

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2008 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 and Beth Reed reviewed the 2008 annual appointments to current standing committees throughout Republic County.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-01 Ordering Preparation for the County Tax Foreclosure Sale. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. This resolution resolves to order a tax sale of all real property which has been sold to the County for taxes and which has remained unredeemed as of September 1, 2007.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about medical expenses for prisoners held in the Republic County jail.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the KCTA Legislative Meeting, January 30 and February 1, 2008 in Topeka, KS.

Ms. Coons noted that \$41,299.24 was received in November for the Hospital Sales Tax. She also mentioned that her office has collected over two thirds of the total county budget so far bringing in over five million dollars.

Custodian Kevin Calkins offered the Board the estimates to replace the garage doors and lawn equipment. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$299.00 for each garage door from George W. Hays Lumber. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Raney's Home Center bid \$319.00 per door and Belleville Farm and Home bid \$354.00 per door for non-insulated garage doors.

Three mower bids were received by the Board. Belleville Farm and Home for a Snapper Lawn Mower with grass catcher, dethatcher, snowblade and tire chains for \$6,000.00; Concordia Tractor Inc. in Concordia, Kansas offered a John Deere with similar attachments for \$5,600.00 and C & W Farm Supply in Courtland, Kansas bid \$10,015.00 for a Gravely Mower with attachments. Belleville Farm and Home was awarded the bid.

A permission to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly meeting, January 17, 2008 in Salina, KS.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about making a grant application for Courthouse windows. Ms. Calkins introduced Robert Metzker of Metzker Restorations, Ness City, Kansas. Mr. Metzker is a licensed restoration specialist who works with the Kansas State Historical Preservation Offices in Topeka, Kansas. He agreed to stop by and take a look at Republic County Courthouse and

do a general needs assessment for replacement windows. This is step one toward the completion of a grant application.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about general Road and Bridge matters. The Board agreed to send two employees to view a crawler loader at the State Surplus in Topeka, Kansas.

Clerk Hall will contact Tom Job, KCAMP Insurance representative, and ask questions about the state law prohibiting counties from doing work for private individuals.

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, January 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Holl, Chairman

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Frank Rytych, Member

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2008 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 started the day by signing accounts payable vouchers and reviewing written correspondence.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe told the Board she mailed the pictures of the Courthouse steps to the Kansas Historical Society to complete the grant process. She said she sent it Express Mail.

Permission to travel was approved for David Strnad to attend the EMS Region IV meeting, January 15, 2008, in Ellsworth, Kansas.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about the grant she is writing to put insulated double paned windows in the Courthouse. She has taken pictures and is gathering job estimates to proceed with the grant. The Board agreed to earmark the required "match money" in the 2009 budget. The plan is to do the work in two or three phases.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report with the Board.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to nominate Marvin Bergstrom as Chairman of the Board for 2008. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$800.00 to the Area Drug and Alcohol Council. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Duane Swanson gave a report on the recent E-Waste meeting held in Osborne, Kansas. Fifteen counties make up the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition with Osborne County the central collection point. Republic County will be participating in this compact. The group is currently drafting by-laws, policies and writing inter-local agreements for this coalition. Republic County will start collecting E-Waste in the next few months. Mr. Joy stated that a part-time person may need to be hired to work with the recycling and E-Waste.

Mr. Joy noted that Tom Thompson went to Topeka, Kansas to the State Surplus lot. He said he felt the John Deere Loader Crawler would meet our needs and it was the only one with a cab. They are still studying the purchase options.

KCAMP Insurance Representative Tom Job was asked for his opinion and asked to reference specific Kansas Statutes that relate to doing work for hire. Mr. Job's reply to the Board emphasized that State law prohibits the counties from doing work for private individuals and private use of equipment and vehicles is forbidden. Bruce Ball had made an inquiry about hiring the County crane to assist in moving some tanks at Rural Gas.

Arlene Clayton stopped to tell the Board that she would not be able to attend the upcoming Belleville City Council meeting.

Nex-Tech Sales Account Representative Terrisa Metzler and County Works Software Representative Bill Turman gave the Board an over view of all the services offered by Nex-Tech of Hays, Kansas. Learning from the devastation of Greensburg, Kansas the company is offering a plan to compress County records, encrypt those records and store them in another state. Retrieval of all the current vital records through a "records recovery" program would insure that

regular County business could be restored within a couple of days. The Board will study the proposal.

Beverly Krob, Council on Aging Coordinator, visited with the Board about office space. She has been checking for alternative sites to move her office. The Board assured her that she should not worry or stress about finding new office space. The change does not have to have an immediate solution but is something we will continue to study.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:15 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Board discussed and made official appointments and committee assignments to county boards for 2008. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolutions 2008-02 through 2008-05 and Resolutions 2008-07 through 2008-16. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about pay raises. The Board will study her proposal.

Carl Eyman, KWORC Representative, visited with 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, January 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairman

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Frank Rytych, Member

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Linda Holl, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl 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 the grant she is writing to put energy efficient windows in the Courthouse. After considerable discussion the Board encouraged Calkins to go ahead and make application by the March 2008 deadline for Phase I of the project.

At 8:41 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 2-0. Regular session resumed at 8:51 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on RCD papers.

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

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

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the Downtown Market held in Belleville on Saturday mornings.

Rod Dusek and Laura Siefers visited with the Board about the Ambulance Department. It was noted that the new "power cot" is here and is already in service. The cot lifts up to seven hundred pounds.

Dusek also visited about salary increases and noted that they will be taking applications for another full time EMT. The Board stressed that the one change they want to see in 2008 is for David Strnad and Rod Dusek to be scheduled for the day shifts at the Republic County Ambulance Department.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to pay ACLS Transfer Nurses \$25.00 per hour from now on. This amends the motion made on July 2, 2007 which stated that registered nurses who agree to accompany Republic County Ambulance Service personnel on ACLS transfers would received \$40.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Holl and carried 2-0.

Beth Reed and County Health Director Marcia Hansen received approval from the Board to put a Health Survey in with the next County solid waste billing in order to conserve on postage.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Transportation and Solid Waste matters. Charles Joy and Darlene Havel received permission to attend the Transportation Meeting January 22, 2008 in Minneapolis, Kansas. He also noted that the bid opening for grader blades would be at 10:30 a.m. on February 11, 2008.

The Board signed a Utility Agreement with Cunningham Cable giving them permission to construct and operate an underground Fiber Optic Cable on certain public road right-of-way from US HWY 36 to the Republic-Cloud County line on 180 Road in Republic County, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase a John Deere Loader Crawler at a cost of \$12,000 from Kansas State Surplus. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Joy read a letter from the Cloud County Transfer Station regarding Durflinger Disposal. The Board then dictated a letter to Durflinger Disposal of Belleville asking if they were billing Republic County for tonnage that was actually picked up from customers in Cloud County on their way to the Cloud County Transfer Station. The Board asked them to please stop this practice if they were doing it.

Republic County Council on Aging Coordinator Beverly Krob visited with the Board about office space. Larry and Jo Krob, Donna Segebart, Janet Bowersox, Harold Dowell and Louis Johnson joined this session. Beverly Krob stated that she has been looking for other office space. The Board told the group that they had assured Beverly Krob a week ago, at the last Board meeting, that there are no immediate plans to move the Council on Aging Office.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn told the Board that the Community Foundation is still in the Founding Donor Campaign, and is doing really well, but not quite to the goal. This phase will continue through 2008.

Kuhn also reminded Commissioners about the annual banquet of the Republic County Economic Development Corporation to be held on January 23, 2008. Kuhn said that five businesses will be honored at the dinner meeting: Nesika Energy; Speedway Distributors; Completion of the Circle; Lifetime Kennels; and CT Fabrication.

At 11:36 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn to discuss Confidential Data relating to ongoing talks for possible business opportunities in Republic County. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. At 11:46 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom joining the meeting.

At 1:58 p.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. At 2:08 p.m. regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board spent the afternoon studying the current salaries of the County employees and working on a proposal for 2008 wage increases. It was agreed to continue this discussion at the next Board meeting.

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairman

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Frank Rytych, Member

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Linda Holl, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2008 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 visited with the Board about the CDARS Deposit Placement Program offered by the New Century Bank.

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

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board about the purchase price of the new computers that were ordered for her department. The order was placed before the end of the year and the expense will be included in 2007 budget year.

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

Ambulance Department employees, Rod Dusek and Laura Siefers, visited with the Board about ACLS Transfers.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited about Home Health Services. The Board approved hiring RN Linda Swanson at \$13.00 per hour to make home health visits on the far west side of the county for the next several weeks. She will cover some of the nights and week-end visits for the Health Department.

She also noted that the Health Department has had telephone problems this week. The problem was due to a leaky rain gutter. The Board directed Ms. Hansen to hire someone to make the needed repairs.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about Economic Development.

Sheriff Ron Blad asked the Board about appointing a County Coroner.

Robert Mahoney, HAAKE Companies, Overland Park, KS visited with the Board. He is a consultant for KAC Employee Benefits Trust Program.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Three Memorandum of Agreements were approved for the City of Cuba, the City of Munden and the City of Belleville for the collection of solid waste fees.

Mr. Joy noted that Bobby Lawson has completed his probation period and will receive a twenty five cent increase in pay starting February 10, 2008.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the 2008 salary increases as discussed. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Alan Lierz from the New Century Bank in Belleville and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the CDARS Deposit Placement Program. The program was developed in 2003 and only about one third of all the banks in the State are participating in it at this time.

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

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

County Clerk Vickie Hall visited with the Board about the old Canon Microfilm Printer/Readers stored in the school room. Commissioner Holl made a motion to dispose of the Canon Printer/Reader Serial Number PC P70 33313466 and PC P70 33210621. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. These printers are not only obsolete; they do not work and have no trade-in value. It would not be appropriate to put them on a future county surplus sale.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with the following supervisors in attendance: Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Appraiser Barry Porter, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

It was noted that the Annual County Recognition Supper will be held March 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at the 4-H Building in Belleville. The meal will be catered by a local vendor.

The Board and County Treasurer Cindy Coons held a telephone conference call to discuss the CDARS Program with County Auditor Randall Hofmeier, CPA.

After much discussion the Board made a decision not to participate in the CDARS Deposit Placement Program with county funds. The Board agreed to look at it again a year from now.

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, February 4, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairman

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Frank Rytch, Member

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Linda Holl, Member



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2008 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.

Weed Director Steve Pounds visited with the Board about chemical prices for the spraying of noxious weeds in Republic County. Three bids were received today. The Board will study and make a decision at a later date.

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| UAP Distribution, Inc.             | \$31,646.02 |
| Van Diest Supply Co.               | \$30,581.00 |
| Vegetation Management Supply, Inc. | \$31,650.28 |

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

Ambulance employees Rod Dusek and Laura Siefers visited with the Board. It was noted that the department had responded to 45 ambulance calls in January.

EMT Laura Siefers has completed the 6 month probation period and will receive a twenty-five cent increase in pay.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board.

Kathy Calkins gave the Board a draft copy of the proposed grant application being made to request funding from the Heritage Trust Fund 2008 Grant Program. The Board will review the application.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy introduced Casey Fraser as the new sales manager for Martin Tractor in Concordia.

The Board asked Mr. Joy to send two Road and Bridge employees to the Courthouse to help clear the steps and sidewalks at the Courthouse while Custodian Kevin Calkins is out on medical leave.

The Board increased Justin Klima's hourly wage to make it comparable to other employees with similar job descriptions. The change will take effect March 10, 2008.

Permission to travel was approved for Duane Swanson to attend the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition Meeting, February 6, 2008, in Osborne, Kansas.

The Board and Clerk Hall joined the Commissioners and County Clerk from Jewell County for lunch at B & G Fine Dining in Belleville.

At 1:00 p.m. a joint meeting was held at the Courthouse in Belleville to discuss matters of mutual interest. Commissioner Holl did not attend the afternoon session.

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

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, February 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2008 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.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers and reviewing written correspondence.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about purchasing a new 2008 Chevrolet Impala car for his department. Bids were \$18,892.05 from the Partners Program and \$20,531.05 from Melton Motors in Belleville, KS. Blad will ask Melton Motors if they will take the old car as a trade in.

Ambulance employee Rod Dusek introduced Luke Schemper to the Board. Mr. Schemper will be paid \$8.00 per hour as an EMT and will be working full time. Mr. Dusek reported that the department has gone on 63 runs so far this year.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend two meetings. The KEMA Board Meeting, February 19-20, in Topeka, Kansas and the EMSAK Board Meeting, February 28, 2008 in Russell, Kansas.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees for the City of Scandia.

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

Bids for catering the meal at the Republic County Recognition Supper were opened and it was a consensus of the Board to accept Dale Huncovsky's bid at \$7.50 per plate.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about microfilming old Republic County land index records from 1868-1949. The cost estimate is \$804.00 and the firm agreed to go ahead and do the additional filming at this time. Payment will be made when money becomes available in the Technology Fund.

Road Foreman Terry Cherney and Road and Bridge Secretary Darlene Havel joined the Board to hold the official bid opening for the grader blades. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$13,077.40 from

Welborn Sales, Inc. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The only other bid came from DC Wholesale at \$14,067.00.

In the past the Road and Bridge Department has sent a bill to the County Ambulance Department, County Health Department and the County Courthouse for clearing snow from the parking lots and sidewalks. Commissioner Holl made a motion to dispense with the practice of billing those departments for snow removal. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on three grant applications. The grants are for the fiscal year of 2009. The following grants were signed: State Formula Grant seeking \$7,000.00, the Maternal and Child Health Grant for \$6,765.00 (Healthy Start Home Visitor Assistance) and the \$3,000.00 Immunization Action Plan Grant.

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

Commissioners Holl, Rytych and Bergstrom and County Clerk Hall enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Museum Board. After a tour of the museum the Board resumed regular session at 2:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 2:15 p.m. due to another commitment.

Weed Director Steve Pounds and State Weed Specialist Jeff Vogel visited with the Board about chemicals and the control of noxious weeds.

Mr. Pounds submitted the chemical bids from Van Diest Supply Co., UAP and Vegetation Management Supply. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase three of the needed chemicals from Van Diest Supply Company and three chemicals from UAP as those were the low bids. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0. The complete printed bids are on file.

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

Due to the upcoming holiday the next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, February 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 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.

Kathy Calkins received signatures from the Board on the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Application.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Impala car for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$20,531.05 from Melton Motor Company in Belleville. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The other bid was for \$18,892.05 from the Partners Program. The Board chose to buy the car from the local dealer as it is within 10 percent of the lowest bid.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerk's Association meeting, March 20, 2008, in Smith Center, Kansas.

Memorandum of Agreements were signed for payment of solid waste fees to be paid by the City of Narka and the City of Courtland.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney to attend the APCO Conference August 3-7, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about updating computer equipment. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a new Rack Mount HP Proliant DL360 G5 Xeon File Server with software at a cost of \$5,952.00 from Computer Solutions, Incorporated. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. A Computer Solutions technician worked a day and a half last week to restore information for the County. The current system is six years old and no longer reliable.

Representatives from the Republic County Historical Museum have picked up the old County Enumeration/Census books from the County Clerk's Office. They will

catalog the books and use them as a resource for those persons interested in Republic County history.

The Board signed a Real Estate Broker Agreement with The Realty Associates and Roger Novak Real Estate to try and sell the Munden Café. Kay Shoemaker noted that the County acquired the building when an RCD Loan applicant deeded the building back over to the County.

At 10:21 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. At 10:31 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy reviewed the Road and Bridge budget with the Board. Mr. Joy wants to purchase a new tractor and mower for his department. He will invite representatives from C & W Farm Supply and Sellers Equipment to the next meeting.

Commissioner Rytych reported on the E-Waste meeting in Osborne, Ks. The compact will cost Republic County approximately \$1,000.00 per year. The Board will ask our county attorney to review the final draft for the compact.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The Board continued to discuss various subjects into the afternoon.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

**Due to illness, no Commissioners meeting was held February 25, 2008.**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 8:00 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.

At 8:00 a.m. the Board held the official canvass of ballots from the Primary Election held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward of Belleville City.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 8:40 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Rod Dusek visited with the Board about Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to register Laura Siefers for Training Officer School, March 21-22, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The Board agreed to spend \$499.00 on a new Kenwood Radio/Pager. If it meets the needs of the Ambulance Department they will purchase four additional radios.

The Board agreed to purchase a recliner to be placed in the lounge area at the Ambulance Building. The money will come out of the Ambulance Memorial Fund.

The County Health Department received permission for RN Kathy Zach to attend the KHCA Spring Conference, March 11-12, in Lawrence, Kansas. Deb Sells and RN Sue Swanson will attend a WIC Meeting March 5-6 in Salina, Kansas.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. He said he had reviewed and approved the E-Waste Agreement.

The Board signed the Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for E-Waste, Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition.

Assistant Custodian Tom Grover visited with the Board about work being done on the roof. After Commissioner Rytych looks at the roof Clerk Hall will ask a representative from Geisler Roofing, Inc. to meet with the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters. Les Novak, Dan Davis, Mike Nondorf, Larry Stafford and John Simmons will

attend the 2008 Spring Gravel Road and Street Maintenance meeting March 20 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board approved a Utility Agreement with Robert Carlgren so he can construct and operate an underground irrigation line in the NE ¼ of 9-4-4.

A second Utility Agreement was approved to allow Loren Hammer to place an underground irrigation pipeline in the NE Corner of Section 9-4-4 going into the NW ¼ Section 10-4-4.

Mr. Joy told the Board he had purchased a 30 inch chain saw at a cost of \$728.99 from Krier Mower and Electric in Concordia, Kansas. Local stores were unable to order one of this size.

Sales Representative Mark Johnson of Sellers Equipment, Inc. and Jeff Sothers of C & W Farm Supply visited with the Board and Mr. Joy. Bids were reviewed for purchase of a new tractor and mower.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the low bid for a Kubota Tractor and Tiger Mower with a five- foot side deck at a cost of \$56,328.00 from Sellers Equipment. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

C & W Farm Supply submitted a bid for a Model 5060 Tractor at a cost of \$56,512.00 and told the Board they do not sell side mounted mowers. A mower would need to be purchased from Sellers Equipment making the total unit too expensive.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave a review of the work being done in that department.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Permission to travel was approved for Mr. Joy to attend the E-Waste Coalition meeting, March 12, 2008 in Osborne, Kansas.

Mr. Joy noted that the Road and Bridge employees will return to four day work weeks, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., starting April 7, 2008.

The City of Cuba requested assistance from Republic County in demolishing a house, due to a house fire, as they do not have the necessary equipment. Two county employees will assist in this effort by providing their labor as a service to their community, doing the work in off duty time, with no labor charged to the City of Cuba. The only charge to the City of Cuba will be the charge for machine hours to cover the cost of running this equipment.

The Board agreed to provide assistance to the City of Cuba as assistance may be given to another governmental entity.

The Board visited with Mr. Joy about vacating a street in Norway to promote the expansion of the grain elevator.

Pastor Josh Knaub of the Belleville Landmark Church offered the morning prayer.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the legal procedures to close a road or street in Norway. Spurney will get the legal in the Telescope, notify the appropriate land owners and have a resolution ready for the next board meeting.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, received permission to hold the annual Easter egg hunt on the Courthouse lawn March 22, 2008.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen asked the Board about putting a community preparedness survey in with the solid waste billings. The Board agreed this would be a considerable savings in postage.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness employees, Raymond Raney and Beth Reed, to attend the Annual EMSAK Conference April 9-11, 2008 in Russell, Kansas.

It was a consensus of the Board to close the County Offices from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 21, 2008 for Good Friday services. Those wishing to attend services will need to use vacation time and for those who do not attend the services, it will be business as usual.

Weed Director Steve Pounds visited with the Board about getting high speed internet access into his office.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to attend the Region IV meeting in Salina, Kansas. Strnad noted that he had a doctor's release for "light duty" allowing him to do "desk duty only" as he has a lifting restriction of ten pounds. He will continue on workers compensation and occasionally attend meetings and work in the office for the next couple of months.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about building maintenance at the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Bids specifications will be written up for the purchase of new carpet and installation throughout the Medical Arts Building. The Board of County Commissioners will be requesting the bids and the contact person will be the County Clerk Vickie Hall who will collect the bids and present them to the Board. The bid package will include the optimum hours the contractor can actually do the installation being mindful that the clinic will not be closing for this renovation.

Mr. Miller noted that they would like to see the oak baseboards sanded and refinished, door frames and metal doors sanded and repainted and the vinyl wallpaper replaced at the Medical Arts Building. It was noted that improvements will need to be done in phases to spread out the expense.

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, March 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 8:00 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney and 911 Dispatcher Colleen Alkire to attend the Spring APCO Conference April 20-22 in Mayetta, Kansas.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reported on the consistent income from the Hospital Sales Tax. She also noted that they currently show 11 parcels to be included on the 2008 delinquent property tax sale.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Sanborn Master Academy for Certified County Clerk's, April 10-11, in Wichita, Kansas. Clerk Hall will also attend the Annual Kansas County Clerk and Election Officer's Conference to be held May 7-9 in Salina, Kansas. Election Deputy Beth Ball will attend one day for HAVA election training.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. informed the Board that he had completed the required publication, notice to landowners and resolution for vacating the road in Norway.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited about various Road and Bridge matters. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-17 to vacate a road in Norway. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Kenneth Christensen of Norway, Kansas told the Board that he was unhappy about them vacating a road in Norway.

Permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator Charles Joy to attend the NCK County Highway Officials Assn. (NCKCHOA) meeting in Lincoln, Kansas. Commissioner Rytych will also attend this meeting.

It was noted that Calvin Benyshek is back to work at Road and Bridge and will take the Physical Capacity Test three months from now.

The Board directed Weed Director Steve Pounds to contact SBC and inquire about internet services for his department.

Clerk Hall told the Board that only \$40,000.00 of the 2008 County Building Fund would be available to pay for improvements at the Republic County Medical Arts Building. Clerk Hall was directed to pass that information on to Blaine Miller.

It was noted that the County Offices will be closed to the public from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for Good Friday services.

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, March 24, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 8:00 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.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers and reviewed written correspondence.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. He indicated that the gutters on the roof need some attention because the end caps are broken and need replaced.

Calkins will also order a “drip pan” for the shower stall in cell number four in the jail. That will stop the water from leaking down into the woman’s bathroom on the floor below it. Calkins noted that he thought the complaints or issues in the Clerk of the District Court Office were from moisture.

Mr. Calkins received permission to attend the Conference Hot Topics of Mold, Moisture and Indoor Air Quality to be held in Dodge City, Kansas on May 7, 2008.

Rod Dusek presented a permission to travel for employees from the Ambulance Department to attend a free Emergency Medical Forum in Junction City, Kansas. Ambulance Director David Strnad, Don Lieb, Rod Dusek, Janice Dusek, Erin Dusek and Laura Siefers plan to attend and will receive 4 hours of continuing education credits.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad noted that Amy McIntosh has agreed to work as a relief jailer on the week-ends while one of his full time employees is out on medical leave.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-18 as it applies to the Republic County financial statements and financial reports concerning the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas for the year ending 2007. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-19 officially setting the 2008 Annual Salaries for Republic County Elected Officials. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Joy introduced James Metzler, PE who represents Bucher-Willis-Ratcliff. Mr. Metzler explained the new Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) requirements and guidelines for C & D Landfills.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to sign the Agreement for Engineering Services needed to comply with these new requirements. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Mr. Metzler said the agreement lists a projected cost of \$13,580.00 which will cover the cost of preparing a Survey Plat that must now be on record, a Base Map and a Facility Map. The \$13,580.00 is the maximum amount they will charge for the mapping services. The County may pay less, as we will only pay for actual hours worked on this project.

A Utility Agreement between Republic County and Loren Blazek received approval and gave Blazek permission to use a public road ditch as a waterway in an accepted Drainage Plan on the south side of the SE1/4 in 16-3-2.

Mr. Joy and Commissioner Rytych gave a report on the County Highway Officials Association meeting in Lincoln, Kansas. They learned that the over-all cost of road maintenance is up thirty percent since 2004 and requirements for County road signs will be changing. Type III reflective signs will now be required and we have 4 years to create a comprehensive plan and 7 years to complete the installation of all the new signs.

The Board enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.  
Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

A Utility Agreement was approved for Marvin Bergstrom to run an underground electric line to get electricity across the road for irrigation in the N1/4 of 6-3-5.

The Board held a lengthy discussion about their concern with the air quality in the Clerk of the District Court Office.

On October 23, 2007 David Moreland, American Metropolitan Environmental, Inc. in Wichita, Kansas, did a pre-remediation investigation inspection with samples for the purpose of identifying concerns with indoor environmental quality for possible fungi contamination and water intrusion. The comprehensive report was received but the findings were inconclusive.

The employees indicated that they have experienced no improvement in air quality in the Clerk of the District Court Office. Therefore, Commissioner Holl made a motion to hire another company to come in and test the air quality. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Since the first company's findings were inconclusive the Board will pursue a second opinion. The County welcomes any report or finding that would explain the reported odors that at this point are undiagnosed. The County wants to define the issue and take quick action to remedy any problem that might be discovered.

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

The regular monthly department head meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. with Custodian Kevin Calkins, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communication Director Raymond Raney, Sheriff Ron Blad, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Retha Blecha and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The group finalized plans for the County Recognition Supper to be held on March 27, 2008 at the 4-H Building in Belleville.

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, March 31, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent due to the death of her brother, William Burger.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about the roof on the NCK Medical Arts Building. The Board instructed Mr. Miller to send a letter to Douglas Kramer about the repairs needed due to the water leak from the roof. The work should be covered by warranty.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that the County received \$54,246.04 from sales tax in the month of February.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received a signature from Chairman Bergstrom to document that Republic County has received certain items through Homeland Security funding.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting after correcting the description of the "gutter caps". Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0.

It was noted that those attending the 2008 County Recognition Supper the evening of March 27<sup>th</sup> had an enjoyable time. There were 87 meals served at the 4-H Building. Eighteen employees received service awards this year. The supper was catered by Dale Huncovsky from Two Doors Down in Cuba, KS.

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

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board to transfer funds. She also visited about the repairs to the Munden Café. Vandals damaged a door trying to gain entry. The estimate to replace the door was \$473.66 from Todd Hudson. It was a consensus of the Board to not install a new door unless there is an interested and qualified buyer for this building. Therefore, the repairs to the door may be made at a later date.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Mr. Joy noted that his department had transported a backhoe to Topeka, Kansas for the City of Belleville. The County and the City of Belleville have worked together on numerous projects

to save money for one or sometimes both entities. Therefore, it was a consensus of the Board to only charge Belleville City for the cost of the fuel and the wages for the employee driving the truck. A total cost of \$534.81 will be billed for hauling the backhoe.

Joy and Duane Swanson received permission to travel to an E-Waste Coalition meeting April 2, 2008 in Osborne, Kansas. Permission was also granted for Mr. Joy and Darlene Havel to attend a "CTD" Coordinated Transit District #7 meeting on April 22, 2008 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

The Board signed the Republic County Head Start General In-Kind Form for the school year 2007-2008.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn visited with the Board about work being done in that department. Clare noted that six additional people throughout the County have agreed to represent their communities and/or businesses on the Republic County Economic Development Board of Directors.

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, April 7, 2008 starting at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. The Board will begin the day by holding the official canvas of ballots from the Belleville City General Election.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 8:00 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 of County Commissioners began with the Official Canvas of Ballots from the Belleville City General Election held on April 1, 2008.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

The Board went to the Clerk of the District Court Office. Clerk Hall was instructed to get bids for sealing and painting the water damaged areas in that department.

Craig Tebow, Tebow Plumbing Company, Courtland, Kansas will give the Board prices on the HEPA Filtering System to be used in the District Court Office.

Beth Reed visited with the Board about the Plexar II Service Agreement for the telephone system used by Republic County.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bostwick Irrigation and the Lovewell Lake.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board the Treasurer's Accounting Report for the first quarter of 2008. She also noted that second half taxes are due May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Weed Director Steve Pounds and Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about AT&T High Speed Internet Service for the Weed Department.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about road work being done throughout Republic County. He also noted that today, April 7, is the first day of the 4-day work week. The Road and Bridge Department will work 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday until further notice.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the amended Inter-local Cooperative Agreement for the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign an agreement to sell all white goods such as refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters etc. from the Republic County Construction and Demolition Site to Havel Recycling, Belleville, Kansas. The County will also sell other metals such as iron, steel, aluminum etc. from the Demolition Site at the rate per ton to be negotiated each quarter. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The Board made plans to go with Mr. Joy and view County roads and bridges next Monday.

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 14, 2008 starting at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2008 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 started their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Sale.

Appraiser Barry Porter received permission to travel to the KCAA Conference, June 8-11, in Topeka, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad received permission to travel to the Region IV Meeting, April 15, 2008 in Smith Center, Kansas.

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

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad invited the Board to his department to see the new Identex Image Machine that sends the finger prints and palm prints directly to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) in Topeka, KS. It was a consensus of the Board to sell the old finger print machine to another county.

Sheriff Blad informed the Board that Gary Thoman has accepted the job of full time deputy.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited the Board about road improvements in the County. Mr. Joy will return to the Courthouse after lunch.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-20 endorsing transportation improvements for Republic County concerning the Comprehensive Transportation Program. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn reviewed the Republic County Tax Exemption procedures. Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Luke Hubert joined the group to discuss RCD matters. It was noted that the Economic Development Board will meet on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at BG's Fine Dining. A special RCD Meeting will also be held that evening at the Republic County Courthouse.

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

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

At 1:00 p.m. Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych, Highway Administrator Charles Joy and County Clerk Vickie Hall went to view road and bridge projects throughout the County.

The group returned to the Courthouse at 3:00 p.m. with Commissioner Holl making a motion to adjourn for the day. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 starting at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2008 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.

New Century Bank Representative Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Permission to travel was approved for Ruth Rahe to attend the annual Register of Deeds Seminar and Schooling, June 3-6, in McPherson, Kansas.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about “storing” stolen property that has been seized during investigations. Mr. Blad will speak with Scott Kasl about sending a bill to the County for storing stolen furniture in his garage from September of 2003 to the present.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Attorney Bill Navis visited about the delinquent property tax sale which will be held in July or August of 2008.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Undersheriff Eric Brunner and Sheriff Blad visited with the Board about the need for a County Coroner and various other matters.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He noted that Champlin Tire and Recycling picked up 2,220 tires from the Republic County C & D Landfill. Discussion was held about putting up a pole shed in the future to assist with the collection and storage of recycled materials.

The group reviewed the March financial reports for the Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Joy, Commissioners Bergstrom, Holl and Rytych along with Clerk Hall went to view a small creek where the water flow has been interrupted by wildlife, specifically beaver dams. This creek is in the NE1/4 Section 31-2-2 of Fairview Township.

The Board greeted County Auditor Randall Hofmeier, CPA, Bartlett Settle & Edgerle, Hutchinson, Kansas and visited about the County budget.

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 28, 2008 starting at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2008 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 reviewed their written correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Pawnee Mental Health asking the Board to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. The Board signed the enclosed proclamation.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about storing seized stolen property from investigations.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave the Board a new map showing the school bus routes and mail routes in Republic County.

Mr. Joy presented a Utility Agreement between Rural Water District II and Republic County to construct and operate an underground waterline commencing 30 feet east of the intersection of 150 Road and Rock Road, Section 21; T3S; R3W thence going 30 feet south crossing into Section 28; T3S; R3W; thence west into Section 29; T3S; R3W. The Board approved the agreement.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to “write off” a \$491.28 bill issued to Scott Drosselmeyer for services rendered by the Road and Bridge Department on August 24, 2004. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Drosselmeyer got his vehicle stuck and County equipment was required to get him back on the road.

The Board gave permission to travel for Charles Joy and Duane Swanson to attend the May meeting of the E-Waste Coalition, May 14, 2008 in Osborne, Ks.

Mr. Joy noted that he purchased a used Road Groom RG1-11 S/N 430085 for the Road and Bridge Department. After the trade-in of a wider Road Groom was factored in the total cost of \$4,500.00 was paid for this equipment.

Joy told the Board the “Pug Mill” was sold to Hi-Plains Sand, Inc. for \$8000.00 and noted that the County had paid \$6,000.00 for it a number of years ago. Seldom do you see a profit from a piece of used equipment. The County is getting cold mix asphalt from Hi-Plains Sand and the \$8,000.00 will be a credit on the billing for asphalt.

Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD Matters. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the RCD Loan of \$110,000 to R.A.D.,

LLC (Rob and Diane Larson-Floersch) for an Assisted Living Complex to be built in the City of Scandia. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Anderson noted that B&G Fine Dining, Belleville, RCD Loan recipient, has closed the doors on the business as of Sunday evening, April 27, 2008.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve of the lower negotiated or modified payments on Brian Isaacson's RCD Loan. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board enjoyed lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn. Ms. Kuhn verbally turned in her resignation to the Board of County Commissioners. She plans to return to school noting her last day at work will be June 20, 2008.

The monthly department head meeting was held with 11 in attendance. Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Treasurer Cindy Coons, EMS Director David Strnad, Appraiser's Representative Retha Blecha, Health Director Marcia Hansen and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Various subjects were discussed.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to proceed with the construction of a 12 x 12 foot patio on the north east portion of the Courthouse lawn. This will include a picnic table for employees and patrons. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

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, May 5, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2008 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.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

It was noted that County Commissioner Frank Rytych and County Clerk Vickie Hall worked in the Republic County Booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Concordia on May 3, 2008. The festival was a huge success.

Permission to travel was approved for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend required schooling May 8, 2008 in Newton, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one addition, adding a sentence noting the sale of the "Pug Mill" to Hi-Plains Sand, Incorporated. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Indoor Air Quality Assessment Report conducted by Industrial Hygiene Consultant Meriam Thompson. The report stated that no hazards were found in the Courthouse as a result of the March 25, 2008 inspection.

Ellen Anderson, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice Director visited with the Board about the 3-year Comprehensive Plan and the 2009 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting due to another commitment.

Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about irrigation pipe in the ditches along the county roads. The Board agreed to research the matter and get back to him. The Board will visit the area in question on May 12, 2008 if time permits.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Brad Swanson visited with the Board. Mr. Swanson noted that the county vehicles and culvert pipe sold well at the auction on Saturday.

Mr. Joy visited about road matters and noted that he has asked the county attorney to draft two legal publications for road closings. The group also visited about irrigation pipes on county road right-of-way.

Mr. Joy noted that Republic County Solid Waste had received a bill from the Cloud County Landfill for loads of refuse coming from the Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant near Scandia. The group agreed that the bill will be forwarded on to ICM, the builders of the ethanol plant.

At 10:33 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 2-0. The Board, Mr. Joy and Mr. Swanson were in attendance. At 10:43 a.m., the Board extended the session by five minutes and included County Clerk Vickie Hall. Regular session resumed at 10:48 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about various projects.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Lovewell Reservoir to be held on June 1, 2008.

Kathy Calkins informed the Board that Republic County did not get a grant to replace the windows on the Courthouse. The Board encouraged Calkins to re-apply in 2009.

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

Commissioner Rytych represented the Board as he met with the Republic County Disaster Planning Committee at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners 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 with the signing of accounts payable vouchers and reviewing written correspondence.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. He asked the Board if they would be interested in testing the humidity levels throughout the building. The Board wants to wait and read the report from the radon testing done last week. The basement and first floor of the Courthouse were tested. If the report indicates unacceptable levels of radon then the entire building will be tested again.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board and reviewed the procedures for collecting insufficient fund checks.

Ambulance Director David Strnad and Rod Dusek visited with the Board about personnel. At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Dusek and Strnad to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 10:15 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

They also noted that National EMS Week will be observed by taking an ambulance to the elementary schools. They want to educate the children about the Ambulance, duties of the EMS personnel as well as make them aware of what happens when someone places a 911 call.

The Board agreed that there is no need to hold an RCD Meeting as there is no business to conduct at this time. Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker will notify committee members.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad to attend the Region IV Meeting, May 13, 2008 in Lincoln, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about personnel issues. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel

with Joy, Swanson and Clerk Hall. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:10 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Starting May 13, 2008 Art Williams will be out on medical leave.

A request was received from personnel at the Republic County Hospital to haul six loads of dirt for a landscaping project. The Board and Mr. Joy agreed to assist but will charge the hospital for the fuel used to haul this dirt.

The group decided to table the road closings until next week. Resolutions will be completed on May 19, 2008 and legal notices will follow.

Sheriff Blad asked the Board to raise Karla Brzon's hourly rate to \$9.55 since she has completed her introductory period. David Cox will also receive a 25 cent per hour increase.

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

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

Following a luncheon recess Commissioners Rytych and Bergstrom, Clerk Hall, Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Foreman Brad Swanson went to view current and proposed road projects.

The group returned to the Courthouse at 3:30 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes.

Pastor Lenard Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. At 8:45 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board visited with David Strnad and Rod Dusek from the Ambulance Department. They informed the Board that Jeremy Waugh has been hired to work as an EMT in that department.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the air-conditioning system.

Calkins also noted that we need to replace the elevator lift, located at the east door of the Courthouse. The lift is used by the handicapped and also for freight. We are having more and more maintenance issues with this one and the newer models have more safety features. A verbal quote suggested the lift could cost about \$10,000 but Calkins will seek prices for a new lift and report back to the Board.

Mr. Calkins stated that the patio on the east side of the Courthouse will require 53 stone pavers. These old pavers once served as the front steps. Calkins will visit with Highway Administrator Charles Joy about the location of the pavers.

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

Sheriff's Secretary Jan Kauer asked the Board to allow the internet service in that department to be paid from the county general fund as it had in the past. The Board agreed this could be done.

Retha Blecha visited with the Board about postage for the door hangers that Field Appraiser Raymond Splichal uses in his job.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about various matters from ornamental grass to Bostwick Irrigation.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about RCD matters. Kay Shoemaker joined the group and visited about the Hammond property.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney informed the Board that lightening knocked out the repeater that serves the areas of Norway, Scandia, Courtland and Republic. Pierce Electronics was paid \$602.50 to repair the repeater and it will be paid out of the County General Fund.

Raymond Raney, representing the NCK Fair Amusement Board, or the North Board, visited with the Board about improvements they would like to propose and see completed before the upcoming NCK Fair. The proposal listed a new lighted sign for the front stretch, repaint the restrooms under the stone grandstand, purchase a 8' x 12' shed for collecting pit passes and use as storage in the off season, construct a permanent winner's stage and add 24 new lights for the front stretch at the race track. All of these improvements would be beneficial for NCK Fair participants and the many volunteers who work and promote the races.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$8,000 in appropriations from the 2008 Fairground Improvement Fund to assist the NCK Fair Amusement Board with these improvements. Second by Commissioner Rytch, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-21 to close a quarter-mile section of road in Section 7; Township 3S, Range 4W. Second by Marvin Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The legal publication will run one week in the Telescope and all landowners with adjoining property will be notified before the official closing.

Commissioner Holl also made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-22 to close a quarter-mile section of road in Section 1; Township 3S; Range 5W. Second by Marvin Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. The legal publication will run for one week in the Telescope and all landowners with neighboring property will be notified.

Charles Joy noted road and bridge employees repaired the pot holes on the inside drive of the Courthouse Square. No money will be exchanged between departments for this repair. Courthouse employees were very grateful for this improvement.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and the Board held the official bid opening for tires. One bid was from Crouse Tire and Wheel and one from Gile Alignment Service. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Board meeting May 21, 2008 in Salina, Kansas.

Economic Development Director Clare Kuhn gave a progress report from that department. She noted that the proposed assisted living project in the City of Scandia could break ground as early as the first week of June.

Kuhn also noted that C.T. Fabrication received a training grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce. They have added additional employees.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-23 which provides for the casting of Republic County's ballot for Von Fahrenbruch and Maryjo Downey, who were nominated by MSPA's Board of Directors to serve four-year terms on the Mid-States Port Authority's Board of Directors. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner's Rytych and Holl returned to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Later in the afternoon Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for the day due to a lack of business. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0.

The Board noted that the Courthouse and other county offices will be closed Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday. The commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 27, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about maintenance at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building. Calkins has contacted two cement contractors to inspect where and why the moisture is entering the north inside walls of that building.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to attend the Kansas County Treasurer's State Conference and Certification Class June 18-20 in Junction City, Kansas.

At 9:26 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Sheriff Ron Blad and Clerk Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:36 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:50 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board, County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall visited about a law enforcement situation involving Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek.

David Strnad informed EMT Randy Ainsworth that Rod Dusek would be taking some time off from his job at the ambulance department. Ainsworth visited with the Board about the June schedule at the EMS Department. The Board instructed Ainsworth not to schedule Rod Dusek for the month of June and to fill the schedule with other workers until the Board has a chance to study the situation.

The Board also instructed Mr. Ainsworth to put EMT Jeremy Waugh on the schedule as soon as possible.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about the fuel costs in his department. Transporting prisoners is hard to predict but Blad is keeping an eye on the budget.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about the tire bids. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept one bid of \$5,518.80 from Crouse Tire and Wheel and accepted a second bid of \$4,748.68 from Gile Alignment. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

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



The Board approved Resolution 2008-24 to vacate a certain road in Scandia Township, the east-west road along the south line of Section 1 T-3 R-4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. from the east line of said Section One to a point intersecting with existing U.S. Highway 36. Note the legal publication in the Telescope for more information. All adjacent landowners have been notified by mail.

David Strnad visited with the Board about EMS personnel and scheduling. Strnad, who has been out on medical leave, told the Board he hopes to be able to return to work by the end of June. He noted that Rod Dusek would be taking some time off work. The Board told Strnad that they had instructed Randy Ainsworth to leave Dusek off the schedule for the month of June.

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

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser Barry Porter, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Custodian Kevin Calkins, EP/Communications Director Raymond Raney, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to travel to the CWDAK Summer Conference July 15-17 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

EMT Laura Siefers stopped in to introduce EMT Jeremy Waugh as a new employee. He was hired to work as a full time EMT at the Ambulance Department. Mr. Waugh had recently completed the new employee paperwork in the County Clerk's Office.

It was noted that the Board would meet in a special session on Thursday morning, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. to visit with Judge Kim Cudney and other personnel about the Court Services Offices.

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

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in special session on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 9:00 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.

Invited guests were District Court Clerk Lea D. Welch, District Judge Kim Cudney, Magistrate Judge John Eyer, Republic County Clerk of the District Court Kris Kling, Deputy Clerk Mary Gustin and Belleville Telescope reporter Eileen Sutton.

Discussion was centered about air quality in the District Court Offices. Kris Kling and Mary Gustin have complained about the smell on damp windy days and the air quality on some other days.

Much discussion was held about what could possibly cause bad smells and the group visited about possible solutions.

Republic County had a “Limited Pre-Remediation Investigation for Indoor Environmental Quality” done on October 23, 2007. That was performed by American Metropolitan Environmental, Inc. in Wichita, Kansas. The results did not substantiate any major changes.

On March 25, 2008 Meriam Thompson, Industrial Hygiene Consultant, conducted an on-site inspection of the Courthouse to determine if possible unsafe or unhealthy working conditions might be present due to a specific complaint received by the Kansas Department of Labor Industrial Safety and Health. She was pleased to report that no hazards were found as a result of the inspection.

A Radon Screening of the Republic County Courthouse was done on May 2 through May 5 by Capital Inspection Service, Edaphic Controls. The results of the readings were well below the EPA action level of 4 Pic/L.

Tebow Plumbing has installed a HEPA Charcoal Filter in the court offices to clean the air and has been monitoring it. Kling and Gustin both indicated that they thought the HEPA Filter machine was too big for the room. Commissioner Bergstrom will contact Tebow Plumbing about it.

The Board is at a loss as to what to try next. They invited Kris Kling to suggest another company to do another inspection. Kling was asked to provide the name or names of companies that she would trust. She will check their credentials and

certifications. Suggestions should be submitted to the Board by June 9. The Board stated that they would consider hiring yet another company to do testing.

The group visited about closing the court offices for a day or two while workers sealed and painted the ceiling and walls in that office. The work could possibly be done on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Judge Cudney will take that under consideration.

The Board, Judge Cudney and District Court Clerk Lea D. Welch and Clerk Hall visited the old Probate Court Records Vault on the second floor. The group then went to view the District Court Offices and the HEPA Filter.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. with a second from Rytych. Motion carried 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes.

The Board began their day by reviewing written correspondence.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave a review of the maintenance at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building. There is a drainage problem around the building and Calkins is taking bids to get some dirt placed around the foundation and to install a small retaining wall to divert the water away from the building.

Calkins reported that workers from J & N Elliott came out and replaced 12-14 end caps on the metal roof.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to put lock boxes on some of the thermostats in the Courthouse. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about his 2009 Sheriff's budget.

Blad received permission to purchase approximately \$2,600.00 in equipment, this expenditure is from the revenue received from diversions and placed into the general fund.

Blad noted that two of the older sheriff's cars were sold at an auction over the week-end. The proceeds will be put into the county general fund.

Beverly Krob introduced Daniel Reid, Courtland, as the new Republic County Coordinator for the Council on Aging. The office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mr. Reid is a substitute bus driver for USD 426 and said he will call the radio station to notify the public of any changes in the office hours.

It was noted that Frank Rytych has agreed to serve a second term on the JJA Advisory Board. His term will expire June 30, 2008.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about various matters.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board.

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

Gene Wilson, AT&T Representative and Independent Contractor Dave White visited with the Board. Mr. White noted that Pugh Communications, Inc., Manhattan, KS will be out to install

the battery back-up and surge protection for the Courthouse telephone system. They noted that there will be a charge for the installation plus mileage.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and David Divilbliss, Heavy Equipment Sales Representative from Victor L. Phillips Co. in Topeka, visited with the Board about an excavator.

Mr. Joy mentioned the price on a 1995 pick-up truck on Melton Motor Company's lot. He said the pick-up would be used to pull the recycling trailers. They will consider it next week.

Mr. Joy noted that Bret Thompson was hired to work as an Equipment Operator I for the Road and Bridge Department.

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

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited about RCD Matters. They also visited about the Hammond property and tearing down that house. Clerk Hall will set up a meeting with City Manager Bob Knudson.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board that he has been released to return to work with no restrictions. The Board encouraged Strnad to start advertising for EMT's.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about getting a new telephone system in the 911 Dispatch Center. Raney will apply for a wireless grant and if successful the County share of the match money will come out of the E911 Fund Account.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2008 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.

Ambulance Secretary Beverly Reynolds told the Board that Assistant Ambulance Director Rod Dusek was an excellent EMT. She noted that he monitored the ambulance maintenance and kept them supplied for the service.

Ambulance Director David Strnad presented the race contract between the NCK Free Fair Amusement Board and the Republic County EMS to provide vehicles and crews at all the racing events. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the race contract. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:00 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27 meeting and the special meeting held on May 29. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new TK Access Wheelchair Lift near the east door of the Courthouse. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Central Plains Lift, Arkansas City, Kansas will install the handicap assessable lift at a cost of \$9,990.00

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

Assistant EMS Director Rodney Dusek visited with the Board. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to terminate Mr. Dusek's employment with Republic County effective June 2, 2008. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Rodney's wife, Janice Dusek, attended this session.

Mr. Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about irrigation pipe in the road right-of-way.

Robbin Waldner Cole, LSCSW, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health and Pam Dowell visited with the Board. Ms. Cole presented a budget request of \$23,152.00 for 2009.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen and Sue Swanson received permission to travel to the State Family Planning Conference June 5-6 in Wichita, Kansas.

The Board adjourned for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Representatives from OCCK, Carolee Miner, Shelia Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius visited with the Board. Ms. Miner presented the budget request of \$23,037.00 for 2009.

Commissioner Holl excused herself to attend another meeting.

Dave White and Bob McMillan, Pugh Communications in Manhattan, Kansas visited with the Board about updating the telephone system in the Courthouse. The Board will review the proposal.

Belleville Mainstreet Director Melinda Pierson signed a hold harmless agreement on behalf of the Belleville Mainstreet Farmer's Market, which will be held on the west side of the Courthouse square. The market will run from July 5<sup>th</sup> through September 27 and be open for business from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. each Saturday morning. She asked that the custodian block off the inside square each Friday evening.

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

James Popelka, representing the NCK Ag Board visited with the Board about appropriations for fairground improvements. He noted that they were installing air conditioning on the west addition to the commercial building; they plan to make improvements to some of the walkways with a hard surface and include other small improvements if money allows.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the tornado that went through Republic County last week. He noted that there was considerable damage in the County, which included Rolling Hills Electric with 130 poles down.

Arlene Clayton stopped by to review the Bostwick Irrigation celebration.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2008 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.

The Board began their day with the signing of the accounts payable vouchers.

Soil Conservation Representatives Lori Siemsen and Jerome Kieffer presented a budget request of \$33,000.00 in appropriations for 2009.

Don Lieb visited with the Board about the Bostwick Irrigation District mail ballot election that will be held the first Tuesday in March. He will visit with personnel in the clerk's office about time lines and publications.

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

David White, a private telephone contractor and Gene Wilson, communications consultant for Phone Connection Voice Networks visited with the Board about the current telephone billing. They pointed out things on the billing that had been added without consent and showed the Board how to increase savings.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve and renew the Plexar contract for 60 months and to apply for a 36 month "term volume" discount. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Bob Larsen, Manhattan, Kansas visited about County Bridge J-23.7 between Section 14-15 T2S; R2W. The Board agreed to view this bridge after lunch today.

Mr. Joy noted that the excavator has broken down again. Joy said they must repair it at a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000 and he has considered trading it in for a newer one.

Mr. Joy and Duane Swanson received permission to travel to the E-Waste Coalition meeting June 18 in Osborne, Kansas.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD Matters. After some discussion Commissioner Holl made a motion to send a letter to RAD, LLC and require them to hire a bonded foundation/concrete contractor or supply letters of credit from the concrete contractor for the assisted living facility. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on the Hammond property. It was agreed that the back taxes will be paid from the General Fund and the delinquent electric bill will be paid from the RCD Fund.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Committee to loan \$13,000 to Leah Hammer and Gary and Linda Hammer for renovations to The Kiddy Barn which is a child care facility. This will be upon completion of the list of stipulations. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.



Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director David Strnad to attend the Region IV meeting June 10 in Beloit, Kansas.

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

At 11:30 a.m., Senator Sam Brownback visited with patrons in the County Commissioner's Room. There were approximately 20 persons in attendance.

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

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

The Board and Highway Administrator Charles Joy drove to view the bridge in Fairview Township.

The Board returned to the Courthouse and discussed the proposed telephone system. It was a consensus of the Board to install a surge protector for the current system. The Board will review the budget towards the end of 2008 and consider a new telephone system if funds are available.

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, June 16, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2008 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.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board about maintenance of the elevator at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Center. Miller noted that a five year service contract would cost \$600.00 this year with an increase of no more than five per cent per year for the following four years of the contract. This guarantees a quarterly inspection and maintenance but does not cover parts.

Mr. Miller told the Board that securing a service contract is important but immediate attention is needed to insure the safety of everyone. ThyssenKrupp has agreed to drive up and evaluate the elevator and make needed adjustments. If parts are needed, a return visit may be required to complete the work. It was noted that the rate for the mechanic is \$203.00 and the hourly rate for a team is \$366.00 per hour for work performed on the unit. Any material needed for the repair work would be added to the hourly rate along with a charge for mileage. This upcoming service call could prove to be expensive and is not covered by any service agreement. All agreed to have ThyssenKrupp personnel service the elevator as soon as possible.

It was assumed that the elevator inspector who does the quarterly elevator maintenance at the hospital and the Courthouse was also checking the Medical Arts Building elevator. It has been several years since this elevator received any type of attention.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to sign the five year maintenance agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation, Wichita, Kansas. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. This will insure the elevator is inspected on a quarterly basis.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Weed Director Steve Pounds visited about chemicals, roadside spraying and other related matters. It was a consensus of the Board to reimburse Ledona Dowell for one gallon of chemical.

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

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase 10 radio/pagers to be carried by the emergency medical technicians. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The radios will be purchased from Pierce Electronics at a cost of \$5,150.00 from the ambulance equipment line item in the ambulance fund. The current radios are between 10 and 15 years old.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy spoke with the Board about a pick-up truck at Melton Motor Company. The Board suggested Joy offer them \$5,000 for the truck.

In another matter, it was a consensus of the group to agree to “slope the channel” for Bob Larsen located at Bridge J-23.7 between section 14-15 T2S; R2W. Mr. Joy was directed to put it on the list as it is not a priority. The rain has slowed progress on all the road projects.

Foreman Brad Swanson will be reimbursed in the amount of \$188.00 for items purchased at an auction. The items were purchased for the Road and Bridge Department.

The Board agreed to purchase two metal file cabinets to be used by Beth Reed. Payment will come out of the equipment reserve line in the budget.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with 12 in attendance. Custodian Kevin Calkins, Ambulance Director David Strnad, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Appraiser Barry Porter, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Sheriff Ron Blad, Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The Board reminded the group that the 2009 department budget requests are due in the Clerk’s Office by June 30.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the contract between Republic County Health Department and Pike Valley USD 426 at \$6.00 per student to provide school health nursing services.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 30, 2008 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 reviewing written correspondence.

The Board received a letter from Robert E. Holt, M.D. informing the Board of his resignation from the position of Medical Director of Republic County EMS. This takes effect immediately. The Board accepted Dr. Holt's resignation with regret.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited about Courthouse maintenance. The Board would like to have the current ceiling tiles removed in the Clerk of the District Court front office, make repairs to the ceiling and put it back to the original design. County Clerk Hall will call District Judge Kim W. Cudney to review the proposed improvement and ask for her input.

Arden Krohn spoke with the Board about a drainage ditch on his property.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad visited about his proposed 2009 budget.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters. Loan documents for RAD Homes, LLC, (Rob and Diane Larson-Floersch) were prepared by Attorney Scott R. Condray and reviewed by Mr. Spurney, Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek, Keith Anderson and Luke Hubert. Hadachek will notify Condray's office that the document has been reviewed and approved by those previously named.

It was noted that on June 21<sup>st</sup> owners of the Kiddy Barn, Leah Hammer and Gary and Linda Hammer, notified Kay Shoemaker that they chose not to accept the funding from the RCD Committee.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board. The Board asked Knudson to unhook the utilities on the old Sharon Hammons property (lots 1, 2, and 3 of block 20 of Simond's Addition) that is now owned by Republic County. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> the property will be turned over to the County and the building will be scheduled for demolition.

Knudson told the Board the City of Belleville will do the demolition and the County agreed to wave the landfill charges. Due to current work load this project may have to wait until this fall.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen presented her 2009 proposed budget.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Brad Swanson visited with the Board. Joy presented his 2009 budget proposals for the Road and Bridge Department, Solid Waste, Special Bridge and Transportation.

The official bid opening was held for the Republic County biennial bridge inspections. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$10,200.00 from Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Additional bids were from Campbell and Johnson, PA at \$11,347.50 and Bucher Willis & Ratliff Corporation bid \$90,525.00 while Kirkham Michael & Associates chose not to bid on this project due to their current work load.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the Utility Agreement for Mary E. Dahl to operate an underground pipeline for irrigation in Section 3, T2S; R5W. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:23 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall also attended this session. Regular session resumed at 11:33 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Mrs. Rahe also discussed her 2009 budget proposal.

It was noted that the east door of the Courthouse is closed. A new handicap lift is currently being installed and should be completed by Wednesday evening.

The Courthouse and other county offices will be closed to the public on Friday, for the July 4<sup>th</sup> 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, July 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 07, 2008 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 about Road and Bridge matters.

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

The Board approved a utility agreement with the City of Belleville to operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way in Section 2; T2S; R3W.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Belinda Robison to serve as Union Township representative on the North Central Kansas Free Fair Board to fill the position vacated by Glada Isaacson. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about RCD matters and the Hammond property on North M Street, recently purchased by the County.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about his 2009 proposed department budget and received permission to purchase a laptop computer. Cloud County and Republic County will share the cost of the computer.

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Vickie Hall present. Regular session resumed at 10:19 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures on the Memorandum of Agreement on a Family Planning Program Grant.

Chairman Bergstrom also signed the Memorandum of Agreement for Child Care Licensing Services.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented the 2009 District Court budget.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about 2009 budgets.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to replace the FAX machine in her office. The Board accepted the low bid of \$98.95 from Rod Woods - Professional Systems of NCK. She also presented the proposed 2009 budget for her department.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to hire Precision Environmental Services, Wichita, Kansas to test the air quality in the Courthouse. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall will call and make arrangements with them.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about personnel matters.

Jerry Fowler, PE/LS from Kirkham Michael Engineering visited with the Board. They spoke of the new regulations for bridge inspections. In 2010 the cost per bridge will be substantially higher and possibly double due to a requirement for a more detailed inspection of each bridge. The rules also require more detailed record keeping or paperwork.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented her proposed 2009 budget. She noted that she increased the juvenile fees by \$3,000 for the increased filings of "child in need of care" cases.

Chairman Bergstrom left the meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney presented his 2009 budget requests. The Board also signed a letter of support for a Ks Wireless Enhanced 911 Grant Application.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. County Treasurer Cindy Coons presented the bids for a FAX machine that is shared by the Clerk's Office. The Board accepted the low bid of \$98.95 for an HP640 Ink Jet Plain Paper FAX Machine from Rod Woods as Professionals Systems of NCK.

Republic County Economic Development Board Chairman Brian Schwartz introduced Sarah Hartung to the Board. Sarah was recently hired as the new Republic County Economic Development Director.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about Courthouse maintenance. He also was getting the fire extinguishers renewed at the Medical Arts Building.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about the purchase of two low mileage pick-up trucks from the Federal Surplus in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytch made a motion to purchase one or both of the trucks if the employees find the trucks to be in good condition. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling and Deputy Mary Gustin visited with the Board about the District Court offices. Clerk Hall has been in contact with Precision Environmental Services in Wichita, Kansas to get a third opinion on air quality.

Ambulance Director David Strnad visited with the Board about EMS matters. Due to lack of communication at the time of hire, Jeremy Waugh's hourly rate has now been recorded as \$8.50 per hour.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Dr. Nolan J. Beavers to serve as the Medical Director for the Republic County Emergency Medical Services. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. This appointment is effective immediately as Dr. Beavers is filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Robert Holt.

Discussion with David Strnad continued as the Board asked him about staffing at the ambulance station. The Board asked Strnad to work more of the day shifts himself.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on the Economic Development Program Income Reports.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Mainstreet Representative, visited with the Board about using the Courthouse lawn for the August 1<sup>st</sup> Poker Walk registration table. She would like to block off the west side of the Courthouse Square from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for that event. She also received permission to block the west side of the Courthouse Square off from noon on into the evening of August 29<sup>th</sup> for the Back to School Tailgate Party.

Ms. Pierson asked the Board if they would consider running the County Transportation bus to promote the Saturday morning Farmer's Market. The Board agreed to ask Transportation Director Charles Joy about this request.

The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the City of Courtland concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees.



Permission to travel out of Republic County was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board Meeting July 16, 2008 in Salina, Kansas.

Ambulance Director David Strnad returned to visit with the Board about personnel. He noted that EMT Luke Schemper has turned in his resignation so he can go work and travel north with his family's harvest crew. His resignation was accepted with regret.

At 11:47 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into an executive session with David Strnad to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The Board extended the session by an additional 5 minutes. At 12:02 p.m. the regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

The 2009 budget request for the Republic County Historical Museum was presented to the Board.

The Board will hold a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. on July 17 to visit with the county auditor.

Commissioner 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 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

#### July 17, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING

On Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., a special meeting was called to order by Chairman Marvin Bergstrom. The Board met with County Auditor Randall R. Hoffmeyer, CPA and Jerry A. Pugh, LMPA from Bartlett Settle & Edgerle, Hutchinson, Kansas to "refine" and finalize the proposed 2009 Republic County Budget. County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring also attended the meeting.

After much discussion and decision making Commissioner Holl made a motion to hold the Official Public Budget Hearing on August 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2008 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 Coordinator for the Council on Aging, Daniel Reid visited with the Board about the Courthouse telephone lines. Reid is investigating a telephone service that is through the internet. It is called "magicjack.com" and would be more affordable than sharing the cost of the Courthouse telephone system. The Board agreed to look into it.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons told the Board that 7 properties will be offered at the Delinquent Property Tax Sale to be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Republic County Courthouse.

Custodian Kevin Calkins told the Board he has only received one bid to date for the cement work and the building of a retaining wall at the Medical Arts Building. This bid is from Saunders Concrete & Painting, Courtland.

The Board discussed the CDARS Deposit Placement Program with Mrs. Coons as it applies to County Deposits. The Board once again, decided not to participate in that program at this time.

Mrs. Coons noted that \$60,688.57 in Sales Tax revenue was received for the month of May. She also noted that \$267,860.00 would be invested and bids will be taken this week to secure the best interest rate possible.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approved Resolution 2008-25 to amend the "leave time" portion of the personnel policy in the Republic County Policies and Procedures Manual. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. This simply allows a county employee to serve as an election board worker without using his/her accumulated leave time.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Ambulance Director David Strnad to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. At 10:00 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

David Strnad announced his plans to resign from his current position as Ambulance Director. Strnad stated that he plans to continue to work full time as an EMT for Republic County.

The Board will begin the hiring process and advertise to fill the position of Republic County Director of EMS. Mr. Strnad will remain in charge until that time.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about the upcoming RCD meeting. She also received signatures on RCD papers.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Permission to travel was approved Darlene Havel and Mr. Joy to attend a transportation meeting, July 22, 2008 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

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

Some time back Melinda Pierson, Belleville Main Street Coordinator asked the Board about regulations for running the transportation bus on Saturday. The Board visited about running the Republic County Transportation Bus on Saturday mornings to promote Belleville's Farmer's Market. The State of Kansas considers Saturday "outside the regularly approved schedule" which would require application to charter the bus. Between the paperwork and the application period required to charter a bus, the Board decided not to run a County Transportation Bus on Saturday. Mr. Joy told the Board that the County Transportation Bus currently takes residents to the Depot Market near Courtland, on Thursday of each week, so residents may use their vouchers to buy fresh produce at the Depot Market.

Mr. Joy visited with the Board about the Solid Waste budget. Increasing the user fees for 2009 was discussed by the group.

Carl Eyman, Loss Prevention Specialist with Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, toured the NCK Fairgrounds before stopping by to visit with the Board. Mr. Eyman said the County should not be paying for simple slip and falls at the fairground unless the hazard was actually created in some way by the County. Republic County is not responsible for accidents in open air recreation areas such as the fairground. It was suggested that the County post signs that say Not Responsible for Accidents at all normal access points or entrances to the fairgrounds. The Republic County insurance claims analysis report was reviewed for 2006 and 2007.

Arlene Clayton addressed the Board about various things.

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, July 28, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2008 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.

Paramedic Don Lieb and EMT Randy Ainsworth visited with the Board about Emergency Medical Services. They volunteered to serve as co-directors of the ambulance department if the Board would care to consider that option. The Board said they would discuss it.

Ambulance Director David Strnad told the Board some time back that he had chosen to resign from his position as Director of Republic County Emergency Medical Services because he didn't feel he could commit to working more daytime administrative hours Monday through Friday. Strnad's resignation is effective August 1, 2008 but he will continue working for Republic County EMS as a full-time EMT-I.

KCAMP Insurance Administrator Tom Job stopped to visit with the Board. They visited about posting the "Not Responsible for Accidents" sign at the entrances of the NCK Free Fairgrounds. In short, the County is not responsible for all accidents that occur in open air recreation areas such as the NCK Fairgrounds.

Protection of the public while on county property is paramount. Providing safe facilities reduces the occurrence of accidents. The County is taking proactive measures to continue to make improvements to the properties each year in ways that best serve the elderly and/or the handicapped.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. She also noted that Peoples Exchange was the high bid at 2.43 percent interest rate to invest the monies received from the sales tax.

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about maintenance at the Medical Arts Building. The Board accepted the bid of \$3,100.00 from Saunders Concrete and Painting, Courtland, Kansas. This was the only bid received by the County for this improvement.

It was a consensus of the Board to canvas the ballots from the August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. They discussed the Certification Plan for the Solid Waste Plan.

Mr. Joy said that the Road and Bridge Department was the successful bidder on the two trucks recently sold by the City of Belleville. Both pick-up trucks are 1995 Chevrolet models. One

truck had 64,000 miles on it and the other had 88,000 miles. The County submitted a sealed bid of \$2,800.00 for one and \$3,200.00 for the other pick-up truck.

Belleville Main Street Representatives, Melinda Pierson, Jo D. Ball and Bob Trecek visited with the Board. Main Street received a \$15,000 grant to assist in putting together a “walking tour” in downtown Belleville. They were asking the Board for support as they would like some of the signage to be on County property.

The Board continued to discuss the future of Republic County Ambulance Department. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Paramedic Don Lieb as the Interim Director of Republic County Emergency Medical Services and EMT Randy Ainsworth as the Assistant Director. This appointment will be effective August 1, 2008. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The Board adjourned to join the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Commissioner Rytch did not return for the afternoon session.

The regularly scheduled department head meeting was held with eight in attendance. Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Communications Director Raymond Raney, EMS Director David Strnad, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Retha Blecha and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Ambulance Director David Strnad came in to visit with the Board. They informed Strnad that they had appointed Don Lieb as Interim Director and Randy Ainsworth an Assistant Director of the Ambulance Department. The Board appreciates Strnad’s past service as director and they appreciate the fact that Strnad is willing to continue to work as an EMT-I for Republic County Ambulance.

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Bergstrom called the official Delinquent Solid Waste Hearings to order. There were no patrons in attendance. Solid Waste Director Charles Joy was present to answer questions.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Second by Holl, motion carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2008 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb and Assistant Director Randy Ainsworth visited with the Board about building maintenance such as replacing the light on the front of the ambulance building. Other topics were disposal of obsolete equipment and review of the 2009 budget.

At 8:42 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Lieb and Randy Ainsworth. Regular session resumed at 8:52 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Chairman Bergstrom signed the Government-Municipal-Public Funds Banking Resolution for bank deposits. This authorizes Mrs. Coons to transact business for Republic County under the laws of the State of Kansas.

The Board told Council on Aging Coordinator Daniel Reid that the County could unhook the current telephone extension from that office and not charge them for telephone service. Reid would like to use a free telephone service through the internet.

Commissioner Rytych excused himself to attend a funeral.

Attorney Regine Thompson stopped by to greet the County Commissioners. Commissioner Rytych spoke with Ms. Thompson at the NCK Fair and extended the invitation to stop by and visit.

The Board, Clerk Hall and Ms. Thompson reviewed the NCK Free Fair. Many positive comments were shared as well as reference to the extreme heat. The high temperatures and high gas prices might have discouraged some from attending this year but everyone agreed that overall it was another successful year for the fair.

Commissioner Rytych returned to the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited about the increasing cost of road oil to finish 2008 projects and how the high cost of oil will impact the proposed 2009 Road and Bridge Budget.

Mr. Joy noted that he had hired Howard Killingbeck as a driver for the Republic County Transportation System to fill in while Barbara Buchanan is out on medical leave.

The Board received a letter from Arden Krohn. Mr. Joy will assist the Board in drafting a response to that letter.

The Board approved a Utility Agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone to construct and operate an underground telephone line on public road right-of-way in Rose Creek Township.

Sid Scofield approached the Board about the extreme dust from the rocked access road that goes from 81 Highway into S & P Farm Repair, Scofield's place of business. Mr. Joy stated that he would consider pulling dirt off the shoulders of the road or from the ditch to put up on top of the rock when time allows.

At 11:17 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Clerk Hall attended this session. At 11:27 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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, August 11, 2008 with the Official Primary Election canvas of ballots starting at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with the regular session following the completion of the canvas.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 8:00 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 conducting the Official Canvas of Ballots for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Bergstrom opened the regular business session.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

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

Chairman Bergstrom called the official 2009 Republic County Budget Hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing and answering questions from taxpayers relating to the proposed use of county funds. Those attending were County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the Proposed 2009 Budget as printed. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. The Board signed the budget and closed the hearing.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Mr. Joy noted that he and Terry Cherney personally visited with Arden Krohn about the brush on his property that is interrupting the flow of run off water. The Board decided not to send him a letter of explanation since Mr. Joy visited with Mr. Krohn.

Jay Beam joined the group to visit with the Board about the poor condition of the road currently used as a detour on the east side of Cuba. The County did not prepare the road for the detour. The Board held a telephone conference with Leland Tice, Area Engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation to ask about the State's plans for improvement of this road.

A letter of concern about this very road was received from J. E. Chizek.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons noted that Derowitch Construction Company is listed in our current accounts payable. They owe the County for delinquent personal property tax. A check will be written to them for the work they did for



Republic County, however they will be required to make payment on the delinquent taxes owed before they receive this accounts payable check.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn for lunch and to resume regular session at 1:30 this afternoon. The motion was seconded by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Attorney Bill Navis offered a general review of the plans for the Republic County Delinquent Property Tax Sale to be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion stating that the County will set the opening bid on two of the properties listed on the Delinquent Property Tax Sale. The amount will cover the delinquent tax amount and fees due to the County as of the date of sale. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung gave the Board a progress report from her department.

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18, 2008, Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Nine county residents from the Washington Township area visited with the Board about needed road improvements in that area. Those in attendance were Layne Holmes, Lonnie Hoops, Randy Rahe, Kevin Hoops, Darrell Heitmann, Willis Heitmann, Elmer Holmes, Brad Hobelmann and Marlyn Heitmann. Questions were asked about the cost of mowing the road sides and if records indicate the last time these side roads have been graded. The group stressed that public safety was their first concern and second was the condition of the roads at harvest. The group had photographs to substantiate the continual deterioration of the roads with grass and weeds overtaking them. The Board assured the group they would personally visit this area.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board Meeting on August 20, 2008 and the KEMA Conference September 16-19 in Topeka, Kansas.

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

Agency Director Ellen Anderson received signatures from the Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan as modified or reduced by \$1,500.00 for FY09.

Ms. Anderson asked the Board if there was any office space available for “juvenile intake visits” after hours. The Board told Anderson they would visit with Sheriff Blad about it.

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

The Board invited Sheriff Ron Blad in to visit about Anderson’s request. After much discussion the Board agreed that we cannot approve the request because of security reasons. The design or openness of the building lends itself to an increased liability exposure for Republic County. The Board and Sheriff Blad agreed that the request should be denied with no visitors in the building after it is officially closed to the public at 4:30 p.m. each day.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board he is working on the required paperwork to get FEMA reimbursement to recover a portion of the expenses for clean-up due to the tornado that occurred in May. He noted that it could be as much as \$36,000.00 for labor reimbursement.

The Board visited with Mr. Joy about the roads in Washington Township and relayed the concerns of the patrons from that area. Mr. Joy suggested that Road Supervisor Brad Swanson take the Board out to view roads in that area since he supervises that district.

David White visited with the Board about the Courthouse telephone system. He proposed a digital telephone system with a bid of \$11,632.38 and stated the bid was good for a 90 day period. Pugh Communications, Inc. would provide the digital telephone system with caller ID,

the ability to forward to voice mail and conference calling to name a few of the features that would be available in the Courthouse offices. There is also a two year parts and labor warranty on this system.

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

Ambulance Director Don Lieb and Assistant Director Randy Ainsworth visited with the Board. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a Kenwood TK-7160HK 50 watt VHF mobile radio, from Pierce Electronics, to put in the ambulance. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0. The cost is \$475.00 and if the budget allows the Board agreed to buy a second radio at the end of this year.

Director Lieb told the Board he is getting bids for a humidifier that will interface with the current ambulance building's heating system.

Director Lieb told the Board he would like to start a new EMT training class. To encourage patrons to take the class, Republic County will pay for the tuition and students will pay for their books. In this agreement EMT students must complete the class and take State Boards. If a student drops from the class before completion they will be required to pay the County back.

If the student successfully completes the state boards they will be required to take two second outs and two first outs within each pay period.

Following a review of the Ambulance Department budget, Director Don Lieb asked the Board to give the workers in that department a boost in pay. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed wage increases for Emergency Medical Technicians or EMT's and first responders. Don Lieb \$13.50 per hour, Randy Ainsworth \$10.00 per hour, David Strnad \$9.75 per hour, Laura Siefers \$9.05 per hour, Jeremy Waugh \$9.00 per hour, Janice Dusek \$9.00 per hour, Brian Piersee \$8.95 per hour, David Kadavy \$8.50 per hour, Eric Nondorf \$8.50 per hour, Pam Smith \$8.50 per hour, Dave Holloway \$8.50 per hour, Brad Shrader \$8.50 per hour, Erin Dusek \$8.50 per hour, Harold Fischer \$8.75 per hour, Glenda Willis \$8.50 per hour, Joseph Blecha \$11.65 per hour, Trevor Lieb \$8.25 per hour, Melva Nondorf \$8.25 per hour and Jeff Smith \$8.25 per hour. Second by Chairman Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holl to move Janice Dusek from half-time to full time with full time benefits. Don Lieb and Randy Ainsworth will also receive full time health benefits. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about personnel issues.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn for lunch at 12:30 p.m. with a second from Commissioner Holl. Motion carried 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

The County Commissioners, Clerk Hall and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson went out to drive the county the roads and specifically to view roads in the Washington Township area.

Upon returning to the Courthouse at 3:30 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2008 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Commissioner Holl gave a review of the monthly EMS Continuing Education meeting held last week.

The Board accepted the resignation of EMT Jeremy Waugh with regret. Waugh has accepted a job as a fire fighter in Great Bend, Kansas.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Terry Cherney visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Garry Montre, Welborn Sales Representative, joined the group at the official bid opening for culverts.

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| J & J Metal Products of Paola           | \$55,223.96 |
| J & J Drainage Products Co., Hutchinson | \$61,435.60 |
| D&C Wholesale                           | \$53,976.90 |
| Welborn Sales                           | \$47,462.84 |

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$47,462.84 from Welborn Sales, Salina, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Agency Director Ellen Anderson received signatures from the Board on the FY 09 Carryover Reimbursements of \$2,744.52 to distribute in the Plan Budget Summary with Narrative for the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections.

Anderson had made a request to hold juvenile intake sessions in the Republic County Courthouse after hours. Due to the openness and general design of the building the Board denied this request.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Road Supervisor Terry Cherney, Commissioners Bergstrom, Holl and Rytych drove out to view the condition of South K Street that continues on into a county road.

The Board visited with Main Street Director Melinda Pierson about the committee's proposal to install Kiosks around the Courthouse Square. Part of the grant would be for installing kiosks with history and pictures of old city buildings for a self-guided "walking tour" of Belleville.

The Board voiced their concern about the installation, maintenance or upkeep, ownership and the liability for the kiosks. Ms. Pierson agreed that an agreement should be drawn up by the county attorney to address these issues.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with the monthly department head meeting. Department heads attending the meeting were Custodian Kevin Calkins, Ambulance Director Don Lieb, Appraiser Barry Porter, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb noted a class for new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) will begin September 15. He encouraged those who might be interested in that training to contact him. The County will pay the \$500.00 tuition for residents who take the class and the student would be required to pay \$92.00 for the instruction book and a \$40.00 lab fee. For additional details contact Mr. Lieb.

Following the department head meeting, Ambulance Director Don Lieb stayed to visit with the Board. At 1:55, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Mr. Lieb and Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular session resumed at 2:00 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

The Official Delinquent Solid Waste Hearing was held at 2:00 p.m. with no patrons in attendance. Commissioner Holl made a motion to close the hearing and accept the solid waste listing. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-26 to exempt Nesika Energy LLC from ad valorem taxation for economic development purposes for a period of 10 years. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign a contract with Precision Environmental Services, Wichita, Kansas to perform testing of the indoor air quality in the District Court Clerks Office and Vault in the Republic County Courthouse. Second by Chairman Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received Chairman Bergstrom's signature to secure the \$10,803.00 New Grant Funding.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Nancy Jefferson asked the Board to support the National Day of Prayer in remembrance of Nine Eleven. It will be observed on September 11, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Sheriff Ron Blad noted that he hired Kasey Vacha as a part-time jailer. He will fill in during the absence of other employees.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter as he plans to attend a continuing education conference, "Appraisal of Land", September 21-26, 2008 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Kathy Calkins received permission to travel to a Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program, September 2, 2008 in Topeka, Kansas.

Chairman Bergstrom signed a Lease Agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad to lease the county tower and related equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way radio communication signals.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase two new computers from the general/equipment reserve fund for the County Clerk's Office. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about various matters. Sheriff Ron Blad joined the group. Blad has received complaints from patrons about young people practicing for cross country who are running two and three abreast on gravel roads going east out of Belleville City. Big truck traffic on the road makes it dangerous for the runners and scares those driving the vehicles. Mr. Blad will speak to the coach about possibly changing the route of the runners.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures on the RCD Loan papers to release three mortgages on the Belleville Bowl. Jim and Sue Tuma have sold their business and have paid off their RCD Loan.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to close county offices at noon on December 24 and observe both December 25 and December 26, 2008 as paid holidays for Republic County employees. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

January 1, 2009 will also be a paid holiday. County offices will be open for business on Friday, January 2, 2009.

The Board directed Custodian Kevin Calkins to purchase a picnic table for the newly installed patio on the Courthouse lawn. It should be recycled plastic in a black and gray color. Calkins will try to purchase it locally if possible.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about placing a stop sign at the corner of Hickory and 240 Road.

The group also visited about the cost difference between E-10 gas and regular unleaded gas. Because we are an agriculture community it was agreed to continue to promote and use E-10 gas when possible.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson, Belleville City Recreation Board Member Alan Sheets and Doran Junek, Cuba, Kansas visited with the Board. The men were interested in expanding Belleville City Recreation and would like to consider having a Republic County Recreation Commission. The Board told them they would talk it over and agreed to study the matter.

James Popelka visited with the Board about the success of the 2008 NCK Fair. The fair grounds and building maintenance were reviewed as the board tries to make improvements to the fairgrounds each year.

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

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



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008, 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. She noted that the Hospital Sales Tax Revenue has a fund balance of \$716,858.99 for July 2008. No advance payments can be made until 2012.

Mrs. Coons noted that there are currently 27 parcels that qualify for the next Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax Sale.

Mrs. Coons also receive permission to travel to the Driver's License Training, September 12, 2008 in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the bid of \$29,411.34 from Boman Floor Covering, Belleville, to install new carpet in the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building. Second by Commissioner Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0 as Commissioner Holl abstained.

Custodian Kevin Calkins received permission to travel to a Boiler Operation Maintenance Conference, October 16, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas.

Calkins noted that he had ordered the picnic table for the patio. He was not able to buy it locally but that he could get benches locally. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase two four foot benches from Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc. in Concordia, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about the current process for handling insufficient fund checks. He suggested that the County simplify that process starting January 1, 2009.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerk's Meeting, September 26, 2008 in Washington, Kansas.

At 10:00 a.m. a Public Hearing was held to hear public comment on the exemption of Nesika Energy, LLC from ad valorem taxes for a period of 10 years. Only one

patron, Steve Scofield, stopped to offer his input on the tax relief offered to the ethanol plant.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited about road and bridge matters. Mr. Joy reported that Larry E. Stafford, a Road and Bridge county employee, died at his home on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

The Board adopted Resolution 2008-27 to install stop signs at the intersection of 240 Road and Hickory. STOP signs are to be placed on Hickory Road on both the west and east side of the intersection and a STOP AHEAD sign is to be placed approximately 600 feet east of the intersection on Hickory Road to provide safety to the traveling public.

It was noted that oil has been \$2.96 per gallon and today the price is \$2.61 offering a savings of \$ .35 per gallon. Joy said he planned to go ahead and place an order today.

The Board agreed to pay \$150.00 to Advantage Sign & Graphics, Belleville, to put two signs on the doors of the pick-up truck used for Republic County Recycling. All county owned vehicles must be properly marked.

The Board discussed solid waste fees that should be charged as set by Resolution 95-20.

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

The Board was invited to a BBQ Supper at the County Place Living on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. Commissioner Linda Holl and County Clerk Vickie Hall will attend to represent the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2008, 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 plans to work on a grant application through the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office to replace windows in the Republic County Courthouse. Calkins attended a grant meeting last week and noted that Kim Smith, a Grant Reviewer at the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office, has agreed to come here (free of charge) on October 2, 2008 to look over the Courthouse windows, take pictures and make recommendations. The final application is due March 1, 2009.

Travel was approved for Karen Henke RN, Aides Nila Skupa, Deb Sells, Donna Moravek and Lori Benyshek to attend the Kansas Home Care Association Annual Meeting, September 16-17 in Wichita, Kansas.

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

A Hold Harmless Agreement was presented by Melinda Pierson on behalf of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Approval was given to hold the Autumn Days Festival, Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on and around the Courthouse Square.

Arlene Clayton stopped by to chat with the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave the Board a report on the August budget figures. The group also discussed the need to raise the Landfill Transfer Fees.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson and Alan Sheets, Member of the Belleville City Recreation Board visited with the Commissioners. At the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting they proposed building a Four-Plex Sports Complex (four ball fields in one location) behind the Dairy Queen in Belleville in the very near future. The men noted they envisioned this as a joint effort between Republic County, Belleville City and the school. A proposed Republic County Recreation Commission made up of residents throughout the county could meet the needs of the young people of Republic County. Knudson stated that he felt the proposed

complex could be built with funds from the City of Belleville, by applying for grants, seeking donations and in-kind work done by volunteers. Further maintenance of the complex would need to be funded through tax dollars. The Board said they would discuss it.

Mr. Knudson and Mr. Sheets returned today to ask the Commissioners if they had studied their proposal and were seeking a financial commitment from Republic County for the future maintenance of a sports complex. The Board told them that considering the current conditions of our county roads it would be terribly difficult to levy any funds for the future maintenance of the complex at this time.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited about pouring a 15x15 foot concrete slab to hide the trash dumpster. He will take bids for the concrete work.

Don McChesney, school bus driver for USD 109, visited with the Board about a two mile stretch on 220 Road between F Road and D Road, between Munden and Narka, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about totally closing their offices until 1:30 or 2:00 p.m. on October 16, 2008 for the North Central District of Kansas Register of Deeds and Treasurer Association's Fall Meeting in Mankato, Kansas. The Board will give them an answer next week.

Ellen Anderson, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections Director, received signatures from the Board after the group reviewed the Department of Corrections year end outcomes for the fiscal year of 2007 and 2008.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons informed the Board that all County employees certified to give driving exams must now be finger printed and have a back ground check, all accompanied by a \$49.00 fee. The Board agreed that the fee for the three employees could be paid out of the County General Fund.

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

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters concerning the Munden Café.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2008-28 to place STOP signs at the intersection of 240 Road and Jade Road. Also, Resolution 2008-29 to place YIELD signs at the intersection of 280 Road and Marble Road. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

The Board signed the agreements made between Republic County and three residents who have applied for County sponsorship of tuition for the upcoming EMT Course approved by the Kansas State Board of EMS.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with the regularly scheduled department head meeting. Eleven were in attendance.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 29, 2008 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that he has offered the job of Equipment Operator One to Dan Hebert, to operate a road grader in the Kackley/Courtland area. He also noted that Jack Tyler has accepted a job as Equipment Operator I. All employees are required to pass the pre-employment testing before they start work.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to deny a request from Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe and County Treasurer Cindy Coons to close their offices for a district meeting. Second by Holl, motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Sheriff Ron Blad, Undersheriff Eric Brunner and Deputy Jimmy Shepek visited with the Board.

Blad noted that Jailer Cheryl Eickmann has submitted her resignation as of September 26, 2008. The resignation was accepted by the Board.

Sheriff Blad noted that he will offer Kasey Vacha, a part-time jailer, the full time jailer position. He would be paid at his current hourly rate.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson and Belleville City Recreation Board members Alan Sheets and Tatum Couture visited with the Board about the proposed baseball complex to be built south of the Dairy Queen in Belleville. After considerable discussion about the project, Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to raise no county tax dollars to build or maintain the proposed sports complex. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion carried 3-0.

The Board told the group that County expenses are increasing and operating budgets are tight. Many County roads are in need of extensive repairs, and this is not a good time to be asking for tax dollars.

Chairman 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 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 06, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson introduced Dan Hebert who was recently hired to work at the Road and Bridge Department. Hebert will work as an equipment operator to run a road grader in the Kackley/Courtland area. He will be paid \$9.50 per hour.

Jack Tyler was also introduced as a newly hired equipment operator for the Road and Bridge Department. He will be paid \$10.50 per hour.

Mr. Joy also noted that his employees will be working to complete the last mile of the Norway Road improvement project this week. He also reminded the Board that the department will be working from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the next four weeks.

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

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board jail expenses.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Deputy Treasurer Kay Shoemaker received permission from the Board to travel to the North Central District of Kansas Register of Deeds and Treasurer's Association Meeting, October 16, 2008 in Mankato, Kansas.

Custodian Kevin Calkins took bids for a concrete slab and enclosure for the trash dumpster. He received only one bid in the amount of \$1,750.00 from Saunders Concrete for a cement slab and cement cinder block fence. Saunders currently does not carry the required liability insurance required of contractors who work for Republic County. Calkins stated that a vinyl fence and gate would cost \$1,537.00 but would not be near as sturdy. After studying the matter, the project was put on hold due to the cost.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about hiring and training a new dispatcher. Raney said starting pay will be \$9.40 per hour. Raney

has completed the interviews and will let the Board know if the applicant accepts the job.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. R.A.D. LLC (Rob and Diane Larson-Floersch) are making their final drawn down of \$30,000 from the RCD Loan Committee for the Independent Living Complex in Scandia, Kansas

Larry Baxa stopped by to visit with the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2008 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Beth Reed received a signature from Chairman Bergstrom on the Emergency Preparedness year-end report and the grant report.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented a Joint Road-Waterway/Underground Outlet Use Permit. It was a consensus of the Board to approve the permit between DBM Properties LLC and Republic County as the Board granted permission to use the public road ditch as part of a Waterway in the development of an accepted Drainage Plan. The underground outlet is to be located along the west side of the section in 32-2-2.

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

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Dr. Herb Doubek to another 4-year term on the Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This term will run from October 31, 2008 through October 31, 2012. A letter of appointment will be issued to Dr. Doubek.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung stopped to visit with the Board. At 9:56 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Hartung to discuss land acquisition. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:06 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that he had hired Roxanne Ketterer. She is currently training to be a dispatcher for the Republic County 911 Communications and will be paid \$9.40 per hour.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received permission to travel to the monthly district meeting to be held on October 16, 2008 in Salina, Kansas.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2008 commissioner's meeting. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Holl did not attend that session and abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the purchase of a new telephone system for the Courthouse and accept the low bid of \$11,632.38 from Pugh Communications. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. Bids were received from Advanced Telecom Systems \$16,054.00; Brooke Communications \$17,375.64 and Pugh Communications, Inc. \$11,632.38. The Board has been studying the issue since the current system is more than 15 years old and is simply obsolete. The Board was especially concerned about security. The new systems have safe guards or built in security whereas the old system had none. The system will be paid from the equipment reserve fund.

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

Clerk Hall visited with the Board about plans for transporting the election equipment to the polling places for the upcoming General Election.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe told the Board she leased a micro film reader and inquired if she should have a dedicated electrical line for that equipment. The Board directed her to purchase a battery back-up which would offer protection from power surges.

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, October 20, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2008 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy reviewed the September financial report for the Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Joy noted that he has ordered new safety vests for all the employees. The Federal Highway regulations require them to wear Class 2 vests.

Joy also told the Board that mechanic Luke Moore has turned in his resignation. He has accepted another job in the area and his last day will be October 23, 2008.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about general law enforcement issues.

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

Chairman Bergstrom left the meeting at ten o'clock.

At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion carried 2-0. Regular session resumed at 10:16 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board.

County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr., Kay Shoemaker and Keith Anderson visited with the Board about the RCD Loan on the Los Primos Taco Shoppe, Belleville, KS.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about the demolition of buildings in the City of Belleville. The Board asked Knudson to visit with Highway Administrator Charles Joy about the regulations for the County

construction and demolition landfill and ask what Mr. Joy's time table is for the demolition of the Hammond House on North M Street, Belleville. This house is currently owned by Republic County due to default on an RCD Loan.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 2008 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.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about maintaining the blades on the motor graders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rytych to purchase 7 used Kenwood Two-Way Radios, for the Road and Bridge Department, from Pierce Electronics. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

A Utility Agreement was signed between Republic County and JBN Telephone Company to construct and operate an underground phone line on certain public road right-of-way in the SE ¼ of Section 28-4-1.

Permission to travel was granted for Charles Joy and Duane Swanson to attend the E-Waste meeting in Osborne, Kansas.

A second permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Darlene Havel to attend the NCKTC Inc. Meeting to be held October 28, 2008 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with ambulance department employees Laura Siefers and Beverly Reynolds. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. At 10:05 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

BCBS Representative Janet Lancaster visited with the Board. She reviewed the Republic County Employees benefit summary to become effective January 1, 2009. She reported a nine percent increase in health insurance premiums for our group. The Board will discuss the proposal at the next regular meeting.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about the assessment of the Courthouse windows completed by a representative of the Kansas Historical Society.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-30 with respect to financing the 2009 annual budget for Republic County. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. with the monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance were: EMS Director Don Lieb, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Sheriff Ron Blad, Appraiser Barry Porter, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Extension Agent Gina Aurand, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Representatives from the Road and Bridge Department Darlene Havel and Terry Cherney and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Subjects were the new telephone system to be installed on Veteran's Day, November 11 with training on November 12, 2008 and department heads interested in purchasing new computers before the end of the year need to visit with Appraiser Barry Porter.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about various matters. Permission to travel was approved for Don Lieb, Brian Piersee and Laura Siefers to attend a workshop November 1, 2008 at Rolling Hills. Don Lieb will attend the Trauma Council Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> and also attend a Pre-Hospital Treatment Life Support meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to be held in Beloit, Kansas.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2008 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Plans were made to visit with Larry Hobson and Steve Hawley about a culvert at 70 Road and Lincoln Road at 10:15 a.m. on November 10, 2008.

Republic County Council on Aging Coordinator Daniel Reid visited with the Board about the Senior Care Act Incentive Funds Match.

Chairman 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.

Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth and EMT Laura Siefers visited with the Board. Ainsworth noted that the service will be unable to do transfers for the hospital in the near future. Ambulance Director Don Lieb will be out on medical leave for an extended period of time. Lieb was in route to an EMS certification class in Salina, Kansas when a deer struck his motorcycle south of Concordia. Workman's Compensation papers have been filed. Lieb's absence will make it impossible to do out of town patient transfers at this time.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board meeting November 5th in Salina, Kansas.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the proposed 2009 Blue Cross Blue Shield Contract. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Bergstrom left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Clerk Hall told the Board that the County Clerk's Office issued 673 Advance Ballots to Republic County registered voters who chose to vote prior to Election Day.

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

The next regular session will be held on Monday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, in Belleville to canvass the ballots from the November 4, 2008 General Election. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Lenard Maxell offered the morning prayer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall was assisted by Election Deputy Beth Ball and Beth Reed as the Board of County Commissioners held the official canvas of ballots from the November 4<sup>th</sup> General Election.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. The Board and Mr. Joy drove out to view a culvert, or structure less than 20 feet long, at 70 Road and Lincoln Road. Steve Howley and Larry Hobson joined the group at this location.

A Utility Agreement was approved by the Board between Republic County and Daryl Levendofske granting permission to use the public road ditch as part of a Waterway in the development of an accepted Drainage Plan as proposed by a licensed Engineer. Said Waterway shall be constructed and maintained by Levendofske. The waterway is located along the south side of the road in Section 18-2-3.

At 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to discuss non-elected personal. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:44 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Bergstrom signed the 2009 Computer Support Agreement with County Works/Manatron. The support rate will be \$16,929.00 for 2009. Manatron, Inc. announced their acquisition of the CountyWorks business unit from Nex-Tech in 2008. Just for the record, Manatron, Inc. has also purchased InfiniTec Division to provide software solutions and supporting services for Kansas government. They are all headquartered in Hays, Kansas.

Louis Johnson visited with the Board about the Council on Aging funds and the Senior Care Act. Mr. Johnson is the treasurer for the Republic County Council on Aging. The Board signed a letter directed to Julie Govert Walter, Area Agency on Aging in Manhattan, Kansas stating that Republic County has only budgeted \$1,500.00 for 2009 Incentive Fund Match.

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

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, in 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

James Otott, First Baptist Church trustee, visited with the Board about plans for the demolition and disposal of the burned church. Considering the 24 ft. side walls, part of the roof gone and a full basement an excavator will be required to do the job.

Road and Bridge Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited about Road and Bridge matters. He gave them the October expenditure report for that department. He noted that today the department begins working five days per week and eight hours per day.

Permission to travel was approved for Tom Thompson to attend the "Symptom-Based Diagnostics Training" at the Salina Area Vo-tech School December 4, 2008.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. He noted that Gary Thoman has completed his six month probation and will receive a twenty-five cent increase in pay.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that Republic County will receive a \$139,495.00 grant from the Governors Grant Program for the Wireless Enhanced 911 Grant for calendar year 2009. Raney said that \$124,681.00 is the cost of the complete telephone system. The grant funded one hundred percent of that system and some maintenance. The original grant request was for \$142,013.00 and the County will received \$139,495.00. This new telephone system is located in the 911 Communications Office. Plans are to install this system by February or March of 2009.

Mr. Raney told the Board a second grant was approved for \$30,000.00 to compile a hazard mitigation plan. The grant is from the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Program. This grant money will be used to pay a qualified individual to write a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Republic County.

Mr. Raney also mentioned that he is interested in updating the Computer Aid Dispatch (CAD) System. AT&T makes a CAD Software that would complement the new telephone system with an approximate total cost of \$90,000.00 which could possibly be paid over a five year period. He asked the Board to consider it.

Mr. Raney also asked if he could hire someone to build and install shelves in the Emergency Preparedness Trailer. Clerk Hall will check on contract labor as Raney wanted to pay a specific amount for “the job”.

James Popelka, NCK Fair Agriculture Board representative, told the Board about fairground improvements. They are using the balance of the fair improvement funds to build new pens for the hog barn and the sheep barn. Popelka signed a voucher for the balance of the Fairground Improvement appropriations.

The Board made three new appointments to the NCK Fair Ag Board: Brian Stindt will replace Ernest Mikesell and will represent Union Township. Kristy Shrader will replace Robin Dutton and represent Norway Township. Monty Dahl will replace Merlyn Farlee and represent Big Bend Township.

James Hedstrom and Jamie Shanon, U.S. Cellular representatives visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign and renew the new contract for a period of two years and upgrade all 23 cell phones. Second by Bergstrom, motion carried 3-0. We have 32 lines currently and will buy Blue LG UX300 cell phones at 1 cent each.

Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth visited with the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, in 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.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported that Deputy Jimmy Shepek spoke with Tom Tsao, owner of Imaginary Colours LED Lighting, 1316 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Belleville, about finding another permanent parking solution for his large trailer. The trailer has been parked on the inside of the square for some time now and it was brought to the attention of the Board. Mr. Tsao agreed to move it.

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

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to give all full time employees a \$50.00 pay adjustment in December and \$25.00 to all part-time employees. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the written report from Precision Environmental Services as they concluded this portion of the recent study of air quality in the Courthouse. This study or investigation has eliminated numerous elements as possible sources for odor. The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Investigation of the Court Clerk's Office and Vault was done at a cost of \$3,780.19 and completed in November 2008.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve and sign another contract with Precision Environmental Services, Wichita, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This final testing is to continue the efforts to diagnose the complaints about the air quality in the District Court Clerk's Office and Vault. Operations Manager Bob Helsel agreed this next step will be the final testing and conclude the investigation. Helsel plans to complete his investigation by the end of this year.

The Board decided to close the county offices at noon on New Year's Eve, December 31st and on New Year's Day.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Secretary Darlene Havel visited with the Board. Joy informed the Board that Dan Hebert had quit his job with Republic County. Mr. Joy said he has offered the job to another man who will soon be taking the required pre-employment testing.

A motion was made by Chairman Bergstrom to renew the US Cellular Contract for the Transportation Department. Second by Rytych, motion carried 3-0.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson joined the group to visit about the management of unsafe structures. The County Attorney will be contacted for direction. The property is owned by Blanche E. Blecha and is just outside the city limits of Belleville.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson thanked the Board and Mr. Joy for the joint city/county effort in tearing down and hauling the debris from the old motel along 36 Highway.

Mr. Joy noted that the Norway Road will be completed this week.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth and Ambulance Secretary Beverly Reynolds visited with the Board. Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to use direct deposit to implement the new system for the transfer and billing process with the State of Kansas. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Ainsworth told the Board they had a defibrillator go bad and they had purchased a new circuit board at a cost of \$1,045.00 to get it operational.

Two humidifiers will be purchased and attached to the two furnaces in the Ambulance building. Tebow Plumbing's bid was \$950.00 and includes the installation.

Ainsworth said they are currently pricing a new water softener for the Ambulance Building.

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

The Board stopped at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building to view the new carpet installation.

Regular session resumed at the Courthouse, 1:30 p.m., with the regularly scheduled department head meeting. Those in attendance were: Custodian Kevin Calkins, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Extension Agent Gina Aurand, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures on the formal contract for the Family Planning pharmacist for Republic County. Tony Bombardier of Crossroads Pharmacy is doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Frank Rytych gave a report from the NCK Regional Planning meeting and the Juvenile Detention Committee.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.



The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Kathy Calkins told the Board that she had been in contact with Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineering, as they continued to seek information about replacing the courthouse windows.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the October 2008 Hospital Sales Tax Revenue Report. An average of \$30,000.00 per month in sales tax revenue is needed to pay the bond payments. The report indicated that the monthly revenue has consistently exceeded the \$30,000.00 requirement.

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

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

EMT Laura Siefers invited the Board to the December 14<sup>th</sup> Ambulance Christmas Party.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about purchasing two used pick-up trucks. The Board directed them to bid “up to the excellent trade in price” on the two four-wheel drive pick-up trucks.

The Board directed Mr. Joy to purchase more culverts before the end of the year. Welborn Sales is still honoring the prices they quoted earlier this year.

Commissioner Holl made motion to allow Communications Director Raymond Raney to seek out vendors who purchase old telephone systems. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to allow Randy Nelson, Superintendent for Hansen-Mueller, to move a gate about 15 feet to help secure the property in Section 36-2-3. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, County Clerk Vickie Hall and the Board reviewed the Republic County financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Kay Shoemaker asked the Board if Marlea James could review the bond paperwork for RAD Homes, LLC doing business as Country Place Home Plus in Scandia, Kansas. The Board told Ms. Shoemaker that she could ask Ms. James to review it.

Beth Reed received signatures on the Cellular One contract for Republic County Transportation Department.

The three commissioners will be attending the annual NCK Fair Board meeting to be held this evening at the Pizza Hut.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

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

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

Kay Shoemaker reported that the RCD Loan Committee would like the County to reimburse the RCD Loan Account #61-10-00 for the Hammond property on North M Street. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to reimburse the RCD Loan Account \$2,010.13 from the solid waste fund. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. The County acquired this property as listed collateral on the RCD Loan to Sherry's Thrift Shop. The Republic County will now own this property and has considered parking the recycling trailers on that lot.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board to discuss the Criteria Sheet and Loan Agreement which is the program structure for the RCD Program for Republic County, for governing the use of funds taken from the Revolving Loan Account. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed criteria sheet with one exception, to exclude the item offering borrowers the option to pay through the ACH Debit or electronic repayments on page 4. The County does not want to accept electronic payments at this time. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Cindy Coons also noted that the RCD Account would issue a check to County General Fund in the amount of \$2000.18 for the 2008 wages of Ms. Coons and Kay Shoemaker.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to use Direct Deposit to implement the new system for the electronic funds transfer of Nebraska Medicaid Payments. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

James Otott met with the Board on behalf of the Belleville Baptist Church. Otott told the Board that Boyd Construction of Abilene, Kansas has been hired to tear down the church and fill in the basement with dirt. Commissioner Holl made a motion to waive the Republic County landfill fees for the disposal of the remains of the burned church. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to approve the 2009 Holiday Schedule and also the accounts payable calendar. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Larry Hobson and Steve Hawley joined this session to visit about bridges in their area. Joy told the group that Campbell and Johnson Engineers have been contacted to secure a permit to replace the bridge in the SW ¼ of Section 7 of Union Township and a second permit for a bridge in the NW ¼ of Section 19 of Union Township.

Mr. Joy noted that they were not the successful bidders at the auction for the used pick-up trucks.

Mr. Joy told the Board that he had hired Earl Dunstan as an equipment operator for the Courtland/Kackley area. Mr. Dunstan was introduced to the Board.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Secretary, presented the Board with the final documents for RAD Homes, L.L.C. Assisted Living Project, seeking signatures from the Board. Documents included the Guaranty Agreement and Direct Pay Agreement for the City of Scandia, Kansas Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds. The Board did not sign the documents at this time pending review by the County Attorney's Office.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in 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 the accounts payable vouchers and the review of written correspondence.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

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

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters. Chairman Bergstrom signed the mortgage release for RAD Homes doing business as Country Place Home Plus in Scandia, Kansas. The cost analysis report for RAD Homes was given to Kay Shoemaker to be filed with the other RCD loan papers.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy distributed the November 2008 Engineering Study and Bridge Report from CFS, Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. This is the Rural Secondary and Off-System Biennial Bridge Inventory and Appraisal for Republic County.

Mr. Joy also gave a review of the November financial reports for his department.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about the absence of Deputy Peggy Frint due her surgery today. Ms. Rahe noted that she had received notice from Anthony Visco, MD from Duke University Medical Center that Peggy Frint would be able to return to work in 6 weeks with restrictions. Frint would avoid heavy lifting (no greater than 20 pounds) for three months after her surgery.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers and the review of written correspondence.

Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth discussed the Medicare rates with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to have Republic County make an increase in charges effective January 1, 2009 based on the Medicare rate change. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about non-elected personnel matters. The Board encouraged Ms. Rahe to train and hire someone who could come into the office on short notice to keep the office open to the public if both full time workers are unavailable. This person would need to have enough knowledge to take in documents and answer the telephone.

Commissioner Rytych left the meeting to attend a funeral.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with Commissioner Holl about recycling. The County will no longer collect or pick up glass as we continue the recycling effort in Republic County. Republic County was taking glass to Washington County and they announced they will no longer accept glass. Mr. Joy will notify the public of this change.

Commissioner Rytych returned to the meeting.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, stopped for a courtesy visit. McKinney and the Board reviewed the 2008 events and economic progress or growth in North Central Kansas.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

It was a consensus of the Board to pay Barry Bottger a total of \$400.00 per year to mow the Republic County Farm Cemetery.

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

The regularly scheduled department head meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. with Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Assistant Ambulance Director Randy Ainsworth, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall in attendance. The Board encouraged everyone to have employee evaluations completed by the end of January 31, 2009.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in 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.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that he was going out to the county landfill this morning for the annual inspection. Kansas Department of Health and Environment, KDHE, take water samples and do a visual inspection of the landfill.

Dr. Robert E. Holt, sent a letter to the Board noting that his term on the Governing Board of Pawnee Mental Health expires December 31, 2008. He respectfully requested that he not be reappointed to that position and asked the Board to select someone else to serve as the Republic County representative.

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

Cathy Calkins gave an update and estimates on the grant application to install new energy efficient windows in the courthouse.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about severed mineral deeds.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about penalties added when tax payers don't sign their personal property rendition by the deadline. When the people do come in and sign their rendition after the deadline it creates additional paper work and tax abatements.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.