

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 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 meeting.

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one amendment. Richard Bergstrom will receive an additional fifty-cent per hour increase as he agrees to move to equipment operator and will receive a review in six months. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Rod Dusek stopped to visit with the Board. At 10:02 Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10 – minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Strnad, Dusek and Frank Rytych sat in on this session. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 10:12 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Custodian Kevin Calkins stopped to visit with the Board. Today was Calkins first day back after being out on medical leave the past several weeks. Tom Grover has filed in for Calkins and will return to his previous part – time schedule.

Calkins reported that we continue to see significant savings in utility costs as he gave a review from December 2005 through December 2006.

Interim-Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about the operations at the county shop.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to compensate the County Clerk in an equal amount to the County Treasurer's motor vehicle compensation under the authority of a County Resolution. The County Treasurer shall calculate compensation based on a Kansas Statue. The Clerk will receive compensation from the election fund. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

Plans were made for a an appreciation reception to held for Commissioner Harold Wilber on Monday, January 8, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room. Employees and friends are welcome to stop by and thank Harold for his dedication and service to Republic County.

January 8, 2007, Frank Rytych will take the oath of office as First District County Commissioner at 12:00 noon in the Republic County District Court Room. A welcome reception will be held in his honor from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. The public is welcome to attend both the swearing in ceremony and the afternoon reception.

It was noted that on January 4, 2007, the Republican Party would hold a Republican Convention at 7:00 p.m. in Scandia, Kansas for the purpose of electing a person to complete Commissioner Martin Nelson's term. Precinct Committeemen and women living in the second district will gather to choose a successor.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting do to lack of business appointments. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007 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 Monday, January 8, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Harold Wilber present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner-elect Frank Rytych monitored the meeting.

The Board began the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence. A special thank you note from Eva Nelson and the Martin Nelson family will be shared with county employees.

Interim-Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters.

A letter and voucher was received from the Kansas Department of Transportation to confirm mileage & gravel the County provided for the K148 Highway Detour. The State will reimburse Republic County in the amount of \$102,250.00 per Contract 206019639 on 148-79 K 9636-01. An additional reimbursement amount for gravel used or \$7,543.95 is "being considered" by the State of Kansas.

A permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Darlene Havel to attend the Kansas Department of Transportation meeting January 23, 2007 in Minneapolis, Ks.

The Board visited about the recycling grant and the participation in the program by county residents. The records show that 106.22 ton was recycled in 2006. This amount lowers the tons of solid waste Republic County sends to Cloud County. If the recycling effort continues and participation would increase it is possible this program could be self supporting or break even.

The Board, Charles Joy and Clerk Hall have been invited to join Cloud County Commissioners on February 5 to study solid waste disposal.

At 10:45 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. Those attending were Commissioner Holl, Commissioner Wilber, Charles Joy, Vickie Hall and Frank Rytych. Regular session resumed at 10:50 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

The Board signed two Memorandum of Agreements concerning the collection and payment of solid waste fees for the City of Munden and the City of Courtland.

The Board held the official bid opening for carpet in the extension office.

Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Furniture Store bid \$1,657.73

Tibbetts-Fischer Furniture Store did not bid

Boman Floor Covering bid \$1,400.00

Commissioner Wilber made a motion to accept the low bid of \$1,400.00 from Boman Flooring. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Kay Shoemaker spoke with the Board about RCD matters and reported there will be no RCD meeting held in January. The mortgage was released on the Annie's Vineyard building. She received \$22,000 in proceeds from the sale of the building which was put towards her RCD Loan. The Board and the RCD Committee agreed to re-amortize the balance on Coonrod's note with payment starting in March 2007.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek gave the year end department report. The department ended the year with a very comfortable balance and Dusek asked the Board to consider purchasing a heavy duty ambulance cot in the near future.

A plaque was presented to Commissioner Harold Wilber for his dedication and service to Republic County. Patrons joined him for coffee and cookies.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. today. Second by Wilber, motion carried 2-0.

At 12:00 noon Franklin J. Rytych was sworn in as the new First District County Commissioner. His official duties will begin on January 15, 2007.

At 1:00 p.m., county employees hosted a welcome reception for Mr. Rytych in the County Extension Office meeting room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Frank Rytych and Marvin Bergstrom.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about a previously awarded Wireless 911 Grant. Republic County received a \$10,703.00 check to be used towards purchase of a new recorder in the dispatch center. The price of the recorder was \$18,140.00 with the balance being paid from the Emergency 911 Fund.

Mr. Raney asked the Board to raise all currently trained part-time 911 Dispatchers to \$8.85 per hour. The Board approved the increase in pay.

Raney spoke with the Board about purchasing a new photocopier. The County Commissioners, Emergency Preparedness and the Solid Waste Department share cost of the copier. The Board asked Raney to seek two or more cost estimates.

Magistrate Judge John Eyer gave the official Oath of Office to Marvin Bergstrom whom will serve as 2nd District Republic County Commissioner.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. Arlene Clayton stopped by and joined in the general conversation.

Election Deputy Amy McIntosh informed the Board that a tie vote needs to be broken for the office of Union Township Clerk. The Board broke the tie with a flip of a coin, consistent with the prescribed election procedures; Connie Levendofsky will serve as Clerk of Union Township.

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

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen was joined by District Sanitarian Sherry Koster to visit with the Board about County regulations. Ms. Koster noted that proof of liability insurance might be required of plumbers to install new septic systems in the future. She will contact area businesses for their input regarding the sanitation codes for our district. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-01 to appoint Harold Wilber to the Mid States Port Authority Board of Directors. A vacancy exists due to the death of Commissioner Martin Nelson on December 16, 2006. Mr. Wilber has agreed to complete the term, which expires May 31, 2009. A second was received from Commissioner Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The Board agreed to sign a Payroll Account Acknowledgment for Bonnie Miller, AFLAC representative, to offer reduced insurance rates to County employees. Only three employees signed up for the AFLAC Insurance so premiums will not be payroll deducted in 2007.

Interim-Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Solid Waste and Recycling in Republic County. He also gave an overview of equipment repairs.

The Board received a letter revising the Kansas Department of Transportation's reimbursement amount from \$102,250.00 to \$109,793.95 on Contract #2060 19639. This is the agreed reimbursement for the material purchased, hauled and placed on the Highway K-148 Detour and placed on the roads by the Republic County Highway Department employees.

The Board approved the hiring of three additional employees for the Road and Bridge Department. He noted that Marlin Havel would retire at the end of February.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe gave a department report showing 2006 income and reviewed the duties of her department. Ms. Rahe noted that she received the annual cost of living increase like other employees but was not awarded any additional pay increase in 2006.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m., with County Treasurer Cindy Coons. She gave the Board a review of the 4k" Quarter financials. Ms. Coons received permission to travel to the KCTA Legislative Meeting, February 7- 9 in Topeka, Kansas. Jared Melton, owner of Mr. Good Cents, asked if the County would send a letter to the State on his behalf. The letter would indicate the property is unzoned commercial property and show support for his advertising sign currently on County property north of Belleville. The Board told Melton that they would ask the County Attorney about the State of Kansas' requirements for large signs or billboards. Mr. Spurney could possibly draft such a letter for Melton.

Clerk Hall will provide the Board a copy of all current salaries for Republic County Employees. Pay increases will be studied in the near future.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to purchase a Power- Pro XT electric lift cot to go in one of the ambulances. The projected cost of this cot is \$9,617.40 and will be paid from the Equipment line in the 2007 Ambulance Budget.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Frank Rytych and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement concerning the collection and payment of solid waste fees for the City of Agenda and City of Cuba.

Chairman Linda Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-02 amending Resolution No. 2005-27 providing for the issuance of industrial revenue bonds by the County on behalf of Republic County Assisted Living, LLC. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The original resolution described the acquiring, constructing and the equipping of a "manufacturing facility". It was amended by Resolution 2007-02 written to read equipping an "assisted living care facility".

Jan Kauer, secretary in the Sheriff's Department, visited with the Board about courthouse security. The new system logs a variety of things from the date and time jailers have checked the prisoners to reporting all doors in the building are locked and secure.

Larry Woodman will work as a part-time Sheriff's Deputy at \$9.00 per hour.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about various matters.

The Board signed letters of Annual Appointments to Republic County Committees for 2007. Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt the following:

Resolution 2007-03 appoints Raymond Raney, as a half-time position, as Coordinator of the Republic County Emergency Management Department, for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-04 appoints Raymond L. Raney, as a half-time position, as Director of Republic County Communications Department for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-05 appoints Raymond L. Raney as Republic County Flood Plain Manager for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-06 appoints Raymond L. Raney as Hazardous Materials Advisor for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-07 appoints Paul Haase as a Volunteer Assistant to the Republic County Emergency Management Department for 2007.

Resolution 2007-08 appoints Steven Zukowske as Volunteer Assistant Republic County Radiological Officer for 2007.

Resolution 2007-09 appoints Raymond L. Raney as Republic County Safety Officer for 2007.

Resolution 2007-10 appoints Raymond L. Raney to be 9-1-1 Coordinator for Republic County for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-11 appoints David Strnad as Director of Republic County Emergency Medical Services for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-12 appoints Marcia Hansen as Director of the Republic County Health Department for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-13 appoints Steve Pounds as Director of the Republic County Weed Department for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-14 appoints Charles G. Joy as Republic County Highway Administrator for the year 2007.

Resolution 2007-15 appoints Charles G. Joy as Director of the Republic County Solid Waste Department beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Resolution 2007-16 appoints Charles G. Joy as Director of the Republic County Transportation for the year 2007.

Commissioner Rytych seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2007-03 through 2007-16. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board. Arlene Clayton also joined in the general conversation.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board on a voucher to pay un-requested funds to Republic County Hospital in the amount of \$136.03 to close the hospital project account.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. At 9:37 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into executive session with Ms. Hansen for a period of 15 minutes to discuss employer/employee negotiations. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:52 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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

The Board discussed the renewing of the Chamber of Commerce membership or joining the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce which requires \$275.00 in membership dues for 2007. The Board chose not to seek membership at this time.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on RCD Loan papers.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. It was agreed to promote Tom Thompson to the position of Road and Bridge Shop Foreman. Thompson will receive a 25 cent per hour increase. After review of job performance and completion of the 6-month probation period Thompson may receive another 25 cent per hour increase.

Mr. Joy noted that he would like to have 8 additional radios to put in Road and Bridge vehicles to improve communications between the employees in the various vehicles. He will continue to study the issue and get prices.

Joy noted that some of the men will have 10-12 hours of over-time pay due to the snow removal on Saturday and Sunday. The Board agreed that these hours would be paid even if an employee did not "work" a 40 hour week due to a previously scheduled doctor's appointment.

The Board received a letter from Washington County noting rate changes for recycling. It was a consensus of the Board to continue to cooperate with Washington County on the recycling program.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. They are dealing with a leaking water heater and had one employee fall on the ice over the week-end.

Two estimates were received for cleaning the carpet in the ambulance building. Boman Flooring bid \$541.80 and Service Master (Concordia) estimated \$236.00 for this cleaning. No decision was made at this time.

The Board of County Commissioners joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch. They returned to the Courthouse at 1:00 p.m.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about courthouse security. A telephone conference call was held with Hugh Campbell, Stop-Tech Security Systems. The County is reviewing a system that would place 13 panic buttons in several offices through-out the Courthouse sending a signal directly to the Sheriff's deputies and/or the 911 Communications Center for immediate response or assistance.

A regular department head meeting was held with the following department heads in attendance: County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Sheriff Ron Blad, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Extension Agent Amanda Lott

and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Evaluation forms were distributed and should be completed by March 1, 2007. The group made plans for the County's Annual Employee Recognition Supper to be held at the 4-H Building.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave a department review.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-16 appointing Charles Joy as the Director of Transportation. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing Co., gave a progress report on the new Y-Series general cool/heat pump system. The Board directed Tebow to proceed with the ordering and installation of Phase II of the system.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Richard Lindberg visited with the Board about the installation of the new metal roof and the siding on the Road and Bridge Department office building. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$14,566.30 for this project. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

A utility agreement was approved for Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way at the intersection of Rock Road and 60 Road.

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

The Board agreed to hire Charles Joy to serve as the Republic County Highway Administrator. Joy will be paid \$21.00 per hour on an as needed basis, paying no mileage to and from work and no fringe benefits. This arrangement will begin February 11, 2007.

Permission to travel was approved for Tom Thompson and Luke Moore to attend the CAT Care Meeting, February 8, 2007 in Concordia.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to appoint Diane Kramer as member and Pam Dowell as alternate to represent Republic County on the Pawnee Mental Health Board. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited about salaries, courthouse security and vehicle replacement for his department. He will also be taking written bids for a range hood to go over the large cook stove in the kitchen.

The Board signed an agreement for Housing Sedgwick County Inmates in Republic County Adult Detention Facility.

It was a consensus of the Board to purchase a security system that offers immediate response for the offices in the Republic County Courthouse from Stop-Tech Security Systems. This system will cost \$8,889.00 with an additional charge of \$750.00 for the installation and training.

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

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed with the City of Scandia for collection and payment of Solid Waste fees.

Robin Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health and Matt Myers, CBS Supervisor, visited with the Board. They gave an overview of the services offered to Republic County residents.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about purchasing a 1998 Ambulance with 35,000 miles on it. The Board agreed to consider the proposal.

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

Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth and Pastor Kathy Aeillo joined the Board for the morning prayer.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons asked the Board to urge the federal and state governments to allow the citizens of Kansas the convenience and courtesy of renewal of their driver's licenses in their home counties. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-17 to retain driver's license renewals at the local level. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek received approval to purchase a 1998 Ford E450 Ambulance with a 7.3 turbo charge engine. The County will place the older 1990 Ford E350 Ambulance for sale by requesting sealed bids. Bid opening will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 10:00 a.m. during the Commissioner meeting.

Larry Baxa visited with the Board about the sewer system at the 4-H Building.

Mike Hadachek and Tandy Rundus visited with the Board. Tandy agreed to assist at the Economic Development Office on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to noon to check the mail, answer emails and follow up on telephone messages. The Economic Development Board is actively recruiting for a full time director.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about maintenance of the Courthouse steps.

County Clerk Vickie Hall received permission from the Board to purchase a Dell 1710n laser printer for her office.

Larry Rundus visited with the Board about snow removal on county roads.

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

At 1:00 p.m. the Board, Clerk Hall and Charles Joy traveled to Concordia to meet with the Cloud County Commissioners at the Cloud County Courthouse. Those present were Cloud County Commissioners, Johnita Crawford, Bill Garrison and Gary Caspers, County Clerk Linda Bogart, Solid Waste and Recycling Director Richard Mills and his office manager Sherry Nelson. They met to negotiate a rate increase for Republic County Solid Waste that is hauled to the Cloud County Transfer Station. Due to increased costs Republic County rates will increase from the current \$45.00 per ton plus fuel to the new rate of \$52.00 a ton plus fuel.

The group then toured the Cloud County Recycling Center.

Regular session resumed at 3:15 p.m., Courthouse in Belleville.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy received permission to purchase used culvert pipe for his department.

It was a consensus of the Board to give a 35 cent per hour COLA increase to Republic County Employees.

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

Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

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

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board signed the accounts payable vouchers.

The Board signed an agreement with MCR, Mid-Continental Restoration Co., Inc. to caulk all the joints within the limestone pavers or steps, the main entrance at the Republic County Courthouse, following the January 31, 2007 inspection. The total cost to the County will be \$4,365.00 for caulking the steps.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. Boman Flooring will clean the carpet in the Ambulance Building.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0. Those present for the meeting were Commissioners Bergstrom and Rytych, Clerk Hall, Mr. Strnad and Mr. Dusek. Regular session resumed at 9:35 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

District Director Glenda Keller introduced Robin Eubanks who has joined the staff of the K-State Research and the River Valley Extension District Number Four as a family and consumer sciences agent. Eubanks will work out of the Republic County Extension Office. The district currently has eight agents and has a full staff. The Board told Ms. Keller that the County is required to have a copy of the general liability and premise insurance policy that covers the Republic County 4-H Building.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to travel to a meeting, February 15, 2007 in Mankato, Kansas.

Mr. Pounds will send "notices to bid" to the four chemical distributors. Bid opening will be held on March 12th at 10:00 a.m., Commissioner's room in the Courthouse.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about vehicles in his department.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about the 2007 solid waste charges and asked for County support to complete the work to be done at Rocky Pond this spring.

Mr. Joy received permission to purchase a used stock trailer at a cost of \$800.00 and the trailer is 16 foot by 6 foot. This is to help with the Republic County Recycling effort.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about Republic County Sanitation Requirements. A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstrom to require the area plumbers to carry a minimum of \$250,000.00 in liability coverage if they install a septic system in Republic County. Seconded by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Kirk Lowell, Executive Director of Cloud Corp and Rob Unruh, Wildlife Area Manager, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to give \$500.00 as a partner contribution to support the Jamestown Wildlife Area Phase II project. Seconded by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited with Board about RCD matters.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney to attend the conference, Training on Data Card Machines, February 21-23 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the one addition. Insert: The County will pay MCR \$4,365.00 for caulking the Courthouse steps. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins received permission to attend the conference on Effective Records & Information Management to be held March 13, 2007 in Wichita, Kansas.

Chairman Holl made a motion to appoint Brad Hobelmann as a member on the Prairie Rose Cemetery Board. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about RCD matters and the upcoming delinquent tax sale.

Election Deputy Amy McIntosh and County Clerk Vickie Hall visited with the Board about the election process.

At 10:00 a.m., Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek attended the official bid opening for the 1990 Ford E350 Ambulance. Only one bid was received in the amount of \$3,500.00 from the Scandia Fire Department. It was a consensus of the Board to accept that bid.

At 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Strnad and Dusek. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:07 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Strnad, Dusek and Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:32 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy received permission to attend a conference March 27-29 on recycling, composting and household hazardous waste in Hutchinson, KS.

The Board gave permission to Richard Lindberg to work within the County yards into the evenings and on Saturday to replace the roof and install new siding on the new Road and Bridge Office Building.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Undersheriff Eric Brunner presented the bids for vehicles in that department.

Chevrolet Impala car-----	Melton Motor Company \$18,737.90
	KHP Partners Program \$17,624.50

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase a Chevrolet Impala car from Melton Motor Company. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Pickup truck-----	Melton Motor Company \$23,254.90
	KHP Partners Program \$19,720.25

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase the pickup truck from the Kansas Highway Patrol Partners Program. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD Loans. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the RCD Loan to Julie Lambert and William Wood for Lifetime Kennel Building Systems. The loan was approved in the amount of \$140,000.00 contingent upon completion of the stipulations outlined in their official letter. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave the Board an update on work being done in his department.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom did not attend the afternoon session.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. sent a letter to Glenda Keller, Director of River Valley Extension District, asking if the 4-H group had secured liability insurance and to remind them a copy of the 2007 insurance on the 4-H Building must be on file with the County. He noted that if no insurance was in place, they are not in compliance with the contract signed in June 2006.

Ms. Keller, District Agents, Amanda Lott and Robin Eubank came in to visit with the Board. Several insurance companies have been approached in 2006 about liability insurance for the 4-H Building but those companies would not provide the coverage needed due to the ownership of the building and ownership of the land being separate. The District Board will work with the Republic County Commissioners to find a solution and be willing to transfer ownership of the building to the County if that is required to secure sufficient liability insurance that will protect all parties.

The Board formed a committee to study a possible sick leave bank or shared leave time for county employees. Committee members will be Cheryl Loring, Kathy Calkins, Kathy Zach and Don Lieb.

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

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 26 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The morning began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

James and Kay Nitcher visited with the Board about their property north of the Republic County Shops.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Barry Porter to attend a class on Property Tax Law, April 3-4 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Secretary Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board Meeting, February 28th in Salina, Kansas.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on three grant applications.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board and approved the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement between Republic County and Cloud County. The Board signed the agreement.

Mr. Spurney, Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. It was a consensus of the group to postpone a final decision on the loan to West Coast Core until next Monday.

Melinda Pierson asked the Board about the proper procedures to dispose of farm and household chemicals.

Tandy Rundus, Economic Development Assistant, gave a department review.

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

Weed Director Steve Pounds visited with the Board about the cost of chemicals.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board that he has hired Laura Siefers as a full time employee.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave a review of the work being done in his department. He noted that the department will start working four 10 hour days on April 8, 2007.

Bids for catering the County Recognition Supper were opened and read. Business Is Cookin bid \$9.00 per plate and TAGS bid \$7.95 per plate. It was a consensus of the Board to accept the bid from TAGS.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board received a telephone bid for catering from Dale Huncovsky. This bid was not considered as it was received well after the bid deadline.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Monthly Department Head meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. with fourteen department heads in attendance. Topics of discussion were: County Recognition Supper in March, Courthouse hours, upcoming repairs on the Courthouse steps and a an extension was given to complete all employee evaluations by March 19, 2007.

It was a consensus of the Board that the custodians may remove the paneling on one wall in the Appraiser's Office.

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

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about various matters. At 8:35 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Dusek, Strnad and Clerk Hall were included in this discussion. At 8:50 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka visited with the Board about the NCK Free Fair.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the purchase of the 4-H Building and drafting a new lease agreement.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited about outside lighting for the Courthouse.

District Court Clerk Kling thanked the Board for the new photocopier.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh to attend the Kansas County Clerk's & Election Officials Spring Conference, May 2-4 in Manhattan, Kansas. A good portion of the conference will include HAVA Election Certification with training and election updates.

Permission to travel was approved for Clerk Hall to attend the 2007 Kansas County Clerk's & Election Officials Sanborn Institute Certification, April 16-20 in Wichita, Kansas. This is year three for County Clerk Vickie Hall with graduation at the end of this session.

Melinda Pierson, representing the Retail Committee of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, signed a Hold Harmless Agreement and received permission to hold the annual Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 7th on the Courthouse lawn.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins received permission to travel to the Mitchell County Courthouse, March 16, 2007 to view the demonstration of a new system that could link the County Attorney's office to the District Court "Full Court" system. All offices in the 12th Judicial District were invited to attend.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board and Weed Director Steve Pounds held the official Chemical Bid Opening for the Weed Department. Van Diest Supply Company, Lindsborg, Kansas submitted the low bid of \$35,788.70 for all chemicals. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the low bid and have the County charge a 10% handling fee for chemicals sold in 2007. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Vegetation Management Supply, Wichita, Kansas and UAP Distribution, Inc. also placed bids that are currently on file.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one name correction. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about repairs on a road grader and repairs to the inside drive on the Courthouse Square. The county currently owns 6 newer road graders and 6 older graders.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Terry Cherney to attend the Regional Drug & Alcohol Testing Training, April 17, in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed an Agreement hereby granting the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks permission to construct a dual 42 inch RCP on public road and right-of-way beginning at the

W1/4 corner of Section 32;T4S;R5W, thence running east on centerline of Marsh Trail approximately 2500 feet. Dual RCP's will cross the Marsh Trail running north to south.

The Board received on bid for padded stacking chairs for the Commissioners room. This bid was \$80.00 per chair from Belleville Farm and Home. It was a consensus of the Board to order two chairs and if they are satisfactory they will order additional chairs.

The Board approved an increase of \$872.00 per year for five elected county officials. This was done to bring the salaries of the County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Attorney, County Sheriff and County Register of Deeds closer to the median for surrounding counties or similar size.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received permission to attend the Incident Command Meeting, March 20 and March 22, in Salina, Kansas.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on RCD Loan papers.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board signed a permission to travel for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend the annual Ks. Register of Deeds Association Conference, June 5-8 in Colby, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the NCK County Clerk's Meeting, March 15, 2007 in Scandia, Kansas.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and Gerald Blazek visited with the Board about RCD Loans. Upon the recommendation of the Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Board, Chairman Holl made a motion to deny funding of the loan request from John Moe in the amount of \$150,000.00 for building acquisition and expansion, machinery and inventory purchase. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

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

Leah Krotz, Director of the Belleville City Library, shared her 2006 annual report with the Board.

Tandy Rundus, Interim Economic Development Secretary, gave a review of that department.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. It was a consensus of the group not to pursue the acquisition of the Nitcher property adjacent to the current Republic County Road and Bridge yard.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase a Canon photocopier from IKON Office Solutions, Inc. at a cost of \$6,874.00 to be shared by three departments. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Additional bids are on file.

Gary Wulf and William Thompson asked the Board if it would be possible to hold a vintage race car exhibition in Belleville. The Board directed them to visit with the NCK Fair Amusement Board.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about various matters. At 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Dusek and Clerk Hall joined the Board. Regular session resumed at 11:45 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board and Clerk Hall joined the NCK Fair Ag Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Holl and Rytych.

Custodian Kevin Calkins reported that utility savings for the Courthouse was \$4,658.22 for the period of March 2006 through March 2007.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Kevin Riddle, Director of Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice for the 12th Judicial District visited with the Board. He noted that the program he directs currently is run 100% off funding from Federal grants. Riddle said that there may be cuts in the future and if that happens, each of the counties in the 12th Judicial District would be asked to appropriate funds for these programs. He wants each county to consider increasing the 2008 District Court Budget.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek presented two requests to travel for his department. Secretary Beverly Reynolds will attend the Medicare-Medicaid Workshop, March 30, 2007 in Hutchinson, Kansas and Ambulance Director David Strnad will attend a Pipeline Safety & Emergency Response Meeting, March 21, 2007.

James Popelka, NCK Free Fair Agriculture Board, visited with the Board about parking at the fairgrounds. He also noted that this "south board" **denied** a request to hold a vintage race car event the weekend before the 2007 NCK Free Fair. It was a consensus of the group to encourage Mr. Wolfe to consider other dates for the vintage race car show.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins gave a report on a new computer system, Kansas Prosecutors System that could interface the County Attorney's Office with the District Court Offices. This system would take the information from the County Attorney's System and allow those documents to be uploaded to the Full Court system. Such a system would save a lot of time and be of great assistance to the County Attorney's Office and the Clerk of District Court. The Board will study this proposal.

The Board agreed to canvass ballots from the April 3rd City-School Election on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

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

Tandy Rundus, Interim Director for Republic County Economic Development, gave a review of that department. She mentioned that the Boyer Gallery would be open this summer under the name of Boyer Museum of Animated Carvings.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave his weekly report. A Utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. to construct and operate an underground Fiber Optic Communications System on public road right-of-way in Republic County.

Mr. Joy said he would be putting ads in the newspaper to add two more employees to the Road and Bridge Department.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board held the official bid opening for culverts. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by Welborn Sales, Inc., Salina, Kansas in the amount of \$33,122.16 for culverts. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. All bids are on file at the Road and Bridge Department.

The Board signed an agreement to sell to Havel Recycling, Belleville, Kansas, all white goods (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, washers, dryers, air-conditioners, etc.) as well as tin and all types of wire, excluding electrical, (hereinafter referred to as Category A materials) from its Construction and Demolition Site, at the rate per ton to be negotiated each quarter.

Republic County further agrees to sell to Havel Recycling other metals (hereinafter referred to as Category B materials) such as iron, steel, cast, aluminum, copper, brass, electrical wiring, etc., from its Construction and Demolition Site, at the rate per ton to be negotiated each quarter.

Jason Martin, Ecowater Systems from Concordia, Kansas, gave a presentation on the benefits of soft water for the Courthouse. Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Shepek and Custodian Kevin Calkins sat in on this presentation. The Board asked Calkins to see if there are any businesses within Republic County that could provide this same service.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave a weekly report. They are currently removing the paneling in the County Appraiser's office. They will also remove the lowered ceiling tiles to return the room to the original design.

The Board asked Calkins to install some effective lighting in the kitchen and storage room for the correction officers.

The Board and Clerk Hall enjoyed a fine meal at the Golden Bell Haven followed by a tour of the Republic County Food Bank.

The Board and Clerk Hall met Highway Administrator Charles Joy at the County Shops. They wanted to acquaint themselves with the size and layout of the buildings, parking and storage lots.

The Board returned to the Courthouse at 1:30 p.m. to resume regular session.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad introduced Laura Siefers to the Board. Ms. Siefers will be paid \$8.00 per hour and work as a full time EMT.

James Popelka and Kelvin Blecha visited with the Board about purchasing a piece of property near the NCK Fairgrounds. It was agreed that the property was “out of our price range” at this time.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the purchase of a new computer program, Kansas Prosecutors System, for the County Attorney’s Office that will interface that office with the District Court Office.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney to attend the FEMA ARC GIS Multi-Hazards Course, March 27-29, in Salina, Kansas. Raney and Beth Reed will also attend the EMSAK Annual Conference, April 18-20 in Mayetta, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about job descriptions for his department.

Two utility agreements were approved by the Board. The first granted Greg Eitzmann permission to operate an underground electric line in Big Bend Township and an Agreement for a Joint Road-Waterway / Underground Outlet Use Permit with Kaptle Inc. in care of Ed Hattle, Belleville, Kansas.

Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Gerald Blazek visited with the Board about the County Revolving Loan Fund Accounts. The Board signed a lien release for Ernest Herring’s pickup used for collateral RCD loan #78-01-05 as he is salvaging this vehicle.

They also signed loan documents for Annette and Tim Coonrod for RCD Loan #74-03/04 and agreed to extend time needed to complete Life Insurance assignment on Mr. Bill Wood of Lifetime Kennel Mfg. LLC. Loan #87-02/07.

Mike Hadachek and Gerald Blazek also discussed the Courthouse hours with the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to purchase an electronic demand soft water system for the Courthouse from Ecowater of North Central Kansas.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as the Board reviewed a section of the employee handbook.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Weed Director Steve Pounds came in and was presented a certificate for 35 years of service as a Republic County employee.

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the new heating / cooling system. Calkins suggested that each office decide on one temperature for each room. They should present that in writing on a specific form offered by the custodian and he would share a copy of the request with the Board of County Commissioners. Calkins will input the requested temperatures into the computer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave a report from the Road and Bridge Department. Joy noted that he will hire the same summer time employees that he had last year to do the roadside mowing and will pay them \$8.59 per hour.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and a representative from the County Clerk's Office received permission to travel to a meeting sponsored by Pitney Bowes. This is to inform users of the postage machine about the 2007 USPS Shape Base Rate Postage increase. The meeting will be held on April 10, 2007 in Salina, Kansas.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker presented the invoices for Lifetime Kennel Mfg., LLC. Funds will be available in the near future to cover those invoices.

The Board visited with Mr. Hadachek about the Courthouse hours and noted that a decision would be made in the near future. They want to encourage residents to let the County Commissioners know if they are comfortable with the four day work week where employees work four ten hour days or if they prefer to have the Courthouse employees working five days per week and eight hours per day.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at noon. Second by Rytych Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2007 beginning at 8:00 a.m. as the Board conducts the official canvass of ballots from the City / School Elections. The regular business meeting will follow the canvass in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The morning began as the Board, Clerk Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh held the official Canvass of Ballots from the April 3rd City/School Election.

The regular session followed the canvass with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Don Westphal called to request \$400.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Funds for USD 109 and \$400.00 for USD 426 students. The money would be used to help with the after prom party expenses. Clerk Hall will check the fund balance.

Pastor Bill Brazil offered the morning prayer.

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

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Leland Tice, District Two Area Engineer for Kansas Department of Transportation, visited with the Board about various matters.

The City of Belleville is taking bids on two used 1995 Chevrolet pick-up trucks. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to allow Mr. Joy to place a bid up to \$6,125.00 for the two trucks. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

Clerk Hall reviewed the election process with the Board. Election expenses, equipment and voting places were discussed by the group. Hall noted that there was a 33 percent voter turnout for the City/School Election on April 3, 2007. Of those voting 166 voters used the Advance Voting method.

Dave McMullen, Republic County Farm Services Agency, visited with the Board about a Maxiflex work schedule.

Mike Hadachek and Melinda Pierson received permission to hold the Farmer's Market around the Courthouse Square on Saturday mornings. The Main Street Program will sponsor this from July through September. They will keep in contact with Custodian Kevin Calkins.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave a quarterly Treasurer's Report and reminded the Board that second half taxes are due May 10.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed as Doug McKinney, Community Development Planner with the North Central Regional Planning, visited with the Board about environmental rules related to revolving loan funds.

McKinney suggested we go through Historical Preservation Tax Credit Program to seek funding for energy efficient windows for the Courthouse. He noted that we might contact Clay County as they have used this program.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 16th, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. In the absence of County Clerk Vickie Hall, Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

A motion made by Commissioner Holl, seconded by Commissioner Rytych and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom, allowed \$800.00 out of the Alcohol and Drug Fund to be divided between Republic County High School and Pike Valley High School to apply to their respective After Prom Parties.

Rev. Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, advised that the County Tax Sale is scheduled for May 8th, 2007, 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the Courtroom in the Courthouse. Fourteen (14) properties are placed on this sale.

The Minutes of the April 9th, 2007, meeting were approved as written upon the motion of Commissioner Bergstrom, seconded by Commissioner Rytych and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl.

Kevin Calkins, Maintenance Director, advised that a water softener had been installed in the Courthouse. Mr. Calkins was requested to order twelve more chairs for the Commissioners' room from National Business Furniture at a price of \$83.00 per chair. Other matters discussed with Mr. Calkins were: (1) Rock being placed around the sidewalks. An estimate has been requested from Jim Reed; (2) The lights on the front of the Courthouse. Eric Johnson has advised that these lights will be installed soon; (3) Also, at some point in the future, placing solar lights around the building will be looked into.

Tandy Rundus, as interim Economic Development Director, met with the Board to advise of activities and potential projects being studied by the Economic Development Committee. She advised that a study is being made to determine what is needed to keep grocery stores in small communities.

Ms. Rundus advised that Claire Kuhn of Courtland has been hired as a part-time Economic Development Director. Ms. Kuhn will accompany Ms. Rundus to the next Commissioner meeting on April 30th for introduction to the Board.

Charles Joy requested and received permission to attend various meetings for personnel in his department: Darlene Havel and Charles Joy to attend the CTD #7 Transportation Meeting in Minneapolis, Kansas on April 24th, 2007; Darlene Havel and Charles Joy to attend Transportation Needs Summit for the North Central Kansas Area in Abilene, Kansas on May 3rd, 2007; and Charles Joy to attend the Kansas County Highway Association Meeting in Great Bend, Kansas on May 7th, 8th & 9th, 2007.

A decision was made to check out a key to Ron Huncovsky to the County Yard for his convenience in using the motor grader on the race track during the weekends a race is being held. The key is to be returned by the Monday morning following each race.

A request was made for gravel to be placed on a half mile of road located at King and 40 RD, which, at the present, has no resident living there. The request was made for convenience in reaching the residence to prepare for someone to move into the residence located in that half mile sometime in the future. The Board advised that until someone actually lives at that location, the County would not be in a position to gravel the road. However, if the gravel is purchased by the patron, then the County would be able to spread the gravel for them.

The Board agreed to \$9.50 as a starting wage for new hires at the Road and Bridge Department. After successful completion of a six-month probationary period, an increase of 25 cents will be given. All summer help is to be given a drug test prior to beginning work.

Barry Porter requested and received permission to attend the Kansas County Appraiser's Annual Conference June 17th through the June 20th in Lawrence, Kansas, and also the North Central Regional Association of Assessing Officers Conference June 24th through June 27th, 2007, to be held in Sioux Falls, North Dakota.

Kevin Riddel with the Department of Corrections submitted a 3-year Comprehensive Plan Amendment for review and approval.

Wayne Gardner, dba as Every Angle Covered, requested and received permission to construct and operate an underground electric line at the following location: Commencing 1000 feet east of 90 RD, Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 4 West, thence Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 4 West, in Republic County.

Keith Anderson, Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek and Kay Shoemaker met to discuss various RCD matters.

At 11:57 a.m., Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Commissioner Rytych and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom, to go into a five-minute Executive Session with Mike Hadachek to discuss non-elected personnel.

A motion was made and passed that the Courthouse will revert to a five-day work week, open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. [As Courthouse employees voiced dissatisfaction with the chosen hours to be open, and a Resolution has not yet been adopted to that affect, the Board will revisit this subject at the regular Board meeting on April 30th, 2007.]

It was noted that the auditors will be in the Courthouse during the week of April 23rd through April 26th to review 2006 records.

Due to other commitments of two of the Commissioners, there will be no meeting on April 23rd, 2007. As April 23rd was the regular date to approve Accounts Payable vouchers, the Commissioners will sign them during the afternoon hours on Thursday, April 19th.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on April 30th, 2007.

Commissioner Holl moved to adjourn, seconded by Rytych and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

There is not any minutes for April 23, 2007 do to lack of quorum.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. Chairman Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about re-seeding the grass in the yard and landscaping up close to the building.

The Board reviewed written correspondence.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe had the Board sign change orders for the pedestal lights out front. Rahe was also given permission to purchase a \$40.00 pre-inked stamp for passport applications from the general fund.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to return the Republic County Courthouse to a five day work week. The hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and will take effect Tuesday, May 29, 2007. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

The Board sought input from County residents and allowed the employees to have input also when deciding to return to five days per week. Opening at 7:30 a.m. allows patrons to be able to do business first thing in the morning. Closing at 4:30 p.m. will allow employees to patronize the local businesses after work each day and it was noted that Jewell County and Cloud County Courthouses have closed at 4:30 p.m. for many years.

Interim Economic Development Director Tandy Rundus informed the Board that the Republic County Economic Development Committee has hired Clare Kuhn as the new Republic County Economic Development Director. Ms. Kuhn will have an appointment with the Board every other Monday to give them a progress report.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board and Arlene Clayton stopped to visit about the activities associated with the ethanol plant.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about purchasing a wheel loader and a backhoe/loader for the County.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase one half mile of railroad rock from Neil Dake in exchange for tree removal and dirt work. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

Tom Thompson and Luke Moore will attend a Brockwell Hydraulics Seminar, May 1st and 2nd in Salina, Kansas.

Pam Dowell, Pawnee Mental Health Representative, asked the Board to declare May as Mental Health Month.

The Board adjourned for lunch with regular session resuming at 1:00 p.m.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen noted that Lori Benyshek has completed her probation period and is now eligible to receive her annual pay increase.

It was noted that the Courtland Journal made the final payment on the RCD Loan there for the Board signed the mortgage release on that loan.

Republic County District Conservationist Terry Alstatt, Soil Scientists Jeff Hellerich and Joe Anderson and County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about the Multi-Use Soil Survey Update.

The Board held the monthly department head meeting. Major topics of discussion were the May 8th delinquent property tax sale and the decision for Courthouse employees to return to a five-day work week on May 29, 2007.

Kansas Crossroads RC&D acting Coordinator Gary Satter, John Robison, Troy Carlgren and Terry Alstatt gave a 2006 Summary of statewide accomplishments. The Board appointed Troy Carlgren as Republic County representative for the RC&D Program.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-18 to offer support of the request of the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Council to apply for designation as a Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) area. It was agreed to support the RC&D area and Council if designated and to participate in all its undertakings. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Holl made a motion to give the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development, RC&D, \$500.00 for the year 2007. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Lonnie Hedstrom visited with the Board about wind farms. He invited them to an informational meeting, May 14, 2007, in Mankato, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited about Charter Resolution 2002-01 about commercial traffic on county roads.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the Delinquent Property Tax Sale, which will be postponed to the end of June, due to a problem with the publication date.

The Board signed papers to close the Hospital Revenue Bond Debt Service Account at Citizen's National Bank.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the following four resolutions. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2007-19 This resolution states that Republic County Courthouse staff will revert to an eight-hour schedule. Business hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Resolution 2007-20 This resolution will transfer \$500,000.00 from the funds which were obligated in 2006 General Fund as available for transfer to the Equipment Reserve Fund. This amount was determined by the annual audit.

Resolution 2007-21 This resolution sets the Republic County Elected Officials annual salaries for 2007.

Resolution 2007-22 This is the GAPP Waiver that states that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending 2006 are prepared in conformity with the requirements of laws in the State of Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about E-Waste and budget matters.

William (Bill) Meyer, PLS, representing Olsson Associates, Springfield, Missouri, introduced himself and gave a review of the services offered by the engineering firm.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Marvin, motion carried 2-0 with Chairman Holl abstaining.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board met with Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe about grant reimbursements. Ms. Rahe promised to fax copies of the reimbursement forms and monthly reports to Teresa Kiss, Heritage Trust Fund Manager.

Chairman Holl made a motion to pass resolution 2007-23 which casts Republic Counties ballot for the appointment of Lynn Hoelting and Dwain Compton to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-Large for positions 3 and 7, respectively, and the appointment of Mike Erhart to serve on MSPA's Board of Directors as Director-at-Large for position 5, for the unexpired term ending May 31, 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The Board approved a lease agreement between Republic County and Joe Strnad. Mr. Strnad will pay \$420.00 annually and lease the use of the County's antenna tower and related equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way radio communication signals. As the tenant, Mr. Strnad will provide his own radio transmitting and receiving equipment that is compatible with the County's antenna and relay equipment and the County assumes no responsibility for the repair or maintenance of Strnad's equipment.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen invited the Board to attend a disaster planning table top exercise to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 4, 2007 in Jewell, Kansas. The Board agreed to attend the exercise.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about striping the edges and center line on county black top roads. Based on the Manual On Uniform Of Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) put out by the Federal Highway Administration, Joy said it would cost about \$3,000 per mile. These regulations say that ALL county roads would have to be striped or NONE of the roads striped. The cost is simply too expensive for Republic County.

The Board directed County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to write a letter to Arden Krohn about water drainage on his property.

Mr. Joy noted that he placed a bid in the amount of \$6,125.00 for two used pick-up trucks for the Road and Bridge Department. The bid was accepted by Belleville City.

A utility agreement was approved between Republic County and Every Angle Covered to construct and operate a underground electric line on certain public road right-of-way one half mile north of Lincoln Road and 30 Road. The electric line shall be maintained and kept in good repair by Jeff Thompson.

The Board, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and K-Camp Representative Tom Job approved the 4-H Building Lease Agreement. Clerk Hall will send this to Glenda Keller, Director of the River Valley Extension District Number Four for approval and signatures.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, May 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. Commissioner Holl was absent from this meeting. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The day started with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

President and CEO Carolee Miner, Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer Shelia Nelson Stout and Vice-President and CFO Patrick Wallerius represented OCCK, Inc. reviewed the functions and services offered to Republic County residents. The group requested \$22,809.00 in appropriations from the 2008 County Budget.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer Association annual meeting from June 19-22 in Wichita, Kansas.

Permission to travel was also approved for Kay Shoemaker and Linda Melton to attend Drivers License Training, June 14 in Wichita, Kansas. County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Karen Bonner will attend the meeting to be held June 15 in Salina, Kansas.

James Popelka, NCK Free Fair Board, visited with the Board about the purchase of an air-conditioning unit.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer Leland Tice visited with the Board about various matters.

Mr. Joy told the Board that he has been pricing mowers as it is now a requirement to mow the County Landfill at lease once every year.

Joy also reminded the Board of the official bid opening for tires and grader blades to be held June 11, 2007. Other subjects discussed were the 2008 budget and sending a confirmation letter with our employees who pick up purchases from State & Federal Surplus. It was also a consensus of the group to keep the Republic County's gravel policy the same as in previous years.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek presented the contract or agreement to provide services for the races to be held at the NCK Fairgrounds. The contract will be reviewed and signed next week.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase a digital In-Car Video System, at a cost of \$4,025.00, for a vehicle in the Sheriff's Department. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the regular session. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

At 1:00 p.m., Commissioners Bergstrom and Rytych met the Highway Administrator Charles Joy at the Road and Bridge Department to view equipment and the property lines of the county yard.

At 2:30 p.m., Commissioners Bergstrom and Rytych joined County Clerk Vickie Hall to drive to the Cloud County Courthouse to meet with representatives from the 12th Judicial District.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent from this meeting. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Scott Sproul, Community Development Representative for Nex-Tech, Inc., (a subsidiary of Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc.) asked the Board to sign a Video Service Agreement for Republic County. Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc., A Kansas Corporation was granted authorization by the State of Kansas to provide video service to cover Republic County and will hereinafter be referred to as "Nex-Tech". This company purchased the telephone and cable services from Sprint and will serve the cities of Courtland and Republic. County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. will review the agreement.

Larry Rundus, Liberty Township Treasurer, visited with the Board about family or private cemeteries in Republic County. The Stephenson family cemetery is located in Liberty Township. The township had received a request to remove trees, put up new fence and install a sign for the Stephenson family cemetery. Mr. Rundus stated that Liberty Township currently does a "courtesy mowing" of this cemetery before Memorial Day. The Board agreed that family and/or private cemeteries will be treated in the same manner as in years past.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Darlene Havel received permission to attend a Transportation Meeting, June 13, 2007 in Salina, Kansas.

Sales Representative Ronald Karn of Berry Tractor and Equipment Company visited with Mr. Joy and the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2006 JCB 3CX backhoe for \$65,963.00 from Sellers Tractor Company, Inc. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

County Health Director Marcia Hanson received permission to travel for Susan Swanson to attend the Annual Family Planning Conference, June 7-8, 2007 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons noted that the Delinquent Real Estate Property tax sale will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse.

She also gave the Board the Monthly Hospital Sales Tax Collections Report.

Mrs. Coons noted that there is \$405,965.75 in the hospital sales tax reserve fund and it is great to have more collections than are required to pay the bond payment.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. today. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Rytych will attend the Community Disease Containment Table Top Exercise to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today in Jewell, Kansas. County Health Director Marcia Hansen had extended the invitation to the Board to participate in the exercise.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Two bids were submitted for the landscaping project around the Courthouse. Performance Lawns & Rental, Jeff Widen, Concordia, Kansas bid \$14,514.21 and Molly Williams Designs bid \$9,000.00 to complete the project. After careful consideration, the Board rejected all of the bids and has decided to ask the courthouse custodian to plant grass instead. Letters were sent out to tell them of the Boards decision.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave a report on the condition of the Courthouse roof. There is a small leak and Kevin agreed to replace the old caulking with new.

Mr. Calkins asked about his base hourly rate. The Board will discuss his salary when Chairman Holl is present.

The Board accepted the \$550.00 bid from Boman Floor Covering to replace the carpet in the Council on Aging office in the basement of the Courthouse.

Bailey Raaf was introduced to the Board as the 4-H Intern for the River Valley Extension District No. 4. She will assist County Agents Amanda Lott and Robin Ubanks.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins visited with the Board. She decided not to purchase the computer program that would link the office with District Court. Some of the surrounding counties are also waiting to plan for the expenditure in the 2008 budget.

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

The US 36 Highway Association will hold a June 21-22 meeting in Mankato, Kansas.

Larry Beeson stopped to ask what the Board decided on the landscape project around the Courthouse.

At 10:00 a.m., Highway Administrator Charles Joy and the Board held the official bid opening for truck tires. Mr. Joy will study the proposals. A decision to purchase was tabled until next week.

Joy noted that the bridge crew needed a 4 inch water pump. He presented the four bids as follows:

Rural Gas	\$4,350.00	Michael Todd, Omaha	\$2,524.50
Barco-Omaha	\$2,079.00	C & W Farm Supply	\$2,700.00

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to buy a pump from C & W Farm Supply. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

A Utility Agreement was approved between Republic County and Windstream Nebraska Inc. to bury communications cable system south of Hardy on the Republic and Jewell County line.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board held the official bid opening for 14 grader blades. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the low bid from Welborn Sales, Inc. in Salina, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Grader Blade Bids include:	Welborn Sales, Inc.	\$ 7,815.30
	D-C Wholesale	\$ 9,142.30
	Murphy Tractor	\$10,687.62
	Berry Tractor	\$ 9,893.54

Martin Cat bid \$849.80 for each HD2 Double Bevel and \$561.40 on each High Carbon Double Bevel blades.

Twelfth Judicial District Chief Clerk Lea Welch visited with the Board and asked that the review of the Homeland Security Report be done in an executive session.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session to review the Republic County Courthouse Vulnerability Assessment Report. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0. The office of Homeland Security conducted a vulnerability assessment in November 2006. Regular session resumed at 12:00 noon with no action taken by the Board.

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

At 1:00 Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission for Beverly Reynolds to attend the Medicare Workshop June 15, 2007 in Washington, Kansas.

The Board held the monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance were Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Kathy Calkins, Don Lieb, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Cheryl Loring, Kathy Zach, Appraiser Barry Porter, Communications Director Raymond Raney, County Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the proposed Republic County Transfer of Sick Leave Policy. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn told the Board that Main Street Station has been sold to Tim Boyle of Speedway Distributors. She understood that the building will be used as a sales center and for storage. They hope to be moved in by July 1, 2007.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about various subjects. Porter made a request for an additional employee in his office to serve a "field appraiser. The Board tabled the request and will discuss it next week.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Republic County Soil Conservation Board members Wayne Pachta, Jerome Kieffer, Jerry Strnad, John Robison and District Manager Lori Siemsen visited with the Board and requested \$33,000 in appropriations from the 2008 County budget.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reported that \$38,812.00 was received as payment for properties sold at the Republic County Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax Sale held on June 12, 2007. The Board asked Ms. Coons to make arrangement to hold an annual delinquent tax sale.

Arlene Clayton stopped by during the public forum and spoke about landscaping around the Courthouse.

Nancy Holt, representing the Republic County Historical Society, visited with the Board and made a request of \$16,000 from the 2008 County budget. She noted that a limestone smoke house will be moved to the museum property sometime this fall.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the following tire bids from Crouse Tire in Belleville, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Twenty, 11 R 22.5, 16 ply "Mud & Snow" tires, Firestone #663 at \$291.00 each. Two, "All Season" Firestone LT 215/85 R 16, 10 ply tires at \$82.68 each. Two, LT 235/85 R 16, 10 ply Firestone tires at \$88.14 each and two, Firestone FS507 11R 24.5, 16 ply, tubeless "Highway Steer" tires will be purchased at \$312.00 each. Four "Mud & Snow" tires, 10:00 R 20, 16 ply, tubeless Firestone #546 will be purchased at \$273.53 each. Four Heavy Duty "On-Off Highway" tires 11R 22.5, 16 ply, tubeless Firestone #819 will be purchased at \$293.79 each.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the following tire bids from Jensen Tire and Service in Courtland. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Four "All Season" LT 235/75 R 15, 6 ply tubeless tires at \$78.55 each. All bids are on file at the Road and Bridge Office.

Quotes for lumber have been received from Hays Lumber, Mid West Lumber and JR Crow. It was a consensus of the Board to postpone a decision on this until next week.

It was also a consensus of the Board to have Mr. Joy view a used 40-ton crane in Nebraska.

Mr. Joy agreed to pay \$6,000 from Road and Bridge Funds to purchase a 2003 Chevrolet 4x4 pick-up truck from the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. He noted that Deputy Heath Todd has resigned and his last day will be July 4. Deputy Brian Schultz is scheduled to attend mandatory law enforcement schooling on July 8, 2007.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as the Board & Clerk Hall went to view streets and intersections near the county shops, hospital and the county fairgrounds.

Chairman Holl made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2007-24 Establishing Fees to be charged to persons for permits and accessing and/or copying open public records. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Belleville City Manager Robert Knudson visited with the Board about sharing the cost of materials on a street improvement project on a west side entrance to the Republic County Hospital.

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director and Alternate Board Member Pam Dowell visited with the Board. Ms. Cole requested \$22,050 in funds from the 2008 budget.

At 3:31 p.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with County Treasurer Cindy Coons to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 3:41 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Main Street Coordinator Melinda Pierson signed a Hold Harmless Agreement. The Board gave approval to hold the Farmer's Market around the Courthouse Square. The market will be held from 8:30-11:00 a.m. each Saturday morning from July 7 through September 29, 2007.

Ms. Pierson asked the Board if the Blecha family could place four park benches on the west side of the Courthouse. It was agreed that additional seating was needed during the Farmer's Market and other events. The Board suggested a gray color and noted that the seating must remain mobile to be moved about as needed for special events.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

It was a consensus of the Board to contract with Sedgwick County for a Motor Vehicle Property Tax and Fee Estimator. It will provide a link on our web site to allow the public to look up motor vehicle taxes. There will be a basic one-time setup fee of \$250.00 and a \$200.00 annual maintenance charge.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented the 2008 District Court Budget.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. The Board approved a Utility Agreement with Rural Water District No. 2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline in Section 4 of Belleville Township.

Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase twelve 16-ply tires from Hoard Oil in Courtland at a cost of \$260.00 each and eight tires from Crouse Tire and Wheel, Belleville at \$222.00 each. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Official bids are on file at the Road and Bridge Office.

Bids for fir lumber were received from Midwest Service & Sales Co., Schuyler, Nebraska at \$5,496.96 and J. R. Crow & Co. Bridge Material, Derby, Kansas at \$7,072.00 for 32 3x12 boards in both 20 and 24 foot lengths.

Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase from Midwest Service & Sales Co. as they submitted the low bid and will guarantee the quality of the wood against warp and damage. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Joy and the Board agreed that an air conditioner should be purchased for the dozer at the County Landfill.

Mr. Joy said he had received a request from Rite Jeardoe Goodwin to use the transportation bus at no charge. It was a consensus of the Board that organizations including LifeLine participants must lease the bus.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 18th meeting. Second by Rytych. Motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board that he had hired Peggy Zukowske at \$8.00 per hour to serve as a part-time jailer.

The Board held the monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance were Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Randy Ainsworth, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The Board requested that budget requests be turned in to the County Clerk's Office by July 5.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave a review of the activities in her department.

Custodian Kevin Calkins asked the Board to consider changing his work schedule from a 45 hour work week to a standard 40-hour week. Calkins was hired with a guarantee of 5 hours overtime per week. To insure Calkins makes the same money per paycheck the Board agreed to increase his hourly rate with the understanding that no overtime would be allowed in the future. If Calkins worked late on Tuesday evening he would come in later on Wednesday morning to stay within the 40-hour workweek.

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. The Board agreed to pay \$40.00 per hour to registered nurses who agree to accompany Republic County Ambulance Service personnel on ACLS transfers.

Pastor Joyce Beam offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11 meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried with 2 voting yes and Chairman Holl abstained from voting as she did not attend that meeting.

Custodian Kevin Calkins noted that he has been removing the old air conditioning units from the windows as the central air units are installed in the various departments within the Courthouse.

Mr. Calkins told the Board that he would like to be paid 13 times on salary at \$25,000 per year. The Board will consider this option.

James Popelka, representing the NCK Free Fair Ag Board, visited with the Board. The Board accepted a bid of \$16,273.00 from Hood, Heating & Air, Plumbing and Electric Co. to install an air conditioning unit in the main Commercial Building on the NCK Fairgrounds. Tebow Plumbing and Rizek Plumbing were also asked to submit a written bid.

Mr. Popelka noted that the fair board would like to request the tax appropriation in 2008 budget stay at the same level as 2007. He stated that he hoped the Board would continue to allocate \$25,000 for Fair Ground Improvements in 2008.

A Hold Harmless Agreement was signed by Judy Kisby, on behalf of the Belleville City Library. They will be holding a scavenger hunt on the Courthouse lawn as part of the Summer Library Program.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received permission to attend the workshop on Safeguarding Essential Records, July 18, 2007 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the future upkeep of the Republic County Hospital and the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Mr. Miller noted that it would require about \$35,000 in carpet and \$5,000 in vinyl floor covering.

He noted that the immediate updates, at the Republic Count Medical Arts Building, for the new doctor will be taken from the \$23,000 in the account derived from the rental of the doctor's offices.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer Leland Tice visited with the Board. KDOT would like to purchase the north part of the present Republic County Road and Bridge yard. The Board asked Mr. Tice to present an offer in the near future.

The Board and Mr. Joy addressed road complaints from Gary Nutter and Bob Larson, Manhattan, Kansas as it relates to standing water on their property. The water standing on their land has nothing to do with the County road and bridge system. To address Brian Thompson's complaint it was noted that he needs to lower his spillway. Again, this has nothing to do with the County.

It was a consensus to move the "decommissioned" transportation bus into service for the Election Department. The previous Commissioners had promised the County Clerk that she could use it to haul election equipment to and from the polling sites. Mr. Joy and Clerk Hall will descide on a price.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadacheck visited with the Board about RCD matters.

After lunch, Weed Director Steve Pounds and Appraiser Barry Porter submitted their 2008 Budget requests.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. The Board agreed that he could advertise for a part-time field appraiser.

The Board also gave their approval to the proposed fee schedule for Web users.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board the Sales Tax Report for the 2nd quarter.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad advised the Board that he hired David Cox at \$12.50 per hour to work as a full time deputy in the Sheriff's Department.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson, Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and the Board visited about the F Street Project. Knudson was seeking assistance from the County and the hospital to cover the cost of improvements needed on F Street and the back entrance to the hospital. Republic County Hospital agreed to purchase the pipe for the project and Belleville City will provide all the labor including the installation of a new box culvert. The County dollars would cover the cost of the materials needed to complete the project.

Chairman Holl made a motion to give Belleville City \$6,000 to cover the County's share of the F Street Improvement Project. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator/Solid Waste Director Charles Joy joined the group. Knudson was asking what formula was used to generate the current Republic County Solid Waste fees for Belleville City. It was a consensus of the group to study this subject and discuss it at a later date.

The Board visited with Mr. Joy about the Norway Road that connects Highway 148 and the paved road at the Cloud County line. This project has been thoroughly discussed and work on that road will proceed when the weather permits.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the June 25, 2007 Commissioner's minutes. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Bergstrom abstained due to absence from that meeting.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the July 1, 2007 Commissioner's minutes. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between Republic County and the City of Munden for payment of Solid Waste Fees.

At 11:30 a.m., the Cloud County Commissioners joined the Republic County Commissioners for a conference call. The subject was the Twelfth Judicial District Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice Services. They were requesting that Republic County join in signing a new agreement allowing Cloud County to be the administrative county.

Republic County Commissioners told the Cloud County Commissioners that they would not sign a new agreement at this time. They felt District Judge Kim W. Cudney should remain in charge of the personnel and services for the six counties for the delivery of adult community corrections and juvenile justice authority services throughout this district.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as the Board signed a permission to travel for Beth Reed. Reed will attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Board Meeting on July 12 in Topeka, Kansas.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring joined the Commissioners and County Clerk Vickie Hall to study the budget requests submitted by each department. The group will continue to work on the proposed 2008 budget.

A special meeting has been called to visit with the County auditor on Friday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. to finalize this budget.

Commissioner Rytych will represent Republic County at the Special Juvenile Justice Assn. meeting on July 11, 2007 in Concordia, Kansas.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reviewed the quarterly financials with the Board.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about building improvements in the jail kitchen. Discussion was held about placing a picnic table behind the courthouse for county employees.

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

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek and EMT Joseph Blecha visited with the Board about personnel. Mr. Blecha is attending Paramedic School and will be doing a two month long field internship. He will be working five days per week in Kansas City from mid-August to November. He has about 120 hours of leave time on the books. Dusek asked if Blecha will be required to use his leave time and if this time away from Republic County Ambulance Service will be considered a "leave of absence".

Dusek told the Board that he would like to have the service hire another full time employee. The Board will consider that request but will talk about it at the next meeting.

The Board signed the proposed "4-H Building Lease Agreement".

A letter was sent to Mr. Shawn Brandmahl advising him that Republic County's representative on the Executive Board of the North Central Regional Juvenile Detention Facility will change from Marvin Bergstrom to Frank Rytych.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped in to visit.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. The Board signed a "draw-down" in the amount of \$32,269.11 for Lifetime Kennel Building Systems LLC.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board on numerous subjects.

Belleville Telescope Reporter Ashley Moravek joined the group.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Estimates were received for new bed and hoist units for two gravel trucks.

Clerk Hall asked Mr. Joy about adding a "Tommy Lift" to the back of the old transportation bus. This would be a great assist when election equipment is loaded into the back of the bus. Mr. Joy will research it.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Darlene Havel to attend the quarterly transportation meeting in Minneapolis, Kansas.

A Utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and Kent Larson to operate an underground waterline on public road right-of-way in White Rock Township.

Mr. Joy gave the Board a list of items that can be disposed of at our local Construction/Demolition site.

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

The official Solid Waste Hearings were held from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. with no patrons in attendance.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave a progress report from that department.

Republic County Extension Representative Deb Tipton visited with the Board about the proposed 4-H Building Lease Agreement. The County agreed to maintain full property insurance on the real estate and the buildings. Mrs. Tipton did not understand that the County can not provide liability insurance protection for the 4-H members or any individual, entity or organization that may use the 4-H building. After much discussion she decided not to sign the agreement.

Commissioner Rytych and Clerk Hall called to visit with Tom Job at KCAMP to review the insurance on the 4-H Building. Mr. Job simply reiterated that it is not legal for Republic County to provide insurance for another group.

The Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 20 for a budget work study session with the County Auditor.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met on Friday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room to hold a special budget work session. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were present. County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring were also in attendance. County Auditor Randall R. Hofmeier and Jerry A. Pugh from Bartlett, Settle & Edgerle reviewed the proposed 2008 County budget and answered questions for the group.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to hold the County Budget Hearing on Monday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn this session at 12:00 noon. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board read a letter from Lea Welch, Chief Clerk of the District Court, noting that the Cloud County Commissioners “approved paying the training costs for the District Coroner up to the maximum of \$2,000.00 to be apportioned District-wide.”

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about personnel issues.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Scandia and the City of Courtland concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees to Republic County.

Melinda Pierson received permission for the Main Street Committee and the Chamber of Commerce to hold activities on the Courthouse lawn.

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

New Century Bank Senior Vice-President Keith Anderson introduced the Board to the CDARS Program for bankers and investors. County Treasurer Cindy Coons was also on hand to listen to his proposal. The Board noted that they want to visit with the County Auditor, personally review the packet and discuss the proposal thoroughly before making a decision to participate in such a program.

The Board signed the Annual Review of North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan Annual Update.

Pastor Harvey Farnsworth offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about staffing and personnel issues. Approval was given to hire Brent Kirkpatrick as a full time jailer at \$9.00 per hour, raise the pay for Andrew Bates to \$12.00 per hour and to move part-time Sheriff's Deputy Chad Barton to full time status at \$12.00 per hour.

Clerk Hall will ask the four Republic County Extension Council Representatives, Extension Agents and Director Glenda Keller to make an appointment with the Board to discuss the 4-H Building.

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

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Commissioner Holl did not return for the afternoon session.

Interim Director Ellen Anderson and Judge Kathryn Carter of the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections visited with the Board. The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2008 Community Corrections and SB 123 Supervision Grant Funds Budget Summary and Budget Narrative for the 12th Judicial District Field Services Community Corrections. Mrs. Carter also explained the Risk Reduction Initiative based on Senate Bill 14.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve and sign the 2008 Community Corrections Act. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

The monthly department head meeting was held with Clerk of District Court Kris Kling, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Communications Director Raymond Raney and County Clerk Vickie Hall in attendance. The subjects were 2008 department budgets, plat books and records preservation.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe noted that she would like to use about \$4,000 from the Technology Fund to start the microfilming of records in 2008. The Board agreed that they would like to see that done if the money is available.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 30, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about encouraging county residents to purchase 911 Reflective Address Signs to make each address more visible for emergency personnel.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek stopped to visit about personnel.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit.

Eileen Sutton, representing the Belleville Telescope, sat in on a small portion of the meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received approval for Linda Melton and Kay Shoemaker to attend a driver's license training August 8, 2007 in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007 meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Election Deputy Amy McIntosh came in to personally give the Board notice of her intent to resign from her current position with Republic County.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the Video Service Agreement between Republic County and Nex-Tech, Inc. a subsidiary of Rural Telephone Service Co., Incorporated. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

KDOT Area Engineer Leland Tice, Acquisition Agent Melinda Marlar, Relocation Agent Donald Verge and Maintenance Supervisor Gary Simmons visited with the Board about purchasing county property north of the Road and Bridge Shop. Highway Administrator Charles Joy was also in attendance. The group offered to pay Republic County \$6,250.00 and noted that the State of Kansas would move the large barrels. The Board felt the offer was significantly lower than they were willing to accept. The Board told the group they would accept no less than \$25,000 for the property. Mr. Tice will get back to the Board in the near future.

A Utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and Roger McCartney for an underground waterline in Belleville Township.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy received permission to travel to Paxton, Nebraska on August 8, 2007 to look at a 30 ton Linkbelt Crane.

Mr. Joy told the Board that he hired Robert J. Lawson, Jr. (Bobby Lawson) to be the grader operator in the Agenda area. Mr. Lawson has 12 years experience, will be paid \$11.50 per hour and begin work on August 13, 2007.

Harold Wilber resigned as Republic County representative on the Mid-States Port Authority Board. Clerk Hall will call Scott Whitefoot to ask if he could recommend someone to replace Mr. Wilber on this Board.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad noted that he hired Dan Harlan who is a certified K-9 officer for Washington County. He will work on a very limited basis as a reserve officer.

John D. Cunningham, Vice-President of Cunningham Communications, Inc., visited with the Board. The Board signed a Service and Fee Agreement for Enhanced Emergency Number (E-911) Service between Republic County and Cunningham Communications. This will give Cunningham the ability to offer telephone service to their cable television customers.

The Board visited with US Highway 36 Association Board Member Larry Brown. Mr. Brown was seeking support for an official highway study to promote 36 Highway. The previous Board had agreed in 2006 to share in the cost of the study. Republic County will pay \$2,000 towards the cost of the study. These funds will be paid from the Economic Development Fund. The association hopes all 13 counties will participate.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about upkeep on the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Mr. Miller wants to know who should be making the repairs to the Medical Arts Building and the entity that is responsible for paying those vendors or workers that make the repairs or improvements.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn visited with the Board. She noted that Dennis and Carol Jean Urie opened up a new business, Completion of the Circle, in Scandia, Ks.

Ms. Kuhn noted that Republic County Community Foundation now has a 7 member committee. This foundation was established for the people who want to endow money to the County often for specific projects.

KDOT Area Engineer Leland Tice and Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Mr. Tice noted that the State of Kansas has agreed to pay Republic County \$25,000 for the property north of the Republic County Road and Bridge Shop. Mr. Joy verbally agreed to have County owned property moved from that property by March 1, 2008.

The Board directed Mr. Joy to check on electricity, water and sewer connections for the new office building.

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

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the Memorandum of Agreement between Cloud County and Republic County to provide and maintain the childcare licensing program according to State of Kansas regulations. A Memorandum of Agreement was also signed to work in a cooperative effort for the implementation of the Family Planning (FP) Program.

At 1:08 p.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to visit about non-elected personnel with County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Amy McIntosh. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:13 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl made a motion to proceed with the bond process and publish the Notice of Hearing for the issuance of bonds for the Republic County Assisted Living Project. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-25 a resolution providing for identifying already numbered residences and businesses for the purpose of emergency response. The County recommends a blue and white reflective address marker be attached to each rural mailbox, home, or business so that emergency personnel may locate a home or business as quickly as possible to deliver assistance. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

At 8:35 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Appraiser Barry Porter. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. At 8:45 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Porter later noted that he had offered the part-time position of Field Appraiser and Data Collector to Raymond Splichal. He will be paid \$10.00 per hour with no benefits.

Pastor Joyce Beam offered the morning prayer.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about various RCD matters.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Beth Reed to attend the Emergency Management Annual Conference, September 18-21, 2007 in Hays, Kansas.

Permission was also granted for Mr. Raney and Beth Reed to attend the August 22, 2007 planning session for the KEMA Conference in Hays, Ks.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Holl called the official 2008 Republic County Budget Hearing into session. The purpose of the hearing was to answer any questions from taxpayers relating to the proposed use of county funds.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the proposed 2008 County Budget as published in the Belleville Telescope. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Those attending the budget hearing were County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, Sheriff Ron Blad, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Weed Director Steve Pounds and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

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

The Board visited with Weed Director Steve Pounds about the sale of chemicals when he is absent from work. Randy Hansen and Glenn Fisher made inquiries. The Board suggested Mr. Pounds run an ad in the Telescope when he plans to be out of town for more than a couple of days. This would give the public additional notice of the Weed Department Closing.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy introduced Paul Drees from the Jayhawk Crane Company. It was a consensus of the Board to trade in the crane currently owned by Republic County and purchase the 1984 Model "98" Crawler. It was agreed to accept the bid of \$80,000.00 with the understanding they will allow us \$50,000.00 trade-in for our old crane. The County will then pay the balance of \$30,000.00 for the 1984 Model "98" Crawler. Mr. Drees noted that they would offer a 90 day warranty.

Mr. Joy also asked that Duane Swanson be given a County Cell Phone to use while performing his duties at the Republic County Landfill.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. The front steps will be complete by the end of this week. He reported that the vent system has been completed in the jail kitchen and that he had finished maintenance and painting in County Appraiser Barry

Porter's office. Approval was given for Calkins the purchase mulching blades for the lawn mower.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. At 11:32 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Strnad and County Clerk Vickie Hall. At 11:52 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Strnad told the Board that Paramedic Shannon Meyer from Jewell County will be working for Republic County Ambulance Service each Tuesday and be paid \$10.35 per hour with no benefits.

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

At 1:00 p.m., Solid Waste Director Charles Joy joined the Board and Chairman Holl opened the Republic County Solid Waste Hearings. No patrons attended this session.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling and Deputy Mary Gustin visited with the Board about the air conditioning system in their office. The first floor district court vault and the area where the driver's license examinations are given were also discussed.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman
Frank Rytych, Member
Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record minutes of the meeting

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board that he was going to look at another used backhoe this week that is a size larger than the last backhoe he inspected for his department.

The Board also signed the General Warranty Deed to transfer a tract of land in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 3 West to the Kansas Department of Transportation. The property contains 37,012 square feet or .850 acres and is located north of the County Road and Bridge Shop. Republic County will receive \$25,000.00 from the sale of this property. The County has agreed to remove any and all personal property from this property on or before the first day of March, 2008.

Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board. She noted that the delinquent property tax list has been printed in the Belleville Telescope. There are 240 parcels that would generate about \$111,000 in revenue for Republic County.

The Board approved travel for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend NCK County Clerk's Fall Meeting in Salina, Kansas.

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

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

Craig Tebow, representing Tebow Plumbing Company, Inc., visited with the Board. He gave a breakdown of the Mitsubishi equipment, materials and labor to install Phase 3 of the heat pump and cooling system for the Courthouse. Tebow told the Board the cost would be \$48,832.95 for the final phase of this project. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Phase 3 of this project. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried, 3-0. Tebow suggested the project would take 4-6 weeks to complete once the unit is delivered to the Courthouse.

The Board made a visual inspection of the front steps of the Courthouse.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board held the official Bond Hearing for the Republic County Assisted Living, LLC. Those present were Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych, Bond Council Donald E. Jensen and Assistant Marilyn Heckman of Cosgrove, Webb & Oman, Topeka, Kansas, Pending Member of the Republic County Assisted Living, LLC Jack West, Executive Vice-President of Astra Bank Mikel C. Hadacheck and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-26 authorizing Republic County, Kansas to issue Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 (Republic County Assisted Living, LLC Project) in the principal amount of \$1,200,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping a health care facility. Second by Commissioner Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The resolution also authorizes the execution of a trust indenture by and between the County and Security Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas, as trustee; authorizing the County to lease such facility to Republic County Assisted Living, LLC; and authorizing the execution and delivery of all other documents and certificates.

A Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit was approved for Larry Brown to be located in the NW ¼ of Section 34-1-3.

The Board signed a letter to Mr. Alan Lierz, New Century Bank, Belleville, Kansas to inform him that the Board has reviewed the CDARS Deposit Placement Program and decided not to participate.

The Board's decision came after thorough discussion with County Treasurer Cindy Coons and after visiting with the county auditor. The Board indicated that they would like to keep the county money circulating locally, in local banks. County Auditor Randall Hofmeier, CPA was contacted and agreed with the Board that CDARS is a new program for New Century Bank and relatively new to the area. The group agreed that there still may be an element of unnecessary risk if each and every paper is not perfectly executed. The program could be reviewed in 3-4 years. The Board and Mr. Hofmeier would like to see the program gain experience and longevity before the County makes investments in this manner.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received permission to send Donna Moravek, Debbie Sells, Nila Skupa, Juanita Ashby, Kathy Zach, Karen Henke and Joyce Ball to the Kansas Home Care Association annual meeting September 17-18, 2007 in Topeka, Kansas.

At 11:53 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:58 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Having no afternoon appointments, Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn for the day. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytch, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Clerk Hall told the Board that Beth Ball has accepted the job of Election Deputy in the County Clerk's Office. She will assume her duties the first of September working full time at \$8.50 per hour.

Beth Reed and Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney received permission to travel to the EMSAK Board Meeting, August 27, in Salina, Kansas.

Paul Freeman visited with the Board and Sheriff Blad about the Courtland Cemetery.

The Board signed the lease agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad who owns and operates an Omni-directional antenna tower and related equipment for the relay of radio communications. Strnad leases the use of the antenna tower and related communications equipment. This lease shall commence on September 1, 2007 and expires on August 31, 2008. The tenant, Jerry Strnad, pays the County an annual rental fee of \$420.00 for the term of the lease.

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

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

The Board reviewed the 2007 Holiday Schedule. It was a consensus of the Board to observe Thanksgiving on November 22 and 23, Christmas will be observed on December 24 and 25 and County offices will close at noon on December 31, 2007.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy introduced Jerry L. Fowler of Kirkham-Michael Engineering Services. Mr. Fowler offered his services to Mr. Joy and the Board. He noted that some counties pay his company a monthly fee while others call him on an "as needed" basis and pay them by the hour. The Board asked Mr. Joy to get bids from Campbell and Johnson Engineers, Concordia, Kansas and Schwab-Eaton Engineers.

Clarence Kettelhut visited with the Board. He told the group about a road that needs gravel and grading near Cedar Road and 100 Road in Washington Township.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Joy noted that a motor went out of one of the older gravel trucks. They are not sure the truck has enough value to warrant putting a rebuilt engine

into it. Mr. Joy said he was going to put the purchase of a used backhoe on hold until he could secure a replacement truck for his department.

Mr. Joy also gave each of the commissioners a copy of the Kansas Statutes regarding removal of hedge fences, trees, weeds etc. that are in the road right-of-way or on the right-of-way boundary.

Mr. Joy also presented a draft of the Republic County Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Policy for their review. This policy specifically relates to the Transportation Department.

Keith Anderson of New Century Bank asked the Board to reconsider using the CDARS Deposit Placement Program. He will get additional information to Clerk Hall.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and join the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins was contacted about maintenance at the Republic County Medical Arts Building. This subject will be revisited next week.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board held the regularly scheduled department head meeting. The group reviewed the 2007 Holiday Schedule. Those present were Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser Barry Porter, Highway Administrator Charles G. Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Health Director Marcia Hansen, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The 2007 Holiday Schedules were delivered to the Republic County Extension Office, County Treasurer and Republic County District Court Offices so they can plan ahead for the upcoming holiday closings.

At 2:10 p.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn to discuss confidential data with the Board. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. At 2:20 p.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board. Ms. Kuhn proceeded to give a general progress report from her department.

Ambulance Director David Strnad requested permission to purchase a new photocopier for his department. He will be taking bids in the next few weeks.

The Board also asked Strnad to see to it that all Ambulance personnel dress professionally while on duty and upon arrival at the scene of any accident. Employees also need to be wearing clothing that clearly identifies them as EMS Personnel. This could be a T-shirt with EMS Personnel in bold print on the back or possibly a Republic County Ambulance reflective vest that could be carried in their vehicles or kept at home.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about grant writing. The Board encouraged her to attend a workshop and welcomed her interest in assisting with grant applications for Republic County.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the lease agreement on the 4-H Building. The Board asked if he had reviewed approved the proposed resolution for granting tax exemptions in Republic County. Mr. Spurney said he will look it over before the next Board meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy along with Kenneth P. Johnson P.A. and Donald Dean P.A. of Campbell and Johnson Engineers, Concordia, Kansas visited with the Board. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dean offered the Board engineering services on a monthly contract basis or an as needed basis. The reason for this action is to comply with a Kansas Statute 68-501 that requires each County to use licensed engineering services to provide technical guidance on engineering matters.

Mr. Joy told the Board that he plans to have the County-Wide Clean-up in November. He will get a schedule out to the small cities.

Permission to travel was approved for 911 Dispatcher Colleen Alkire to attend the TAC Certification Class, September 18, 2007 in Salina, Kansas.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and Courthouse Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about maintenance at the Republic County Medical Arts Building. The watering and trimming of the yard will continue to be contracted out as well as the snow removal. Mr. Calkins was asked to do occasional light maintenance, make minor repairs and do diagnostics on the larger maintenance issues. If he is not qualified or unable to make the repair he will contact a plumber or electrician. Mr. Miller told Calkins he could call the maintenance crew at the hospital to ask questions about past maintenance practices on the Medical Arts Building.

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

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

The afternoon session began at 1:00 p.m. and Commissioner Bergstrom did not attend the afternoon session.

River Valley Extension District Director Glenda Keller and Republic County Board Member David Blecha visited with the Board about the building lease and liability insurance for the 4-H Building.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy rejoined the meeting. Jerry Fowler of Kirkham-Michael stopped to visit.

The Board would like to remind all Republic County employees that the wearing of safety belts is required, by law, and are to be used while on duty in a county vehicle and/or while in a personal vehicle traveling to conferences or seminars on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn for the day. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reviewed the County investments.

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

Clerk Hall will visit with the Custodian Kevin Calkins about providing drinking water that has not gone through the water softener.

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

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall, Election Deputy Beth Ball and Amy McIntosh to attend the Electronic Voting Information Systems Training September 24-28 in Wichita, Kansas.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson and Belleville City Clerk Russ Piroutek visited with the Board about county owned property located at 902 M Street. Belleville City Clerk will be forced to take action against the owner of this property if the past due utility bill and issues of property clean-up are not resolved.

The Board asked County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to send a letter to Sharon Hammons notifying her that she must pay \$240.78 in past-due utility bills, remove two old vehicles from the property and pay all delinquent payments on the Contract of Sale Agreement with Republic County.

Raymond Splichal visited with the Board about a drive way and entrance to his property.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Campbell & Johnson Engineers, Concordia, Kansas to provide technical and engineering services to the County on an "as needed basis". Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

A Joint Road Waterway Permit was approved for Dennis Moeller to use a public road ditch as part of a waterway in the development of an accepted Drainage Plan as proposed by a licensed engineer on the south side of the E1/2 SE ¼ Section 3 Township 1-5.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. He received signatures on the Agreement for Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Equipment.

The Board signed a second copy of the 4-H Building Lease Agreement and will present the agreement to the River Valley Extension District No. 4 Board for approval.

At 11:55 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn for the day. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. He reported that Director David Strnad had hurt his back. Strnad filled out all the Workman's Compensation forms and could be off work for several weeks.

Dusek also reported that Laura Siefers had a minor accident with the ambulance while at the fueling station. They are getting estimates to repair the damage to the vehicle.

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

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave the Board an update on work being done in his department. He gave the Board a Utility Comparison showing electricity and gas usage for 2006 and 2007.

The Board signed a lease agreement between Republic County and Brad Krenke to lease the use of the County radio antenna tower and equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way communication signals.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. approved a proposed resolution for exemption from taxation for economic development purposes. The Board plans to approve the resolution at the next meeting.

The Board drafted a letter of support for the Community Corrections Program. They had a conference call with Kathryn Carter.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about matters in the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Joy will be requesting bids on the electrical and plumbing for the new office building.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons shared a Hospital Sales Tax Revenue update with the Board. The current balance is \$530,967.59 and the next bond payment of \$90,009.75 is due by December 1, 2007.

Ms. Coons also noted that there are 43 real estate owners currently on the list for the next delinquent tax sale. In order to be on this list parcels have three years delinquent taxes.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Linda Melton to attend the North Central Kansas County Treasurers and Register of Deeds Fall Meeting, November 17, 2007 in Ellsworth, Kansas.

Pastor Helen Spath, United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

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

Melinda Pierson, representing Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Belleville Main Street, received permission to hold Scare on the Square on October 26, 2007 and the Autumn Days Festival October 6, 2007 on the front steps and around the Courthouse square.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad, Under-Sheriff Eric Brunner and Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board. A representative from The Kansas State Fire Marshall's office did a walk through of the Courthouse on September 18, 2007. The group reviewed the report and will have all corrections made within the required 30 day time frame.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board he was still shopping for new and/or used dump trucks. He also noted that the crews were currently patching roads and doing some catch up work due to the rains.

It was a unanimous decision of the Board to cut the week-end hours of the County Landfill schedule back to two Saturdays per month in December 2007 as well as January and February 2008. The change will be advertised and the landfill will continue to be open during the week by appointment when patrons call 785-527-2235. Mr. Joy will decide which two Saturdays he will remain open.

Permission to travel was approved for County Appraiser Barry Porter to attend a meeting October 22-24 in Topeka, KS on the "Introduction to ORION", the new state wide appraisal software system. Approval was also given for Retha Blecha to attend the October 29-31 session.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy introduced Martin Tractor Company Representative Dustin D. Daniels and visited about the program Caterpillar has in place to do Certified Rebuilds on motor graders. The Board will review the information and consider this option.

Chairman Holl made a motion to reappointed Deb Hadachek for another term on the Republic County Hospital Board and appointed Sonia Raney to replace Robert Raney at the end of his term. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with the following persons in attendance: County Health Director Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Appraiser Barry Porter and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave the Board a progress report from her department. At 2:17 p.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs of corporations and partnerships. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 2:27 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-27. This is a resolution adopting a policy for the granting, by Republic County, Kansas, of exemptions from ad valorem taxation for economic development purposes. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

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

The next regular session will be held on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board appointed Randy Nelson to represent Republic County on the Mid-States Port Authority to fill the un-expired term of Harold Wilber.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the purchase and installation of new cabinets at the Republic County Medical Arts Building.

Three bids were presented:

David Huse Cabinets at \$17,209.25

Salina Plaining Mill for Cabinets at \$15,775.00

Smith Center Cabinets at \$14,400.00

County funds are not being used to finance this project but since Republic County owns the Medical Arts Building, Mr. Miller asked for input from the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the low bid from Josh Kirchoff, Smith Center Cabinets. The bid includes the cabinet installation by Kyle Heltne. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Chairman Holl chose to abstain from this vote.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek presented bids for a new photocopier for their department. Three bids were received from Key Office Products at \$2,138.00 and we purchase the toner, ICON at \$2,225.00 with toner included and Beloit Typewriter presented a bid that was not competitive. It was a unanimous decision to accept the bid of \$2,225.00 from ICON.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling and Mary Gustin visited with the Board about the unpleasant odor in the district court office. The Board gave Mrs. Kling permission to contact American Metropolitan Environmental, Inc., Wichita, Kansas in hopes of finding the problem and a solution.

Pastor Leonard Maxwell, First United Methodist Church in Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He gave a progress report on road repairs within the County. The Republic Road will be done today and they will begin to seal seven blocks within the City of Republic. The city reimburses for the labor, equipment costs and the oil.

Mr. Joy received permission to have his employees begin work at 7:30 a.m. and work until 6:00 p.m., continuing the 4 day work week, through the week of November 19, 2007. Mr. Joy also received permission to attend a KDOT meeting October 16, 2007 in Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Joy told the Board that a motor went bad in one of the trucks. He is looking into the cost of rebuilding this motor at the County shop versus buying a rebuilt motor for the truck. He will study the repair options.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about building maintenance. He will offer a dehumidifier to the District Court Clerk to assist with the moisture in that office.

Sheriff Ron Blad received approval to hire Steve Eickmann as a Sheriff's Deputy. His hiring is contingent upon successfully passing the pre-employment testing. He will be paid \$10.50 per hour.

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

The Board sent a letter to Julie Govert Walter, Executive Director of North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency On Aging, Inc. in Manhattan, Kansas. She had asked the Board to commit at least \$3,105.00 towards the Senior Care Act. The Board noted that although \$3,105.00 was requested, Republic County has only budgeted \$1,500.00 for year 2008 for the Aging Department. Republic County will wait for final allocation notification from the Kansas Department on Aging, and then we will commit dollars to the Senior Care Incentive Match.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received permission to attend a FEMA Class, in Emmetsburg, Maryland from February 25-28, 2008. The only cost to the County will be his meals. He also noted that Republic County received two generators from Regional Homeland Security.

The official bid opening was held for the plumbing and electrical work to be done at the Road and Bridge Office Building. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$3,780.68 from Derowitsch Construction for plumbing. Holl also included the low bid of \$1,732.84 from Central Kansas Electric, Jason Wheeler owner, Concordia, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The County will demand payment for Derowitsch Construction's 2006 Delinquent Personal Property Tax prior to making any payment for work done at the Road and Bridge Office Building.

Hood Heating, Air, Plumbing, Electric, Inc. submitted a bid of \$6,481.00 to complete both the plumbing and electric. Tebow Plumbing and Rizek Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning did not submit bids for this project.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

District Extension Agent Robin Eubank asked the Board to sign a Proclamation to observe Kansas Family and Community Education Week October 14-20, 2007. Ms. Eubank thanked the Board for their participation.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a quarterly review of all County funds. She received permission to purchase a 500 sheet tray for the laser printer in her office from Nex-Tech. The cost will be \$399.00 and will be paid from the general equipment reserve.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the October 1st minutes with the addition of one sentence for clarification. Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney will be attending a meeting in Emmetsburg, Maryland. "The only expense to Republic County will be for Mr. Raney's meals." Second by Commissioner Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Michael Graham, benefit specialist for Platinum Services, Inc., visited with the Board.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-28 to appoint Rob Walsh of Concordia as the special prosecutor to act as the attorney for Republic County should any need arise during the absence of County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board and let them know that Campbell & Johnson Engineers will be performing the annual bridge inspection of 13 County bridges. The cost to the County will be \$1,200.00 for this inspection.

Joy also reported that he was able to purchase a sheep's foot for \$1,500.00 from the Federal Surplus in Topeka, Ks. He also noted that the department would purchase a rebuilt motor for one of the trucks. The motor will cost \$6,795.00 and have a 2 year warranty with an unlimited amount of miles.

Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Gerald Blazek visited with the Board about matters concerning the Republic County Development Committee and RCD loans.

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

Following a luncheon recess the Board held a department head meeting to review the Republic County Employee Manual. Those in attendance were Highway

Administrator Charles Joy, Darlene Havel, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser Barry Porter, Kathy Calkins, Sheriff Ronald Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Weed Director Steve Pounds, County Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney gave the group a review of the critical reminder chart outlining the procedures for employees to follow in emergency situations.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He noted that he purchased a used stock trailer for \$700.00 to hold cardboard for the recycling program.

Discussion was held about Highway Administrator Charles Joy, who currently is receiving KPERS retirement, having an earnings limitation of \$20,000.00 each year. His KPERS benefit checks will be terminated the last three months of the year since he reached the limitation on September 22, 2007. This requirement only affects employees who have retired and choose to return to work for the same employer. Mr. Joy currently works for Republic County on an as needed basis and is considered a part-time employee with no benefits. The matter was tabled until next week.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he had hired Karla Brzon as a full time jailer at \$9.10 per hour.

Kay Shoemaker and Larry Beeson visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn visited with the Board about various matters.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about building maintenance.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to attend the Region IV meeting in Clay Center, Kansas on October 16, 2007. Assistant Director Rod Dusek was also in attendance and noted that collections were very good.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of the word "sheeps foot" instead of roller for the Road and Bridge Department. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to grant a 10-year tax abatement to C. T. Fabrications in Scandia, Ks. This would be a sliding scale where as the first year would be 100% tax exempt, 2nd year would be 90% tax exempt, 3rd year 80% tax exempt and so on. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn will get a Resolution ready to move the exemption process forward.

The Board and Clerk Hall then walked to the Republic County Health Department to view the crawl space in the basement. They visited about how difficult it would be if they wanted to add another bathroom in the north end of the building.

The Board then went to the office of the Clerk of the District Court. The Board has asked an environmental group to come in and check for moisture and water damage.

Rytych made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Bergstrom absent.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to change the payment for mileage to forty-seven cents per mile. This would be effective October 15, 2007. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Those in attendance to finish reviewing the proposed 2007 employee's manual were: Darlene Havel, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Kathy Calkins, Appraiser Barry Porter, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Communications Director Raymond Raney, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board received a letter from District Judge Kim W. Cudney to announce the 12th Judicial District has hired Ellen Anderson to take the position of Director for the Juvenile Justice Authority and Department of Corrections Community Corrections. The Director position has been cut from a full-time to part-time position. Ellen has agreed to continue in her present position as juvenile case manager and serve 20 hours per week as the Director of both the Juvenile Justice and Community Corrections programs. Ms. Anderson has been serving as the interim Director.

At 2:00 p.m. Ellen Anderson stopped to visit with the Board.

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

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board did not hold regular session on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, due to a majority of members not present. Commissioner Frank Rytych and County Clerk Vickie Hall were in attendance.

Those who were present for discussion throughout the morning were Highway Administrator Charles Joy, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Sheriff Ron Blad, Kay Shoemaker and Belleville Main Street/Chamber of Commerce Director Melinda Pierson.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board did not hold regular session on Monday, October 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, due to a majority of members not present. Commissioner Frank Rytych and County Clerk Vickie Hall were in attendance.

Those who were present for discussion throughout the morning were Highway Administrator Charles Joy, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Sheriff Ron Blad, Kay Shoemaker and Belleville Main Street/Chamber of Commerce Director Melinda Pierson.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____

Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Frank Rytych, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reading written correspondence. One letter was from former employee Brent Kirkpatrick.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Joy introduced Dustin Daniels, Salesman and Service Representative with Martin Tractor Company in Concordia, KS. Mr. Daniels evaluated three of the County's Caterpillar Road Graders and gave proposals for rebuilding the graders. The proposals indicate that the cost of one brand new machine is very close to the cost of doing a complete rebuild on the three machines currently owned by the County. The Board and Mr. Joy will study the proposals and make a decision in the near future.

Permission to travel was approved for Brad Swanson, Terry Cherney, Les Novak, Mike Wickstrum and Dan Davis to attend Motor Grader Demo-Day, October 30, 2007, at the NCK Technical College in Beloit, Kansas.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the KDOR Mandatory Driver's License Fraud Training, November 6-7, in Topeka, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. Sheriff Ron Blad joined this session and shared some of the challenges that are being experienced by his department and law enforcement in neighboring counties.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. Mr. Strnad noted that he has a signed doctor's release form and will be returning to work.

Brent Martin, DPT., Julie Lindberg and Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board. Mr. Martin reviewed the Physical Capacity Profile Testing.

Chairman Holl made a motion to add a post-offer Physical Capacity Profile examination as part of Republic County's employment procedures for all newly hired employees. This testing will be at the Republic County Hospital Physical Capacity Profile Testing Center, Belleville, Kansas and the cost will be assessed to each department. Republic County will also require employees to undergo a return-to-work (due to on or off the job injury) Physical Capacity Profile examination and screening. All test results and/or information concerning an employee's medical condition and/or history will be given to the County Clerk and maintained in the County Clerk's Office in a separate file and will be treated as confidential. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall will get all county job descriptions to Mr. Martin.

Chamber Secretary Melinda Pierson stopped by to pick up a letter from the Board of County Commissioners in support of hosting Chautauqua in Belleville, Kansas in the year 2009 or 2010.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Chairman Holl and Commissioner Rytych in attendance. Commissioner Bergstrom did not return for the afternoon session.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave the Board a progress report from that department.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-30 exempting C.T. Fabrication LLC, Scandia, Kansas from ad valorem taxation for economic development purposes for a period of 10 years. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 2-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____

Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____

Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began the day by reviewing written correspondence.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:00 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to supplement Highway Administrator Charles Joy's wages, for a three-month period of October 1 through December 31, 2007. This amount will cover the loss of KPERS retirement benefits due to the KPERS earning limitation. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Janet Lancaster went over the current benefit summary for Republic County Employees. She then reviewed the proposed BCBS Renewal for 2008. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the BCBS contract. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Clerk Hall. Second by Commissioner Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:40 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board. At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Strnad and Dusek. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The Board extended the session by 10-minutes. Regular session resumed at 11:05 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Paramedic Don Lieb to attend the State Trauma Council's annual meeting, November 9th in Wichita, Kansas.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board. The Kansas State Fire Marshal's review has been completed and the required changes have been made to the Courthouse.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that 9,308 tax statements have been printed and are currently being processed for mailing. Republic County ad valorem taxes generated \$7,185,487.00 for the 2007 tax year.

Ms. Coons reported that she had sought bids for the title searches needed to start the next delinquent property tax sale. Attorney's Title Company was the only bid received which was \$125.00 per parcel. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept this bid with a second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The Board and Clerk Hall visited at length about the storage of the election equipment.

The Board reviewed the report from the American Metropolitan Environmental, Inc. Wichita, Kansas who was hired to do a "limited pre-remediation Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Survey of the District Court Offices in the Republic County Courthouse.

The investigation was conducted October 23, 2007 to focus on concerns of possible fungal growth, moisture accumulation and sources of water intrusion in those offices. Several non-culturable air and surface samples were collected for the purpose of microbial identification.

Commissioner Rytych lifted some of the ceiling tiles and took a look at the original ceiling in the court offices. He shared that the ceilings are peeling and flaking. He suggested the County hire an outside contractor to go in and repair it. The report suggested that areas that had loose paint be brushed with a metal brush, sealed and painted to eliminate dust and particles that would most certainly be circulated by the new heat pumps. The Board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Due to the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday, the next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, November 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Following the recommendation of the Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Committee, Chairman Holl made a motion to make a loan of \$75,000.00 to Bruce Garrels doing business as B.G.'s Fine Dining. This loan will be made with four stipulations. If those stipulations are met, the loan will be made and used toward inventory and equipment purchase, building renovation and working capital. Second by Commissioner Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy informed the Board that the Road and Bridge Department would go back to a five-day work week, working 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting on Monday November 19th.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a new 75,000 BTU oil burning furnace for the Road and Bridge Shop. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 2-0. This unit will be from Clean Burn, Model CB-1750, costs \$4,400.00 and will burn used-oil. Other bids are on file.

Mr. Joy noted that Johnny Simmons and Andrew Evert have completed their 6-month introductory period and will receive a 25-cent per hour increase in pay.

The Board told County Treasurer Cindy Coons they approved of the Automated Clearing House Credits (ACH Credits") or wire transfers to be paid to Republic County to cover charges for online access to District Court Record Searches.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Conference, November 18-19 in Wichita, Kansas.

Weed Director Steve Pounds will be attending his district meeting on November 15 in Smith Center, Kansas.

The Board signed the final draft of a letter addressed to Republic County Council on Aging. The Board invited them to a "brain storming" session about Courthouse office space.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0. Chairman Holl left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioner Bergstrom signed the accounts payable vouchers. Chairman Holl came in earlier and signed these vouchers.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. due to no quorum to conduct official business and there were no scheduled appointments.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday November 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytch, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. The Board told Mr. Calkins they want to hire an outside contractor to repair the ceiling in the District Court Office. Calkins will get an ad in this week's newspaper.

Mr. Calkins told the Board that Judge John Eyer would like to have the carpet removed from his office and go back to the original tiled floor. His request will be taken under consideration.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Beth Ball received permission to travel to election training at the Secretary of States Office, November 26-27 in Topeka, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region Four EMS meeting, November 20th in Clay Center, KS.

Minutes of the November 5 and November 13 commissioner meetings were read. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Chairman Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about work hours for the Road and Bridge Department. It was agreed to change the work schedule to 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday starting November 19, 2007. He noted that their Christmas Party will be held on December 21st from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the shop.

It was a consensus of the Board and Mr. Joy to have two road graders rebuilt by the Caterpillar Company in Topeka. Confirmation has not been received to date. Mr. Joy is checking to see if Concordia Tractor Inc. (John Deere Company) is interested in rebuilding one of the County graders. A total of three graders will be rebuilt.

Representatives from the Republic County Council on Aging visited with the Board about services for the senior citizens. Those in attendance were Larry and Jo Krob, Harold Dowell, Louis Johnson and Council on Aging Coordinator Beverly Krob.

Sheriff Ron Blad noted that Sheriff's Deputy Brian Schultz has finished his KLETC (Law Enforcement) Training. Schultz will receive a fifty cent per hour increase in pay.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring was present to record the minutes in the absence of County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Accounts payable vouchers were signed and correspondence was reviewed.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, United Methodist Church, Scandia-Courtland presented the morning prayer.

Ruth Rahe visited with Commissioners about the repair work in the District Court offices. She wondered if the Historical Society had been contacted. Commissioner Holl said it would not be necessary as nothing is being changed, only repaired.

Rod Dusek, Assistant Ambulance Director presented to the Board a proposal to purchase a Stryker Power Pro Ambulance Cot-- \$11,090.00 and CPR Manikins-- \$1,832.82 for training purposes. The total cost would be \$12,922.82. These items were approved by the Board for purchase.

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

Minutes of the November 19th Commissioner meeting were read and Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Second by Commissioner Bergstrom. Carried 2-0.

Kathy Calkins, County Attorney Secretary, presented to the Board that Erin Evert, student at Brown Mackie College studying Para Legal Courses will be doing her internship as a requirement for her studies in the County Attorney's office. She will start on Tuesday, November 27 and will work on Tuesday's and Friday's only. Her hours will be from 8 to 12 and 1 to 4.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented two waterline agreements from Rural Water District II. The first one commencing 1040 feet east of 190 Road thence crossing from Section 30; T2S; R2W into Section 19; T2S; R2W and the second agreement crossing 50 feet east of 150 road on Rock road from Section 21; T3S, R3W into Section 28. T3S; R3W thence crossing 32 feet south of Rock Road from Section 28, T3S: R3W into Section 29, T35, R3W. The Board approved and signed these agreements.

A permission to travel was signed for Charles Joy to attend Solomon E-Waste Coalition Meeting in Osborne, Kansas on December 4th.

Mr. Joy also stated that the Norway road was in the starting stages of being reworked and would hope to be done sometime in December if possible.

The Board adjourned for lunch with the Hospital Board.

Clare Kuhn, Economic Development Director, gave an overview on projects she has been working on.

Having no further business for the day, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Commissioner Bergstrom seconding the motion. Carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Holl made a motion to appoint Gladys Baxa to another term on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. This term would begin January 1, 2008 and expire December 31, 2009. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-30A which will amend the original Resolution 2007-30 due to a clerical error listing the years the abatement will be in effect for C.T. Fabrication, LLC. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

NCK Fair Board President James Popelka visited with the Board about fairground improvements.

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. He noted that he and part-time custodian Tom Grover completed the work on the walls in the County Appraiser's Office.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling and Deputy Mary Gustin questioned the Board about air quality in the District Court Office. Tebow Plumbing currently has an air monitor in the District Court Office and results of this test will not be received until next week.

The Board asked Clerk Hall to contact Tebow Plumbing and ask them to check all sewer vents in the building to be sure everything is in proper working order.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Beth Ball received permission to travel to Beloit, KS on December 4, 2007. The Secretary of States Office representative will discuss audio programming options and related costs for the electronic voting machines.

Commissioner Rytych gave a review of the recent NCK Regional Planning meeting. He noted that John Cyr plans to retire and as of April 1, 2008 Doug McKinney will be the new director.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about the County Transportation System and other Road and Bridge matters. He noted that progress is being made on the Norway road.

Mr. Joy presented two utility agreements that were approved by the Board granting Republican Valley Cattle Feeders permission to construct and operate underground waterlines on certain public road right-of-ways. The first waterline beginning at the SE corner, Section 18, Township 3S, Range 5W crossing the road diagonally to the southeast into Section 20, Township 3S, Range 5W.

A second utility agreement, Republican Valley Cattle Feeders, was approved to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way described as follows: approximately 30 feet north of the SE Corner, Section 13 Township 3S, Range 5W crossing the road east into Section 18, Township 3S, Range 4W.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received signatures of receipt for items received through the Regional Homeland Security Committee. Raney also received permission to purchase a good sized emergency light to be mounted on the Emergency Preparedness pickup truck.

Chairman Holl made a motion to allow Dispatcher Joe Herrick to carry some vacation days over into 2008. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that Herrick had covered shifts for other dispatchers and was unable to schedule time off for himself. Therefore at the end of the year Herrick would have more than 240 vacation hours on the books. The overage will be carried into the new year.

Raney asked the Board about installing a new ¾ thick Lexan window on the north wall of the 911 Communications Center. He noted that he had a bid of \$3400.00 from Jackson Glass in Concordia, Kansas. KBI requires that the glass be bullet resistant which obviously makes the glass more expensive. The Board will take it under consideration.

The Board adjourned for lunch. The afternoon session began at 1:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled department head meeting was held with twelve in attendance. County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Sheriff Ron Blad, Road and Bridge Administrator Charles Joy, Custodian Kevin Calkins, County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins, Health Director Marcia Hansen, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Ambulance Director David Strnad and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

The Board initiated a year end review and department heads were encouraged to discuss how their departments would celebrate the holidays.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board started their day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

At 8:31 a.m. Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Ambulance Director David Strnad, Assistant Director Rod Dusek and Laura Siefers. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 8:41 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to follow the recommendation of the RCD Board and deny funding of the RCD loan request from Robert D. Webber & Debra L. Filipi-Webber, doing business as Crossroads Floral. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave a report of the current County Sales Tax. She also noted that the 2007 RCD expenses amounting to \$4,280.36 has been reimbursed back into Courthouse General.

Chairman Holl made a motion to include delinquent mineral rights in the next County Tax Sale. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer Cindy Coons also noted that the State of Kansas sent a memo informing her that "Dome tags" will no longer be distributed and those who need to purchase a new tag will receive the new plates. All of the discontinued license plates will be defaced and sold as scrap aluminum. The Board agreed that sale of the scrap metal may be shared with service groups within the County.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to renew the contract with our current auditing firm of Bartlett, Settle & Edgerle, Hutchinson, Kansas. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The contract extends their service for years ended December 31, 2007, December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about E-Waste and offered two bids from Berry Tractor & Equipment Company and Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company for motor graders. The Board will study the bids and make a decision next week.

Bruce Ball, Rural Gas Inc., asked if he could hire the County crane to lift tanks out of a containment area and other tanks into the containment area at his place of business. The Board agreed to assist him and told him he would be billed for the man hours and machine expense.

Paramedic Don Lieb gave the Board a Trauma Council Report.

Keith Anderson presented RCD loan papers for Bruce Garrels of BG's Fine Dining. Mr. Garrels made his final draw down of \$75,000.00 and plans to open January 2, 2008.

It was a consensus of the Board to approve accounts payable vouchers on December 17th and December 31, 2007.

Due to the Christmas Holiday the Commissioners will not have a meeting the week of December 24. The Board will meet again on Monday December 31, 2007 to complete year end business.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. The purchase of a Touch Print High Definition 3800 Full Hand Scanner was approved to replace the out dated finger print machine.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about year end business in her department. She noted that money has not come back from the Kansas Heritage Trust.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. told the Board that the County may use a realtor to sell the Munden Café. He suggested the County also must run the sale ad in the Belleville Telescope.

County Health Nurse Kathy Zach received signatures from the Board on the amendment to the Bio-terrorism Grant application.

Ms. Zach noted that the department will also be receiving a Pandemic Flu Grant, for approximately \$6200.00 to help pay for training, mileage and Incident Command Training.

The Board visited about closing County Offices due to bad weather. It was a consensus of the Board to allow employees to use vacation hours **or** take the time off without pay when the County Offices are closed due to bad weather.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Road Foreman Terry Cherney, Berry Tractor Company Representative Ron Karn and Murphy Tractor Company Representative Adam Hoffman visited with the Board. Two bids were reviewed by the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase a 2007 Komatsu Road Grader from Berry Tractor and Equipment Company at a cost of \$152,162.00 which includes trading in one machine. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Murphy Tractor bid \$153,632.00 for a John Deere grader.

The Board noted that there must be uniform computation of earned sick and vacation hours. The hours must be “earned” before they are “used” by the employee. The Road and Bridge Department will be the only employees who will notice a change.

Mr. Joy read a letter of resignation from Jarrod McIntosh. His last day will be January 4, 2008.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. and Chairman Holl did not attend the afternoon session.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave the Board a progress report from her department

It was noted that the Commissioners will not meet next week due to the Christmas holiday.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met on Monday, December 31, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began the day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about annual pay raises.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Custodian Kevin Calkins informed the Board that a small fire was discovered in the garage shortly after midnight. It appears to have started under the lawn mower seat but the KCAMP insurance adjuster will be up on Wednesday to view and assess the damage. The garage is located on the north east corner of the Courthouse square.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Assistant Director Rod Dusek visited with the Board about various matters. They asked the Board to consider an increase in the starting pay for EMT's in Republic County. It was noted that Jewell County EMT's start at \$9.05 per hour.

EMT Joseph Blecha turned in his resignation as a full time employee with the Republic County Ambulance Service. He has been attending school to become a certified paramedic and has accepted a job in Topeka, Kansas. It was noted that Blecha would now be classified as a part time employee as he agreed to work an occasional shift when he is in the area.

The Board went to view the ceiling in the District Court offices. Water has been leaking from the roof and down into the district court vault

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

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

Chairman Hall signed the 2008 Contract for services from Pawnee Mental Health, Incorporated.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signature on a grant application.

Road Supervisor Brad Swanson and Road and Bridge Secretary Darlene Havel visited with the Board in the absence of Highway Administrator Charles Joy. They requested a "time of transition" for dispensing the employees sick and vacation time. Chairman Holl made a motion to go ahead and post the Road and Bridge employees with six months sick and vacation hours. Starting July 1 all employees must earn the vacation and sick leave hours before they can use them. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2007-31 whereas, funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2007, over and above those that were obligated, may be transferred from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-32 whereas, certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2007, may be transferred from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Equipment Fund Second by Bergstrom, motion carried, 3-0.

The County Offices are closing at noon today for the New Year's Holiday.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member