters be sent as per the recommendation of the RCD Loan Committee.

Raymond Raney advised of a personnel shortage in the Communications Department. He requested and received permission to hire a part-time dispatcher.

Frank Spurney, County Attorney, discussed various matters with the Board.

Curtis Klima and Kevin Couture, representing the Fair Amusements Committee, discussed repairs on a pump truck used at the race track. The repair bill is in the amount in excess of \$6,000.00. Research will be done to determine if the truck is covered under the County's insurance policy. The Fair Amusements Committee is to pay the initial costs, with the County to reimburse them for at least a portion, if not all of the bill.

Alvin Perez gave a weekly project report. He received permission to attend a Local Consultation Workshop being hosted by Kansas Department of Transportation in Salina on August 23rd.

Discussion was held on who could be sent to Concordia from the Road and Bridge Department to remove the porch on a building purchased to be moved to the County Shops. As personnel in the Road and Bridge Department are all currently working on various projects that are underway, the Board gave permission for Mr. Perez to hire someone to remove the porch prior to the building being moved. The cost of the building is \$15,001.00, which will be funded out of the Weed Department Budget.

Marcia Hansen presented a Memorandum of Agreement with Cloud County Health Department for a Family Planning Grant. The MOA was signed by Chairman Nelson. The agreement specifies that Republic County Health Department will receive \$2,592.00 in fiscal year 2007. In previous years, Republic County has benefited from the grant by being able to purchase pharmaceuticals through Cloud County at a discount. However, Republic County will now, also, receive grant funds for the operation of the Family Planning Program.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Beth Reed

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson, Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. All written correspondence was reviewed by the Board.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Cheryl Loring received permission to travel to the North Central Kansas County Clerk's fall meeting, September 12, 2006 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Permission to travel was also approved for Amy McIntosh to attend an Employment Seminar, September 12, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas.

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

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, stopped to visit.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall received permission to travel the Kansas County Officials Association meeting, September 19 – 22 in Wichita, Kansas.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Deputy Jim Shepek visited with the Board. The proposed pay plan was adopted for the Sheriff's Department. Approval was also given to hire Cheryl Eickmann and Jane Ann Lervold as part-time jailers.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe shared information on the restoration of the entrance light towers and the side wings for the front steps of the Republic County Courthouse.

Jim Reed reported on the courtyard renovation. Reed is preparing the soil for the installation of the sprinkler system and planting of the new grass. He noted that he would like to have the grass planted before September 9.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about the Road and Bridge budget. The budget is going to be tight due to the fuel costs.

Perez noted that due to the recent rains the men are getting over the roads with the graders then will return to patching the blacktop roads.

Permission to travel was approved for Alvin Perez to attend the KCHA By-law and Constitution Committee meeting, August 22, 2006 in Manhattan, Kansas.

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

At 1:00 p.m., Chairman Nelson opened the session for the Landlords Solid Waste Hearings. No patrons attended this session.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed and Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Board Meeting, August 15 – 16 in Hays, Kansas.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson, and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Jim Nitcher monitored the meeting.

Junior Herring informed the Board that he closed AJ's Café on Saturday.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the Morning Prayer.

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

The Board signed the accounts payable vouchers followed by a review of the written correspondence.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about building maintenance and yard work.

Belleville Telescope reporter Eileen Sutton monitored a portion of the meeting.

Public Relations Manager for Lovewell and Jamestown Wildlife Areas Rob Unruh and Kansas Regional Director of Wildlife and Parks John Ritchey visited with the Board and presented them with a large wildlife picture.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures on the Family Planning Agreement between Cloud and Republic Counties. Republic County will receive approximately \$2,000.00 in 2007 grant money. Ms. Hansen noted that she would be hiring a full time home health aide/homemaker to work in her department.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to table the foreclosure on AJ's café. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Attorney Bill Navis visited with the Board about delinquent taxes. Eloise Ray is working on title searches for 19 parcels.

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

The Board accepted the bid for \$8,500.00 from Leon Ball of Ball and Son Movers to move the modular classroom building from Concordia to the Road and Bridge yard. Budreau Construction plans to start the work on the foundation around the 5th of September.

Perez told the Board the International truck is in the shop at Mid American Truck to fix the clutch. When it is returned they will take it to Melton Motors to repair the body damage to the front end of the truck. Perez noted that three trucks are currently out of service.

The Road and Bridge Department will start billing for fuel reimbursements every two weeks to coincide with the accounts payable schedule.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Alvin Perez. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:05 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 11:06 a.m., Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:16 a.m., with no action taken by the board.

Chairman Nelson signed the letter of intent for assessing match money from the Kansas Senior Care Act Incentive Fund.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to pay \$250.00 to Rafael Rodriguez as he completes the Web Design for Republic County. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Republic County and the City of Belleville are sharing the cost.

Commissioner Nelson mad a motion to adjourn for lunch with Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Ambulance Director David Strnad. At 1:14 p.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Mr. Strnad. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 1:24 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek to attend a hearing in Kansas City, Kansas.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to pass Resolution 2006-19 to conform to the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" pertaining to Rail Crossings. This crossing is located on 30 Road north of Rock Road. Second by Nelson, the motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved the hiring of Andrew D. Bates as a full time Sheriff's Deputy at \$10.50 per hour.

At 1:30 p.m., K-Camp representative Brandan Mann gave a training session on Work Place Harassment with an emphasis on department head documentation.

James Hedstrom of U.S. Cellular Company visited with Beth Reed and the Board.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Ambulance Department Assistant Director Rod Dusek stopped to visit with the Board. The Board gave authorization for Republic County to pay tuition costs for the upcoming EMT Courses. The student agrees to become certified by the Kansas State Board of EMS and work a minimum of one twelve-hour shift per month for the Republic County for a period of one year. If the student does not complete the course and receive certification the student will reimburse the County in the amount of tuition and fees paid on their behalf. Melva Nondorf, Jeff Smith and Trevor Lieb will take the EMT class conducted by Jewell County Emergency Medical Services. Wendy Carver will take the EMT Course conducted by Cloud County Community College.

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

Beth Reed visited with the Board about cellular telephones for county employees.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board about various matters.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about work being done in his department.

Custodian Kevin Calkins and Jim Reed visited with the Board about yard work.

Mike Hadachek and Brian Schwartz gave a progress report on Republic County Economic Development projects.

Highway Administrator Alvin Perez visited with the Board about Road and Bridge projects and recycling.

Budreau Construction will start on the foundation work at the shop around September 18. He will call ahead so the site can be excavated prior to his arrival.

The men finished patching the Agenda Blacktop last Wednesday and moved to Old 81 South of 148 Highway. When they finish they should moved back to the Narka Oil to repair the bad spots prior to sealing.

There is some question as to the whether or not we will be able to use the CRS-1HM to seal the road. This product is to be applied during warmer temperatures. SemMaterials representative Ron Matteson was real skeptical that the material is going to perform as designed at these cooler temperatures.

Alvin was asked by Martin for his decision on removing the fountain. Mr. Perez once again indicated that he would not remove the fountain.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:15 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about hiring a new employee in her department.

At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with EMT Kim Holloway. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:42 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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

At 1:00 p.m., the Board gathered at the First National Bank Building to participate in the "After Action Report" or follow-up on the Pandemic Flu Planning meeting held a few weeks ago.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the recycling trailer at the Republic County Hospital.

Belleville City Manager Robert Knudson visited with the Board. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to allow "No Parking" on the East Side of "S" Street from the south corner of the high school football field to the intersection of "S" Street and Country Club Drive. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Belleville City will put up the signs.

Communications Director Raymond Raney received permission to hire part-time dispatchers at \$8.85 per hour with no benefits.

Sheriff Ron Blad received permission to hire Brian Schultze as a full time deputy making \$10.50 per hour with benefits.

A telephone conference call was held between the Board and U.S. Cellular Representative James Hedstrom to discuss the County's current plan. It was agreed to put 12 cellular telephones on the Wide Area Business Share Plan costing \$350.00 per month sharing 4500 total minutes with unlimited nights and week-ends. The other 17 telephones would cost \$10.00 each per month or \$170.00 per month plus 11 cents per minute for usage. The County will save about \$300.00 per month with these changes.

At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to participate in a telephone conference with attorney Bud Cowan for attorney client privilege. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 3:15 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

A telephone call was made to the Road and Bridge Office to ask Highway Administrator Alvin Perez to stop by and speak to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Perez did stop in to visit with the Board. Chairman Nelson asked for Mr. Perez's resignation in lieu of termination. Perez told the Board he would not resign from his job, that the Board would have to fire him. Chairman Nelson told Perez he was fired for insubordination. Mr. Perez left the room without a word.

Terry Cherney and Brad Swanson, the two road supervisors, visited with the Board about the upcoming changes in the Road and Bridge Department.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board approved accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the Morning Prayer.

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 RCD matters.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Commissioner Holl, Motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel for Don Lieb to attend the NCK Rural Trauma Council Meeting, September 20th in Beloit, Kansas. Mr. Lieb will also attend the Kansas Regional Trauma Council Executive Committee Meeting, November 3rd in Wichita, Kansas and the Kansas Board of EMS 2006 Annual Education Conference, October 14th in Wichita, Kansas.

Don Dean, P.E. representative for Campbell and Johnson Engineers told the Board he is ready to start inspecting the bridges in Republic County.

Road Foremen Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge projects. It was noted that the bridge at 30-U.6 was damaged due to heavy trucks. The bridge is on a road that serves as a Hwy 148 detour.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow Brad Swanson or Terry Cherney to approve the vouchers until the Board hires an interim Road Supervisor.

It was noted that Jarrod McIntosh has received orders to report for 6 months of active duty in the US Army. His last day at work will be September 28, 2006.

The Board also discussed plans to hire a temporary supervisor to oversee the road department. September 5, 2006 was Alvin Perez's last day.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring visited with the Board about the balance in the 2006 Road and Bridge budget.

Attorney William Navis and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited about the upcoming delinquent tax sale. Mr. Navis will hire some additional help to complete the certificates of title.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. Lori Benyshek was hired at \$7.75 per hour with benefits. Her first day will be September 25, 2006.

Clerk Hall will put ads in the Advertiser, Telescope, Kansas County Government newsletter and the Kansas League of Municipalities magazine to advertise the Highway Administrator position.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as the Board spoke with Don Danielson about Road and Bridge matters.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to appoint Jeff Fields to the Prairie Rose Cemetery Board. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Fields will replace Russell Lervold on this Cemetery Board.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters.

Larry Baxa visited with the Board about various matters.

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

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

John Robison presented a voucher in the amount of \$500.00 for the 2006 Dues to Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development. He also shared his concern about water allocation in the next 3-5 years.

Road Foremen Terry Cherney and Brad Swanson visited with the Board. The men will start sealing the roads on Wednesday. Other subjects were placement of the new office building, taking bids on tires and the entrance to the Nesika Ethanol Plant near Scandia.

It was noted that the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain was removed from the Courthouse lawn on September 15, 2006 by Road and Bridge employees. Chairman Nelson will contact Bob Arbuthnot about receiving the James Arbuthnot Memorial marker.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board adjourned and went to Mankato, Kansas for lunch with the Jewell County Commissioners. A joint meeting was then held to discuss items of mutual interest.

Regular session resumed at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners room, Belleville.

The Board met with County Health Director Marcia Hansen. Permission to travel was approved for Kathy Zach, Karen Henke, Donna Moravek, Juanita Ashby, Nila Skupa and Deb Sells to attend the Kansas Home Care meeting September 19-20 in Wichita, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Health Department Director Marcia Hansen, Ragena Belden and Sue Swanson to attend the Kansas State Immunization Conference, September 19-21 in Wichita, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to hire Charles Joy to serve as interim supervisor of the Republic County Road and Bridge Department until a full time person is hired. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Joy will work part-time or as needed to fulfill the administrative duties and oversee the department. He will be paid \$13.00 per hour with no benefits.

Brad Swanson, Terry Cherney, Darlene Havel and Beth Reed will be paid an additional 50 cents per hour until a new Highway Administrator is hired and assumes the full time position.

It was noted that a maintenance agreement will be drawn up for the maintenance of the entrance to the Nesika Energy, LLC, the ethanol plant, where it meets the county 70 Road.

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

The next meeting will be held September 25, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. will write a response to PETA's Action Center, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and report that county officials have responded to their complaint at 302 E. North St. in Munden, Kansas. Their findings indicate "a neighbor dispute" rather than animal neglect.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received signatures on the contract between Mid-Continent Restoration Company, Inc., Fort Scott, Kansas and Republic County. The contractor will provide necessary historic restoration work to the end walls at the west entrance of the Republic County Courthouse.

Johnnie Crawford, owner of the building also known as AJ's Café, visited with the Board. Crawford noted that the business closed August 26. Junior Herring rented the building from Crawford and has left a large, past due utility bill attached to the property. Because Mr. Herring has a low interest loan from the county's revolving loan account, Mr. Crawford was seeking some relief as the owner of the building. No action was taken.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about written documentation.

Arlene Clayton stopped to make a quick statement.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Sheriff's Deputy Jimmie Shepek, Communications Director Raymond Raney and Assistant Director of Communications Joe Herrick to attend the Kansas APCO Conference, October 15-17, in Mayetta, Kansas.

Chairman Nelson nominated Commissioner Holl as the KAC Voting Delegate for Republic County. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to nominate Nelson as the first alternate. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Invitation was received for the "sneak preview" at the Country Place Senior Living, September 26 in Belleville, Kansas. RSVP was sent for Wilber and Nelson.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Brad Swanson gave a weekly report from the Road and Bridge Department. Budreau Construction dug the footings for the office building on Wednesday. Leon Ball, Ball & Son Movers, has made plans to move the office building the first part of October.

A price increase for MSW at Rolling Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility was received prompting a joint meeting with the Cloud County Commissioners on October 2.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve payment to Republic County Road and Bridge Department in the amount of \$2,178.84 to cover the cost of removing the Arbuthnot Memorial Fountain. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Charles Joy and Brad Swanson. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 10:50 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Leave time in the employee policy manual was reviewed by the Board. IRS requirements and the county policy were also reviewed for employees driving county vehicles to and from work.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to extend the RCD Loan draw-down time for Kyle Heltne by 30 days. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to adjourn for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Carl Eyman, KWORC representative. Mr. Eyman gave a review of the county insurance coverage and premium breakdowns.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with 11 in attendance. County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Sheriff Ron Blad, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Health Director Marcia Hansen, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser Barry Porter and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Subjects were anti-virus update for the computers, the upcoming delinquent tax sale, the National Incident Management System Class (NIMS Training) to be given September 27 and the purchase of digital video mirrors or cameras for the Sheriff's vehicles.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to travel to the County Weed System Users' Symposium-Workshop, October 12, in Hays, Kansas.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board. County Auditor noted that there was a discrepancy of \$120.00 in the passport account. The Board asked Ms. Rahe if this account has been balanced. She told the Board she would take care of it.

The next regular meeting will be held October 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He noted that the men had finished the road sealing project and plan to start patching this week.

Jim Reed stopped to inform the Board that he has planted the grass on the north side of the Courthouse. He suggested putting a fall application of Weed and Feed on the south part of the lawn the first couple of weeks in October. In the spring he suggested an application of pre-emergence for the crab grass.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave the Board a detailed utility comparison and reported that the Courthouse has used 15,155 **fewer** kilowatts of electricity than last year and 194 **fewer** units in gas. This report was dated October 2, 2006. Calkins indicated a savings of approximately \$760.00 per month.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received bids on computers for her department. The Dell computer was \$1,022.63 with a four year warranty. Rod Woods bid \$1,012.99 with a two year warranty. Mrs. Coons received permission to purchase two computers for her department. Motor vehicle money will pay for one and the other will be paid from the Equipment Reserve line item.

Brian Schwartz and Mike Hadachek visited about Republic County Economic Development. On September 27, 2006 Economic Development Coordinator Bryanna Spafford gave her 30 day resignation notice to the Republic County Economic Development Board.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about hiring additional part-time dispatchers at \$8.85 per hour. Kim Joerg and Terrence Silvia will be filling in while full time dispatchers who are away on medical leave and vacation leave.

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

Following a luncheon recess the Board visited with the Cloud County Commissioners Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, Cloud County Clerk Linda Bogart and Cloud County Solid Waste Director Richard Mills about the price increase of \$3.00 per ton from Rolling Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility in Topeka.

It is currently costing a total of \$47.69 per ton to haul the solid waste from Concordia to Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Mills has studied the options and Cloud County plans to start hauling to Salina, Kansas disposal site where the charge is \$45.00 per ton instead of hauling to Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the Cloud County offer to haul solid waste for Republic County to the Salina facility at a cost of \$45.00 per ton plus the current fuel surcharge. Salina will offer a three year contract. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. It was noted that there will be a considerable savings in fuel.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson, and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The morning began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Steve Anderson, Mid – America Truck Equipment, visited with the Board about the warranty on a truck the County purchased from his firm. It was agreed that the County would pay one half the labor and pay actual cost of parts on repairs. County cost was \$1,106.88 to remove the transmission and clutch.

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope monitored a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

It was a consensus of the Board to pay \$2,000.00 out of Economic Development, listed under appropriation in the budget. This would go to pay the Docking Institute Study to determine the feasibility of making US36 Highway a four-lane highway all across Kansas. Each of the thirteen counties was asked to pay two thousand dollars. The Board instructed Clerk Hall to pay this at the end of 2006 if the money is available.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board about a Medicare overpayment of about one hundred dollars. A check will be mailed to Medicare for the overpayment. It is time consuming for the staff to recalculate each run made by the ambulance service during that time period.

At 9:59 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Strnad. Second by Nelson motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:04 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Foreman Brad Swanson reported that most of the road patching is complete. Leon Ball of Ball and Son Movers will be delivering the office building this week to the county shop area.

The Board will decide on the salary range for a highway administrator next week. The Board will also review applications.

The Board visited about the Norway road going from 148 Highway to the Cloud County line. Everyone agreed that it would require hauling a large amount of good quality dirt along with some Rail Road Rock to give that road a solid base. The road also needs a good “crown” to allow the water to run off into the ditches.

The road and bridge employees have been consulted about continuing the four 10-hour days through November 17, 2006, which is the end of the pay period. The Board gave their approval and Road and Bridge employees would receive an additional 8 hours at regular rate to compensate them for the designated holiday pay on November 10, 2006.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about the pre-conversion of data or ORION project. Porter said he hopes to be up and running in 2008. The County will pay for the data collection and software training. It will cost about \$11,000.00 for Republic County.

Mr. Porter made a formal request to hire a part-time worker for the 2007 data collection. This position would be part-time, with no benefits and work as weather permits. Porter wants to fill the position this spring.

Mr. Porter also requested that Republic County acquire an official Web site to accommodate residents, Realtors, banker's etc. with up to date valuations and property taxes on property in our county. There would be links for motor vehicle information, election information, advance

ballot forms and a variety of other information readily available on this Web site. The Board will study this proposal.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD Loan matters. It was noted that there was \$3,260.00 in proceeds from the public auction for AJ's Café. After the auctioneer fee, clerk fee and advertising costs there was \$2,612.56 remaining to apply to notes. Following the advice from County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Commissioner Nelson made a motion to apply the \$2,612.56 to Junior and Alisha Herrings original bank loan. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Belleville Main Street Secretary Melinda Piersen received approval from the Board to use the Courthouse grounds as they sponsor the Scare on the Square festivities, Friday evening, October 27, 2006.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about the meeting on Wednesday morning at the Belleville City Office to discuss highway projects in our area. Representatives from the county highway department, city representatives and one commissioner were invited to attend to offer input from the local level. Chairman Nelson said he would plan to attend this meeting.

Knudson also asked for County support on the Rocky Pond Project. At some point he might ask the County Highway Department to help haul silt from the pond with county trucks to speed up the removal process. The Board noted they would consider assisting in the effort.

Knudson asked the County to install a culvert to create an entrance to the new Dollar General Store. The Board suggested he call Charles Joy at Road and Bridge to make definite plans for the culvert installation.

Interim Highway Administrator Charlie Joy and Road Foreman Brad Swanson visited about Road and Bridge matters. Monthly reports were reviewed by the Board. Road and Bridge employees will get 8 hours of additional pay (at the regular rate) for the Veterans Day Holiday, November 10, 2006. The employees will not work that day as they are still on the 4 day work week.

It was noted that Randy Alkire and Jarrod McIntosh have completed their probation period. Their hourly rate will now be \$9.66 per hour.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received approval to purchase 2-D scanners for her office. Nex-Tech is offering them for \$220.00 each.

A utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and Gregory Brzon to grant permission to construct and operate an underground waterline on public road right-of-way commencing 600 foot north of Penn Road crossing from east to west section 11; T3S:R3W across roadway all in section 11.

The Board reviewed the applications for the job of Highway Administrator. They set the starting salary range between \$40,000 and \$45,000 depending on the qualifications and experience of the applicant. Clerk Hall will contact the applicants and set up interviews.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring reviewed the county budget with the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 23, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 23, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting. Linda Holl did not attend the meeting.

The Board started the day by signing the accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse Christmas decorations and the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Wilber made a motion to purchase a 12-foot tall artificial Christmas tree. The tree will be placed in front of the big west windows on the second floor landing. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters. He visited about the need for an extra heavy lift for the large patients. He will check prices and ask other ambulance services how they are handling this issue. Strnad received approval to purchase an extra wide spine board for the ambulance department.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received signatures on a "change order" for the historical grant to complete the front steps.

Mike Hadachek, Ron Evert and Kay Shoemaker visited about the Chatfield RCD Loan. The Board agreed to allow the First National Bank to have first mortgage on a short term, \$5,000 line of credit to purchase inventory for the shoe store.

Larry Beeson stopped to visit with the Board about RCD matters. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. also joined in this conversation.

Health Director Marcia Hansen received a signature from Chairman Nelson on the new Public Health Preparedness and Response Grant. Republic County was awarded \$12,665.00 in grant funds.

Ms. Hansen is currently taking bids for a new vehicle for the Health Department. The bid specifications were reviewed by the Board. Bid opening will be held on November 13.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that the hospital sales tax revenue is more than sufficient to make the hospital bond payment. She noted that after the payment is made there is an additional \$100,000 in sales tax revenue to be invested this quarter.

Chairman Nelson said he had personally contacted Bob Arbuthnot and Melissa Arbuthnot about the James Arbuthnot Memorial head stone. They both said they did not want the stone back and would like the stone destroyed.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Foreman Terry Cherney visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters.

The Board will invite Road and Bridge Secretary Darlene Havel to give a general overview of the areas of Transportation, Workman's Compensation, Solid Waste and Drug Testing. The Board wants to acquaint themselves with the duties and the workload in those areas.

The Board signed a Utility Agreement between Republic County and Robert O. Larson to grant permission to construct and operate an underground waterline on public road right-of-way commencing 50 feet south of intersection of Rock Road and 100 Road, Section 28; T3S; R4W thence crossing into Section 27; T3S; R4W.

A second Utility Agreement was signed between the City of Belleville and Republic County granting permission to construct and operate an underground electric, water and sewer

commencing approximately 306 feet south of centerline of Why 36 Section 11; T3S; R3W crossing from west side of Old 81 Why thence going east into Section 11; T3S; R3W.

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

Republic County Extension Agent Tandy Rundus informed the Board of her resignation to the River Valley Extension District Number 4. District Director Glenda Keller then visited with the Board. The district will hire another agent to fill Tandy Rundus' position in food and nutrition science. The extension district also has plans to hire a 4-H Extension Agent after the first of the year. She stated that the Belleville office would have two full time extension agents in 2007.

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

At 1:30 the Board held the monthly department head meeting with Road Foreman Terry Cherney, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Appraiser Barry Porter, Clerk of the District Court Kris Kling, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Subjects were a possible county web page and courthouse security.

The Board decided to have the Road and Bridge Department take Thursday, November 9th off work in observance of Veterans Day.

Economic Development Director Bryanna Spafford and Brian Schwartz visited with the Board about Economic Development matters. They visited about tax abatements for economic development projects.

US Cellular representative James Hedstrom visited about the County contract.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Road Foreman Brad Swanson and Secretary Darlene Havel visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. The group visited about current duties of the Highway Administrator. Subjects were Road and Bridge, Solid Waste and Recycling, administration of the county drug and alcohol testing and Workman's Compensation.

It was a consensus of the Board to create a Republic County Web Page created by Infintec Inc., Hays, Kansas. Appraiser Barry Porter will be the project coordinator. Porter told the group that republiccounty.org is available for the name. The initial cost of \$9,988.00 will be paid from the Appraiser's 2006 budget. There will be a yearly charge to maintain web page.

Eric Johnson of Campbell and Johnson Engineers gave his written bridge inspection report to the Board.

Bonnie Miller, representative for Aflac visited with the Board.

At 11:07 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 40 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall attended this session.

Regular session resumed at 11:47 with no action taken by the Board.

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

Bryanna Spafford and Gary Holman of Holman Properties, LLC visited with the Board about exemptions for economic development projects. Mr. Holman was interested in receiving tax abatement on the property, building and improvements to be known as the new Dollar General Store on 36 Highway. This project is not being constructed or purchased with the proceeds of revenue bonds and it does not appear to meet any of the requirements that would qualify it for exemption from ad valorem taxes. Additional inquires will be made on this subject.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 30 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall was included in this session.

Regular session resumed at 2:15 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

At 2:20 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 35 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall was included in this session.

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

The Board went to the County Shops to view the new Road and Bridge Office Building.

US Cellular representative James Hedstrom received signatures on a two-year contract for cell phone service.

Custodian Kevin Calkins and the Board held the bid opening for carpet installation in the district court department.

Tibbetts- Fischer Furniture store declined to bid	
Boman Flooring	\$496.20
Mobile Carpet of NCK	560.60
Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Furniture	670.60

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to accept the low bid of \$496.20 from Boman Floor Covering. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

The Board spoke with Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter by speaker telephone about the ad valorem tax exemption process for economic development projects.

Invoice was approved for \$500.00 per previous agreement to confirm Republic County's support of the Jamestown Wildlife Area expansion and renovation project.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 30 meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

John Robison invited the Board and Clerk Hall to attend the annual meeting of the Kansas Crossroads RC&D, Resource Conservation and Development, to be held on November 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Harvester Room in Belleville, Kansas.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave a review of the 2006 Ad Valorem Taxes for Republic County. She noted that they would mail out 9,320 tax statements thus generating \$7,168,620.00 in revenue.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe reported that she had attended a summit on Local Government Consolidation in Salina, Kansas.

Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers gave information on the restoration of the "light towers" that sit on either side of the steps in front of the Courthouse. Mr. Johnson contacted St. Louis Antique Lighting Company, St. Louis, Missouri, to complete the restoration work, rewiring and match the glass panels on these historic fixtures. This company has provided restoration and replication of historic lighting for the U.S. Capitol, five state capitols, federal and state office buildings as well as county courthouses. Chairman Nelson made a motion to accept the change order on the light towers and remaining within budget. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Harold Dowell visited the Board about a broken windshield in his truck.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Foreman Brad Swanson visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Tires on the motor graders are causing problems. Swanson told the Board the Bias Tires have some flat spots that are making it difficult to grade roads and simply won't work for pushing snow. Mr. Swanson was directed to check some prices and see how many tires are needed at this time.

John Cyr, North Central Regional Planning, Beloit, Kansas visited by telephone with the Board. He spoke about economic development tax abatements.

County Clerk Vickie Hall noted that she and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh would spend the afternoon delivering the election equipment to the various voting sites throughout Republic County.

The Board adjourned the meeting at noon due to the lack of business appointments.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 13, 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, to conduct the canvas of ballots from the General Election. Regular business will be conducted after the completion of the Official County Canvass of Votes Cast.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board, County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh held the official county canvas of ballots from the November 7th General Election.

Larry Beeson stopped to visit with the Board about RCD matters. Chairman Nelson made a motion to follow the RCD Committee's recommendation to approve and finance a \$20,000.00 loan to Larry Beeson. If stipulations are met the loan will be on a 11 year note at 4.75% interest, the first year being interest payments only with the First National Bank drawing up the needed loan documents. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers.

Belleville City Councilman Jack Morgan stopped to visit with the Board.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Eileen Sutton, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Road Foreman Terry Cherney visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Permission to travel was approved for Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy to attend the KDOT Future Projects Meeting, November 14, in Salina, Kansas.

A utility agreement was approved between Republic County and Dale Strickler. Permission was granted for Strickler to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way described as Commencing 812 feet west from intersection of Shady Road and 30 Road, Section 32; T3S; R5W thence crossing into Section 29; T3S; R5W.

Mr. Cherney told the Board that Road and Bridge employees held a vote to request approval of a time change for their department. November 20 the Road and Bridge Department will return to their winter schedule working 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., five days a week with the approval of the Board.

Following much discussion Commissioner Wilber made a motion to seek bids from contractors for the installation of a tin roof on the Road and Bridge office building. The roof is approximately 60 foot by 40 foot and the materials should be purchased locally. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall will visit with Brad Swanson before getting this in the newspapers.

A permission to travel was approved for County Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Conference, November 20-21 in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 6th meeting. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Kelvin Blecha, NCK Fair Board, met with the Board to review the year end financial report. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to give the NCK Fair Agriculture Board \$2,361.18 from the Carnival Account to assist with year end expenditures. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0. Blecha invited the Board to the annual meeting to be held December 4 at the Belleville Pizza Hut.

Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about RCD Matters.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to follow the recommendation of the RCD Committee and approve the RCD Loan of \$10,000.00 to Richard Schintler and Darwin Dove, Freedom Manufacturing, LLC.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to deny the original loan request to Terry and Carol Garman and agreed to hold a special RCD Committee work-study session on Wednesday evening, November 15 to consider their revised application requesting a smaller loan. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0. The Board felt due to the extreme amount of information offered there was not sufficient time at the regular meeting to study this application in its entirety.

The Board asked Clerk Hall to create a Courthouse Christmas Decorating Committee to decorate the new Christmas tree to be placed on the landing on the west side of the building. This committee will consist of one person from each office. The Board directed the group to decorate it with a tasteful theme and at an affordable price.

County Clerk Vickie Hall reported that she tried to shop locally for an artificial Christmas tree but could not find a 12-foot tall tree with a 5-foot bottom width to fit the landing. The Belleville Farm and Home Store offered to place an order for a 12-foot tall tree with the bottom branches stretching to 7-feet wide for a cost of \$550.00 but that tree would not fit nicely in front of the big windows. Crossroads Floral reported that they were unable to locate a tree with the smaller base. Due to the size requirement and the considerable cost savings Clerk Hall purchased a 12-foot Christmas tree with a 5-foot base width for \$399.00 from Hobby Lobby in Salina, Kansas.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek met with the Board to visit about various matters. The ambulance needs a new transmission. The Board directed the men to get estimates and get it done.

EMT's Joseph Blecha, Jeff Simmons, Kim Holloway and Erin Dusek have all completed their probation periods. They will receive a 25-cent increase in pay starting November 19, 2006.

It was noted that the ambulance service has received repeat calls from Country Place Senior Living apartments to assist a person up off the floor, each time with a refusal to transport. This presents a problem with manpower, calling in the second out employees and should we charge this person for this assistance. Employees at the assisted living complex do not offer this type of physical assistance to their residents. It was a consensus of the Board to charge for these calls.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen and the Board held the official bid opening for a new car to be used in home health. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid for a 2007 Malibu car in the amount of \$13,872 from Melton Motor Company. A complete listings of the bids are on file.

Frank Rytch, the newly elected first district commissioner, introduced himself to the Board.

The Board discussed the 2007 BCBS Benefit Summary for Republic County Employees.

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

Republic County Commissioners will **not** meet next Monday due to the Annual Kansas Association of Counties Conference, November 20-21 in Topeka, Kansas. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting. Frank Rytych monitored the meeting.

Following the canvass of the General Election there were a few tie votes for township clerks. Chairman Nelson drew names out of a cup to choose the winner for that elected position. Loren Sweat was selected for Beaver Township Clerk; Jeff Krohn for Grant Township Clerk; Vickie Noble for Lincoln Township Clerk and Margaret Mikesell for Union Township Clerk.

Larry Beeson visited with the Board about his RCD Loan.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about the hourly rate paid to ACLS certified nurses who go on transfers, mileage charges allowed for Medicare patients and about the uneven wear on the ambulance tires. He also noted that ambulance unit number four will be out of service for 2 weeks. The floor in it will be repaired under a warranty agreement.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Foreman Brad Swanson visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. The employees are working 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. due to the hours of daylight.

It was also noted that Mr. Joy will get a notice in the paper about electric fences that are too close to the road and on County road right-of-way. Mr. Joy is also taking bids from contractors to install a metal roof on the Road and Bridge Office Building.

The group discussed re-working a minimum of 25 miles of FAS roads each year. Some would need minimal attention while others will require the ditches to be dug out and/or a crown made on the road.

Past employee Brad Shrader made a request for an extension of his BCBS insurance coverage. The Board said they did not want to deviate from the current county policy stated in the employee manual.

The Board adjourned for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Frank Rytych joined the Board for lunch and introductions.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with Executive Director Shawn Brandmahl and Attorney Richard Comfort visiting about the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Changes in the 2007 billing were noted as we were previously assessed an annual fee and now we will be charged only if we have juveniles housed in the detention center.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has hired Heath Todd to work as a sheriff's deputy. Todd will start work December 1 and will be paid \$11.50 per hour.

The pay scale was reviewed and adjusted for employees working as correction officers in the jail. Roger Garlow \$10.02 per hour, Henri Tetreault \$8.90 per hour, James Alexander \$8.90 per hour and Cheryl Eickmann was moved to full time status at \$8.60 per hour.

Gerald Blazek, Keith Anderson, Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Following the recommendations of the RCD Committee, Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve a \$55,000 RCD Loan for Terry and Carol Garman. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Brian Schwartz, Republic County Economic Development Board, gave a department review.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Martin Nelson and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

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

Arlene Clayton stopped to talk to the Board about ethanol.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$50.00 to all full time employees and \$25.00 to all part-time employees and \$25.00 to employees still within an introductory probation period. This will be a one time payment in December. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

John Cyr from North Central Regional Planning visited with the Board about Environmental Reviews that are now a requirement for the RCD Loans. Mike Hadachek, Keith Anderson, Kay Shoemaker and County Treasurer Cindy Coons attended this session.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy joined the Board for the official bid opening for tires. The Board accepted the low bid of \$822.10 for Michelin Tires from Crouse Tire & Wheel of Belleville. A complete listing of bids is on file.

Charles Joy received permission to travel to the MSW & C&D Meeting to be held at the Bucher, Willis and Ratliff Office, December 19, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-20 to install a stop sign at the intersection of Penn Road and 310 Road. The sign will be placed in the NE corner of the NE1/4, Section 13; T3S; R1W of the 6th P.M. Second by Wilber, motion carried 3-0.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Kelly Davat met with the Board and eight department heads to explain the changes in the 2007 BCBS Plan. The plan has much the same coverage as before but has been designed with co-pays. Additional informational meetings will be held on December 12 for the employees.

Following a luncheon recess the Board held the monthly department head meeting. Those attending were Weed Director Steve Pounds, Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Appraiser Barry Porter, Sheriff Ron Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Ambulance Director David Strnad and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Subjects discussed were building security, meal reimbursements, leave time and holiday pay.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase meal allowance that does not require an overnight stay, to a maximum of \$10.00 per meal. This type of meal reimbursement is subject to payroll taxes. Second by Nelson, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. It was a consensus of the Board to increase the registered nurse wages for ACLS transfers to \$25.00 per hour.

It was agreed to increase the mileage charged from \$8.50 to \$9.50 to stay in line with Medicare increases. The charges for other services will be:

BLS Emergency Transport \$425.00
BLS Non-Emergency Transport \$300.00
ALS Emergency Transport \$500.00
ALS Non-Emergency Transport \$400.00
ALS Specialty Care Transport \$525.00
ALS Level 3 Transport \$525.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wilber, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Martin Nelson present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner-elect Frank Rytych monitored the meeting.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

Chairman Nelson made a motion to appoint Lyle Bergstrom as the Beaver Township Clerk, Joseph Strnad as Farmington Township Clerk, Sharon Kirk as the Scandia Township Clerk and Maurene Rytych as the Farmington Township Trustee. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 2-0.

The Board visited with District Extension Director Glenda Keller about getting new carpet on the floor in two rooms of the Republic County Extension Office. Clerk Hall will send letters to request bids for carpet.

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

Kay Shoemaker received signature on RCD Loan agreements. Commissioner Holl made a motion to reimburse all 2006 RCD expenses of \$6,410.31 back to County General Fund from the RCD Loan Account. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board about various issues.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. They were joined by Lee Jeardoe and Don Danielson who would like to see the County back slope the ditch on a dirt road between 140 and 150 of Valley Road.

The Board went to view road projects with Charles Joy. Upon return they visited about a pickup truck engine that needs to be rebuilt and an excavator that is in need of major repairs. Mr. Joy will get estimates before the next meeting.

Permission was granted to increase the pay of Steve Istas to \$9.66 per hr. and Luke Moore to \$10.32 per hour. They have completed their 6 months probation period.

Ray and Beverly Reynolds asked about stop signs at a rural intersection.

Eric Johnson, of Campbell and Johnson Engineers, P.A., stopped by to thank the Board for allowing the firm to be a part of the restoration on the Courthouse and the county bridge inspections.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health gave a year end review to the Board. The Board signed the contract with Pawnee Mental Health. They will receive \$21,000 in 2007 appropriations from Republic County.

Joyce Hedstrom has served as an alternate on the Pawnee Mental Health Board. She turned in her resignation today although her term ends December 31, 2006. Hedstrom cited personal health concerns in her resignation letter.

Janet Jones is currently a full time board member and also chose not to seek re-election to the Board. Jones will serve in another capacity within Pawnee Mental Health. Ms. Cole will ask Dr. Robert Holt to suggest names of possible candidates to serve in those positions.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about various matters. At 1:37 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Nelson, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 1:57 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2006, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting and commissioner-elect Frank Rytych monitored the session.

Pastor Mark Imel prayed for the family of Second District County Commissioner Martin Nelson who passed away on Saturday, December 16.

It was a consensus of the Board to close the Republic County Courthouse from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 on Thursday morning for Commissioner Nelson's funeral. Employees attending the funeral will use leave time in their absence. Beth Reed will get the notice in the Telescope and on the radio.

It was a consensus of the Board to appoint Commissioner Linda Holl as Chairman of the Board to complete 2006 as she will be the chairperson in 2007.

The Board approved a 3% increase for Duane Swanson raising his pay from \$9.25 to \$9.53 per hour.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board about funding for computer equipment.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2006-21 to reverse a previous decision in 2006-19. Second by Wilber, motion passed 2-0. This is regarding "Stop" signs to be placed on 30 Road related to the intersection of the rail line. Recent findings have indicated that said signs were not mandated by the Kansas Department of Transportation but, rather, were "recommended" as an interim measure until active warning devices are installed by the railroad.

The County Commissioners reviewed the previous Resolution 2006-19, adopted on August 28, 2006 and the fact that such signs are not mandated. The County Commissioners thereupon made the decision to reverse the decision passed in Resolution 2006-19. The County Highway Administrator shall be directed to not install the signs.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Lyle Blecha as Fairview Township Clerk. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

It was a consensus of the Board to have Frank Rytych represent Republic County on the North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Clerk Hall will notify Nex-tech about Chairman Nelson's death and change the signatures on our checks to Linda Holl.

Interim-Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about recycling trailers. Joy continues to look around and get prices. Mr. Joy is also pricing a small used back-hoe.

Luke Moore spoke with the Board about the cost of repairing the bridge welding truck. It is a Dodge 1 ton, 1984 model, 4x4 with a V-8 four speed. It was suggest that the county purchase a long block at approximately \$2,500.00 as it would come with a 3 year warranty.

Official bid opening was held for the installation of a metal roof on the Road and Bridge Office Building. Only one bid was submitted in the amount of \$3,635.20 from Lindberg Construction and \$628.00 for seamless guttering.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay \$3,635.20 to install the metal roof and \$628.00 for the seamless guttering and accept this bid. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The Board approved the purchase of approximately \$500.00 in tools for Road and Bridge. They priced the needed tools from Love's Auto Supply at a cost of \$537.39 and \$522.74 from S & P Farm Repair.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. She received signatures from the Board. Republic County will be receiving an additional \$6,166.00 in Bioterrorism Grant money by signing an amendment to the original contract between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Republic County Health Department.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2006-22. All members of the Board (including Martin L. Nelson) were active participants in finalizing the plans for Republic County redistricting of the three county commissioner districts. Second by Wilber, motion passed 2-0.

According to the Kansas Statute 19-204 county commissioner districts are subject to alteration at least once every three years. The statute also directs that the commissioner districts "must be as compact and equal in population as possible". Clerk Hall has worked in the Republic County Clerk's Office for over 30 years and reports that the districts have not been reviewed and reorganized during that time period. To implement this one must use the latest Federal Census figures and the local census figures if available. The Board and Clerk Hall's office have studied this for a couple of months now. Hall indicates that redistricting must be done before December 31, 2006 and she and the Board have made every effort to comply with the law.

County Clerk's were recently reminded of this statute by the Kansas Secretary of States Office. Population in Republic County has changed a lot over the years. Clerk Hall will have this Resolution 2006-22 published in all three county papers to notify Republic County residents of this action.

City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about signage along 81 Highway.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, December 26, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting and commissioner-elect Frank Rytych monitored this session.

The day began with signing of the accounts payable vouchers and the review of written correspondence.

Republic County Hospital agreed to pay \$10,000.00 for the old Republic County Ambulance Building. The hospital will use the building for additional storage.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Clerk Hall will notify North Central Regional Planning that Frank Rytych will be the new 2007 representative for Republic County.

Beth Reed visited with the Board about annual committee appointments to be prepared for 2007.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the district meeting, January 4, 2006 in Salina, Kansas.

At 9:53 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 2-0. Frank Rytych was included in this session.

Regular session resumed at 9:58 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD Loan matters.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2006-23 and Resolution 2006-24 authorizing a transfer of 2006 Road and Bridge funds. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

Interim Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Richard Lindberg visited with the Board about the metal roof to be installed at the county shops. Lindberg said he was unable to purchase the material for the seamless gutter in Republic County but all other supplies were purchased locally.

Agreement was signed between the County and Twin Valley Telephone, Inc. allowing them to construct, install and operate underground fiber optic cables on public road right-of-way in Section 3, Township 5S, Range 1W.

Joy stated that he sees a need for some new radios in the Road and Bridge Department. The Board asked Mr. Joy to talk to Raymond Raney about radios. He also noted that the men are working to get the county roads back in shape after the rain last week.

Richard Bergstrom's job description will change from truck driver to equipment operator. He will receive a .50 cent per hour increase in pay with an additional review in 6 months.

The Board agreed to make a special exception and allow Wes Hitchcock 60 days to use his leave time down to 240 hours due to the special circumstances. Hitchcock has been recuperating from an on the job injury. He plans to return to work January 2, 2007.

Max Wickstrum was called back to work, while he was using his vacation time, to assist with road maintenance. He must use those 4 days up within a 60 day time period also.

Mr. Joy was directed to speak to County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. about a county resident who is using his own equipment to drag a county road. Mr. Spurney will send a letter to this resident.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, January 2, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Harold Wilber, Member