

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2009 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.

Commissioner Rytych shared donuts with fellow Board members and county employees in celebration of his birthday.

Kathy Calkins presented a draft copy of the grant application for energy efficient windows in the Courthouse.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to sign the 2009 Contract for services with Pawnee Mental Health stating that Republic County has allocated \$23,152.00 in appropriations for them. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Leann DeJoia to represent Republic County on the governing board of Pawnee Mental Health Services. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. DeJoia will fill the position currently being held by Dr. Robert E. Holt.

Lawton Kunc stopped to visit with the Board.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 22nd meeting and the December 29, 2008 meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad and County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. stopped to visit with the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He reported on the inspection held last Monday at the County Landfill.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to subscribe to "Engineering Services" at a cost of \$350.00 for 2009. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Mr. Joy has used this service several times this past year.

Don Lieb stopped by to wish the Commissioner's a Happy New Year.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen noted that she had Kansas State Surveyors or State Inspectors in her office this week. Ms. Hansen said they received a good review.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about the property at 320 K Street. He had received a letter from the Blecha family. They have agreed to pay the fee set by Belleville City to assist them in getting the property cleaned up. Mr. Knudson agreed that a joint effort between the City and the County will be used to clear the lot.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch and reconvene at 1:30 p.m. today. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

At 2:00 p.m., the Board adjourned the regular meeting. They joined the reception for Republic County Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to say thank you for his service to Republic County from 2003-2009. Mr. Spurney plans to continue his private practice but did not seek another term as county attorney.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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James Otott and Pastor John Lewis stopped by to thank the Board for waiving the landfill charges during the demolition of the Belleville Baptist Church.

EMT Laura Siefers gave a letter of resignation to the Board. March 24, 2009 will be her last day with the Republic County EMS Service. The Board accepted her resignation with regret. Siefers plans to go back to school to become a paramedic.

Ms. Siefers also received signatures on a grant application to secure two E-Series AED machines for the Ambulance Service. The grant application for the two E-Series AED machines is \$32,632.20 and if the County is successful and receives the grant, it would require approximately \$11,000.00 in match money to be paid from County funds.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Keith Anderson is working with the owners of the Taco Shop who want to sign the deed for the building back over to the bank and RCD Committee.

Assistant Director of the Ambulance Department, Randy Ainsworth, visited with the Board. At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. The Board, Mr. Ainsworth and County Clerk Hall were in attendance. 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 January 5th meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

A permission to travel was approved to Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly Weed Directors Meeting on January 15 in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to elect Commissioner Frank Rytych as chairman of the Board for 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed with 2 yes votes and Mr. Rytych abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-01 through 2009-16 to issue letters of appointments and made additional appointments to standing committees in Republic County for 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Appointments were as follows: Raymond Raney as Emergency Manager, Charles Joy as Director of Solid Waste Department, Charles Joy as Director of Transportation, Charles Joy as part-time Highway Administrator, Don Lieb as Director of Emergency Medical Services, Randy Ainsworth as Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services, Steven Zukowske as Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer, Marcia Hansen as Director of County Health Department, Paul Haase as a Volunteer Assistant in

the Emergency Management Department, Steve Pounds as Director of the Weed Department, Raymond Raney as Director of Communications Department, Raymond Raney as County Hazardous Materials Advisor, Raymond Raney as County Flood Plain Manager, Raymond Raney as Safety Officer for the County, Raymond Raney as the 911 Coordinator, Raymond Raney as Radiological Officer. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Other appointments to county committees are listed separately.

Solid Waste Director Charles Joy gave the Board a 2008 Recycling Report. A total of 124.76 ton of recyclable material has been collected in Republic County and transported to Washington County.

Arlene Clayton stopped to wish the Board a Happy New Year.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy also noted that he is looking at two used road graders for the Road and Bridge Department. One is a 2005 model at \$124,500.00 and a 2006 for \$127,900.00 before any trade-in. Mr. Joy has invited the sales representative to visit with the Board next Monday.

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

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

The Board proceeded to the Courtroom where the Republic County Elected Officials were sworn in by Magistrate Judge John Eyer. Those taking the oath of office were Sheriff Ron Blad, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Second District County Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom, Third District County Commissioner Linda Holl, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, County Clerk Vickie Hall and newly elected County Attorney Marlea James. A reception followed in the County Commissioners' room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2009 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.

A letter was received from Melinda Pierson, Executive Director of the Belleville Main Street. She notified the Board that the Walking Tour kiosks, to be installed around the Courthouse Square, will be insured with The Hartford through the National Trust Insurance Services, LLC. Main Street representatives are now able to proceed with the signing of a Maintenance Agreement between Republic County and Belleville Main Street. Installation will follow.

It was a consensus of the Board to pay Marlea James \$17.00 per hour for legal counsel prior to her taking office as Republic County Attorney.

Commissioner Rytych noted that North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention will reimburse the County for mileage when he attends those meetings. Clerk Hall will calculate and submit all the 2008 mileage paid to Mr. Rytych.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited about the large wood furnace that is stored in the county's garage. It was a consensus of the Board not to "give" it to anyone but would consider adding it to a local household sale in the future.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on the RCD Annual Report.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about non-elected personnel. A letter outlining the temporary accommodations for employee Peggy Frint was signed by the Board.

Clerk Hall reported that she had conversation with Bob Hesel, operations manager for Precision Environmental Services in Wichita, Kansas. The company was issued a small canister instead of a 24-hour Summa canister for the final test in the district court offices. Mr. Hesel will be sending the larger canister to District Court Clerk Kris Kling who will follow the enclosed instructions. There will be no additional charge to the County for the second canister.

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

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the State Treasurer Meeting, February 10-13 in Topeka, Kansas.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the KS. Dept. of Revenue's request to do motorcycle testing on the inside drive by the Courthouse. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed

3-0. This will allow driver's licenses to be issued to patrons driving motorcycles to test at the Belleville location. Currently testing for motorcycles is only done at the Concordia office.

Sheriff Ron Blad stopped to visit with the Board about purchasing vehicles for his department. He will bring a current list of vehicles owned along with the mileage information to the next Board meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about Road and Bridge projects. Swanson noted that they were looking for a smaller off-set disk for the department.

Three requests for permission to travel were approved: Charles Joy and Duane Swanson will attend the Soloman Valley E-Waste Coalition Meeting, January 29th, in Osborne, Kansas; Charles Joy will attend the monthly County Highway Officials meeting, January 30th, in Salina, Kansas and a third meeting for Charles Joy and Secretary Darlene Havel to attend the Quarterly KDOT Meeting, January 27th, in Minneapolis, Kansas.

The Board discussed pay increases for County employees. They plan to make a decision at the next meeting.

Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about the Family Planning Clinician Program. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve and sign the Family Planning Clinician Agreement with Diane Kramer, NPA, and Lori Rhine, NPA overseeing the program. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12 noon. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse in Belleville with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about delinquent property taxes. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-17 ordering Preparation for a Tax Foreclosure Sale in Republic County. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe visited with the Board about a humidifier for her office. County Clerk Vickie Hall indicated that one is needed in the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the purchase of two humidifiers and asked Mrs. Rahe to take bids. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

An agreement was signed between the City of Munden and Republic County for the collection and payment of solid waste fees.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

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

Chairman Rytych made a motion to appoint Darrell G. Hanson to serve as Big Bend Township Clerk, replacing Calvin Hobson. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. This appointment is effective immediately.

Ron Blad brought in bids for the possible purchase of vehicles for his department. No decision was made this week.

<u>Melton Motor Company, Belleville</u>	
2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Ext Cab pickup truck	\$22,946.13
2009 Chevrolet Impala Police 4dr Sedan	\$21,680.90
<u>Government Partners Program</u>	
2009 GM K1500 4WD Ext Cab pickup truck	\$19,493.00
2009 Chevrolet Impala 4dr sedan	\$20,114.15

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-18, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners see a need to transfer certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2008, over and above those that were obligated for 2008 to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-19, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners see a need to transfer certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2008, over and above those that were obligated for 2008 to the Special Equipment Fund, with the amount to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to sign the Interlocal Agreement and Contract whereas Mr. Porter agrees to work as a Certified

County Appraiser for the two counties, Republic and Cloud. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. The term of this agreement shall take effect on July 1, 2009, and shall remain in force through June 30, 2013. His compensation was increased from \$30,000.00 to \$32,000.00 per year per county.

Mike Hadachek, Ron Evert and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Chairman Rytych made a motion to restructure the RCD loan for the House of Shoes/Carol Chatfield. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to give a cost of living increase of 25 cents per hour for County employees beginning January 11, 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn for lunch with the Republic County Hospital Board. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

At 1:30 p.m., the board reconvened to conduct the regularly scheduled department head meeting with 11 in attendance. Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Weed Director Steve Pounds, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Appraiser Barry Porter, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Sheriff Ron Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Extension Agent Gina Aurand and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe returned with bids for the two humidifiers. Belleville Farm and Home bid \$129.95 and \$120.00 bid came from Hays Lumber, Belleville, Kansas.

The Board signed the Application for Eligibility Form for the Federal Surplus Property Center in Topeka, Kansas. Department heads signed the "authorized representatives" form agreeing to terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions applying to property obtained through the Federal Surplus.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung gave a simple overview of work being done in that department.

Reservations for Commissioner Rytych and his spouse and Commissioner Bergstrom and his spouse were made for the Annual Meeting of the Republic County Conservation District to be held February 5, 2009.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2009 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 Treasurer Cindy Coons received signatures from the Board to allow her to do business on behalf of Republic County at New Century Bank.

County Health Director, Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. She presented permission to travel requests for RN Karen Henke and RN Kathy Zach to attend a Coding School, March 2-4, Topeka, Kansas. A second class for ICS 400 Training, February 4-6 will also be held in Topeka, KS. The Board approved the requests.

A permission to travel was approved for RN Karen Henke and Debbie Sells to attend the annual KDHE 2009 WIC Conference, March 24-25, in Topeka, Kansas.

Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker received signatures on the restructured RCD Loan for House of Shoes/Carol Chatfield.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about the budget.

The Board and County Clerk Vickie Hall visited extensively about the purchase of a trailer to haul the election equipment from polling location to polling location. The money has been budgeted for this purchase. Clerk Hall indicated that the election equipment is not only heavy but bulky enough to cause physical harm to those who deliver it. In past years Clerk Hall and the Election Deputy have had many bruises and other complications from hauling the equipment in an old van that is quite high off the ground. The trailer will be large enough to load all the election equipment at one time. This new trailer will be user friendly and protect our workers.

Bids were taken for a 2009 Sharp Manufacturing 7 x 16 Cargo Trailer \$6,175.00 and a 2009 Atlas 7 x 16 Cargo Trailer at a cost of \$5,490.00. A decision was made to go with the Sharp Cargo Trailer as installation of needed shelving units and cargo straps are easier to install in that trailer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the 2009 Sharp 7 x 16 Cargo Trailer from Mikesell Motors, Belleville. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the CAD System, Computer Aided Dispatch. He will return next week to discuss how the \$124,600 in grant money the County received and current County 911 funds will be used to purchase a new system for Republic County. A total of \$87,960.00 will be paid from County 911 funding with a \$10,000.00 credit for the old system.

Art Goppert visited with the Board about his concern that young people in Republic County are using and/or selling drugs.

Brian Schwartz, representing the Chamber Agriculture Committee visited with the Board about the Home and Garden Show. He asked what the requirements were to use the Commercial Building or the 4-H Building at the NCK Fairgrounds. The Board asked him to call the NCK Fair Agriculture Board for more details.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to rescind the motion, made at January 26th meeting, to give Appraiser Barry Porter a \$2000.00 increase in his contract and to revisit that subject closer to his contract date of July 1, 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, rescinding the motion on Appraiser Barry Porter's July 1, 2009 contract renewal. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from the vote to approve the minutes as she was not in attendance at this meeting.

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 09, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Clerk Hall reported that Ambulance Director Don Lieb was released by his doctor to return to work on February 9, 2009.

The Board approved the hiring of Dawn Colby as a full time paramedic to work for the Republic Co. Ambulance Service. Colby's starting salary will be \$11.90 per hour.

Cathy Calkins visited with the Board about the preliminary phase of the Heritage Trust Fund Grant application. She will make the suggested revisions and have the application ready to submit in the very near future.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2nd meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on the mortgage release papers for NCK Feed & Ag Services, LLC. Scandia, Kansas. Brian Larson's RCD loan has been paid in full.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about law enforcement in Republic County.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received approval to attend the monthly Director's Meeting, February 12 in Beloit, Kansas and the Annual Weed Conference, March 3-5, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Joy had priced a 2003 CAT road grader with 4000 hours on it. The list price is \$149,500.00 and allowance was given for a 1986 grader to trade-in making \$127,000.00 the total cost. No decision was made at this time.

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Rytych made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Mr. Joy and Mr. Swanson, to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:44 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Keith Anderson of New Century Bank, visited with the Board in a telephone conference about RCD Loans.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to sign the Agreement between Republic County and Belleville Main Street to promote the “Walking Tour Kiosks” to be placed on the County owned sidewalk. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung visited with the Board about the 2010 Census and the “Complete Count” to verify addresses.

Communications Director Raymond Raney will be placing the order for the new CAD System at a cost of \$77,960.00 to Republic County. Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay \$41,000.00 as the down payment on this new CAD System. A lease purchase agreement with an annual payment of \$8,874.84 will be paid over a five year period. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Don Danielson, representing the Republic County Historical Museum, asked the Board for \$1,100.00 to purchase storage racks and boxes to protect and store old records from the County Treasurer’s Office. The Board will consider this request.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **TUESDAY**, February 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present.

Weed Director Steve Pounds received signatures on the Republic County Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2008.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-20 listing the elected official's salaries for 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-21 prepared to conform to the cash basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to hold the Republic County Recognition Supper the evening of March 30, 2009 at the 4-H Building, Belleville. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. Letters will go out to request bids for the catered meal.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board Meeting, February 18, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the 2009 Introduction to Orion for Non-Appraisers, March 31, in Hutchinson, KS.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreements between Republic County and the City of Belleville, the City of Cuba and the City of Narka concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees to be paid to the County by the cities. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about building maintenance.

Kay Shoemaker, Mikel Hadachek and Ron Evert visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to follow the recommendation of the RCD Committee and grant the loan of \$10,000.00 to C & C High Tunnel Farms with the stipulations agreed upon by the RCD committee. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Ron Evert received signatures from the Board on a RCD Loan Subordination Agreement for the House of Shoes/Carol Chatfield. He will get a copy of this to Kay Shoemaker.

Roger Novak visited with the Board about upcoming auctions. Novak has been asked to auction the Munden Café in the near future. The County acquired the café through a RCD Loan agreement.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy reviewed his January 2009 budget report. The Board, Clerk Hall and Mr. Joy went out to view roads in Scandia and Courtland Townships.

Mr. Joy noted that the Road and Bridge Department would return to 4 ten hour work days on April 6, 2009 and continue that schedule until November 13, 2009.

The Board and County Clerk Hall enjoyed lunch at the Republic County Historical Museum as guests of Curator/Director Sherrie Larson, Assistant Curator Vicki Kolars and President Nancy Holt. The group was invited to tour the museum after lunch.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to grant the request for additional funding of \$1,100.00 to purchase shelving for the Republic County Museum. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych left the meeting for another appointment.

Keith Anderson, New Century Bank, received signatures from the Board on the Subordination Agreement for Jared Melton/Mr. Good Cents RCD Loan. He will get a copy to Kay Shoemaker.

Republic County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about the Nesika Energy, LLC tax exemption for economic purposes. Commissioner Holl made a motion to Repass Resolution 2008-26 adding an "A" to the number. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Resolution 2008-26 was passed prior to Nesika applying for an exemption. The intent today is to make a clarification for the State Court of Tax Appeals.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

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Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

EMT Laura Siefert told the Board about plans for a mock training exercise, with a specific scenario, to involve response personnel in Republic County.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

Raymond Splichal visited with the Board about the need to paint and make some improvements to the original rock grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds. He noted that 2010 will be the 100th anniversary of the Belleville High Banks race track.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Co. Inc., visited with the Board about buying more sand from them in the future. Barclay was told that the County would like to use a higher gradation of gravel than Alsop's is currently selling. They would consider buying more if Alsop Sand would be willing to provide a higher gradation.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson told the Board about a new agreement between the City of Belleville and Belleville Rural Fire District No. 7 for shared expenses affecting the 2010 budget preparation.

Kathy Calkins presented the completed Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) Grant Program Application to the Board for their signatures. If the County is awarded the grant, the money will be used in restoration of the windows on the north side of the Republic County Courthouse. The total project cost is estimated at \$97,857.00 with a County match of approximately \$19,571.40 being paid from the County Building Fund. The grant request is usually 80% of total cost. Notification on grant applications will be in May.

At 10:23 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:33 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about County roads. Joy reported that one of the dump trucks is going to require a new engine at a projected cost of \$19,489.01 or a complete overhaul at \$12,767.05 by a firm in Salina, Kansas. The truck has 700,000 miles on it.

The Board signed the State Funded Railroad Crossing Safety Program Project No. 106X-2744-01 Kansas Department of Transportation.

They also discussed sand or gravel for the roads, possible road closings and signed a permission to travel for Mr. Joy to attend the District 2 Engineers Meeting February 27, 2009 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed a letter of support to continue the CT Fabrication ad valorem tax exemption for 2009.

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

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the NEW KPERS Benefits Conference April 21, 2009 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board joined the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 as they visited with Ambulance Director Don Lieb. The Board approved Lieb's request to purchase a digital camera for his department.

At 1:09 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Ambulance Director Don Lieb. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The Board extended the session for an additional five-minutes. Regular session resumed at 1:24 p.m. with no action taken by the Board.

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

The regular monthly department head meeting was held with Ambulance Director Don Lieb, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Appraiser Barry Porter, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad, Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The group discussed the annual County Recognition Supper in March. Charles Joy and Kevin Calkins will be in charge of table set-up while Cindy Coons and Vickie Hall will be in charge of decorations.

Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2009 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.

Chairman Rytych gave a report on the recent Regional Planning Commission meeting he attended in Beloit, Ks.

County Attorney Marlea James visited about various matters.

Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy noted that 70% of all road gravel purchased by Republic County in 2008 came from Alsop Sand Company, 18% from Superior and 12% from Fairbury, Nebraska.

Mr. Joy also added that in addition to this road gravel the County bought all of the sand for mixing and sealing of asphalt from Alsop Sand. He then factored in all the gravel purchased for mixing asphalt and sealing the roads. This increases the percentage of all gravel purchased by Republic County from Alsop Sand Company to 74.8 percent in 2008.

Last week the Board and Mr. Joy visited about two possible road closings. Mr. Joy reported that this subject is really not an issue at this time as land owners have expressed their desire for both roads to remain open.

NCK Fair Agriculture board member, Kelvin Blecha asked Highway Administrator Charles Joy to mix an extra amount of asphalt to improve the walkways at the fairground. The Fairground Improvement Appropriation will reimburse the Road and Bridge for the asphalt. Mr. Joy said he gave Mr. Blecha an estimate of \$9,000.00 but the cost of oil may increase.

Mr. Joy presented a letter of resignation from employee Jack Tyler, effective March 13, 2009. The Board accepted this resignation.

The Board received a signature copy of the Agreement for railroad crossings or the “State Funded Railroad Crossing Safety Program”.

The Board approved a permission to travel for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the North Central District County Clerk’s Meeting in Chase County on March 19, 2009.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the State Grant Application for Republic County. Republic County is applying for \$7,000.00 for the State Formula, \$6,800.00 for Maternal and Child Health and \$3,000.00 to be used in the Immunization Action Plan.

Kay Shoemaker and the Board decided there was no need to hold an RCD Meeting this month as they have received no applications.

Chairman Rytych noted that he will not attend the next board meeting.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

K-CAMP representative Larry Sharp visited with the Board about County liability insurance. He noted that K-CAMP has developed training videos and safety classes for county employees. Some of the classes can be done on the internet with employees receiving credit hours for Law Enforcement Certification.

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

The Board signed the yearly contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator for the regular safety inspection of the elevator in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid from Dale Huncovsky to cater the Republic County Recognition supper to be held on March 30, 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Bids received were from T.A.G.'s Grill & Bar with a bid of \$8.95 per plate, Dale Huncovsky doing business as Two Doors Down, bid \$8.00 per plate and Business is Cookin bid \$13.80 per plate.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Mr. Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about roads. The Board and Highway Administrator Charles Joy will drive out and view this road on Monday, March 16.

Sheriff Ron Blad noted that Kasey Vacha has completed his introductory period as a jailer. Vacha will receive an increase of 25 cents per hour.

Mr. Blad also informed the Board that he has hired Kade Odell as a full time Sheriff's Deputy upon successful completion of the drug testing, complete physical and the physical profile testing. Odell will start at \$11.00 per hour.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about accounts receivable at the Republic County Ambulance. There are numerous delinquent accounts.

Ms. James also asked the Board about the liability insurance for the 4-H Building at the NCK Fairgrounds.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board and noted that the State of Kansas will receive 348 million dollars through the ARRA, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that was recently signed by President Obama. Counties and cities are eligible for 32 million dollars. This money will be distributed throughout KDOT's six districts. Our district will receive about 4 million dollars to be spread over the 16 counties.

Mr. Joy said that Republic County will apply for \$488,480.00 in funding to be used for an overlay of 5 miles of asphalt pavement. The County cost-share on that project would be \$24,424.00 and Campbell and Johnson Engineers would charge about \$30,000.00 to draw up the plans which would be an additional expense. Not all applications will be funded due to the number of applications received but if the County's application is accepted it will be an unexpected gift.

Mr. Joy asked the Board about increasing the county's solid waste fees. The subject will be discussed at the next meeting due to the absence of Chairman Rytych.

At 11:19 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Mr. Joy and Clerk Hall to visit about non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:24 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Art Goppert visited with the Board about Republic County Hospital.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on March 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2009 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.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Dane Barclay of Alsop Sand Company gave a detailed and informative report of Alsop Sand's plant operation near Scandia. He shared how they process or dredge the sand/gravel, the amount of waste and the cost per ton to make the end product.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the Emergency Management Support Assn. of Kansas Annual Conference, April 2-3, 2009, in Russell, Kansas.

The Board also gave Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe permission to travel to the Orion informational meeting for non-appraisers, March 31, 2009, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

County Attorney Marlea James noted that Republic County currently has 33 people on diversions for driving under the influence (DUI's), 16 persons currently serving on diversions for Minor In Possession (MIP's) and or (MIC's) Minor in Consumption. Ms. James would like to see more oversight for those persons who have been "given a second chance" in Republic County.

Ms. James was inquiring if a small amount of the money derived from diversions could be spent on wages to pay someone to do random drug and alcohol testing. There currently is no oversight on those who have paid the fine and agreed to the terms set by the diversion to keep it off their permanent driving record.

Kay Shoemaker, Chris Janssen and Mikel Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve a \$20,000 RCD Loan to Chris and Christi Janssen doing business as C & C High Tunnel of Scandia. Second by Commissioner Holl, approved by unanimous a vote.

Roger Novak, Roger Novak Real Estate, received signatures on the Agreement for Contract of Sale. The Board serving as the Sellers for the Republic County agrees to sell the Munden Café on April 27, 2009.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and the Board discussed road gravel for Republic County. The Board referred to Dane Barclay's presentation earlier in the day.

Mr. Joy received permission to travel to the North Central Kansas County Highway Officials Association meeting April 1, 2009 in Salina, Kansas. Chairman Rytych will also be attending that meeting.

County Extension Agent Gina Aurand asked the Board for permission to paint the county owned dumpster near the 4-H Building. The Board gave their approval.

Mr. Joy, Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych and Clerk Hall went to view roads in Liberty and Washington townships at Clarence Kettlehut's request.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the March 2nd minutes of the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. Bergstrom abstained due to being absent from that meeting.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Rytych abstained due to being absent from that meeting.

Register of Deeds Deputy Peggy Frint stopped to tell the Board that her doctor has released her to work with no weight restrictions starting March 15, 2009.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. today. Second by Chairman Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2009 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.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

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

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board. If applications are received the next RCD meeting will be held on April 8, 2009.

Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about roads.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Mechanic Tom Thompson visited with the Board about truck repairs. They presented bids for purchasing a used truck. The Board decided to table the subject until the next meeting.

Melton Motor Company bid \$25,900.00 for a 2000 IHC Semi-tractor, 400 HP, N14 motor, 10-speed with 387,000 miles on it.

Mid-America Truck Equipment bid \$22,300.00 for a 2001 IHC 92001 Semi-tractor, 12.7 Detroit motor, 10-speed with 541,471 miles on it.

Mid-America Truck Equipment bid \$19,750.00 for a 1997 Freightliner FLD112 Semi-tractor, 12.7 motor 60 Series Detroit, 10-speed with 493,617 miles on it.

Mid-America Truck Equipment bid \$21,750.00 for a 1999 Freightliner FL112 Semi-tractor, M11 motor, 10-speed with 326,780 miles on it.

The Board approved a Joint Road-Waterway Use Agreement between Republic County and Clarence Havel granting him permission to use the public road ditch as part of Waterway in the development of an accepted Drainage Plan as proposed by a licensed engineer. This is located along the south side of the north road of section 22-4-1.

Permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator Charles Joy to attend the District 2 monthly County Engineers Meeting, March 26, in Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Joy presented a letter of resignation from Earl Dunstan effective April 3rd. The Board accepted his resignation with regret.

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

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Employment Law Seminar, May 12, 2009, in Wichita, Kansas.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with the regularly scheduled monthly department head meeting. Those in attendance were Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Treasurer Cindy Coons, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Deputy County Appraiser Retha Blecha, Sheriff Ron Blad, Health Director Marcia Hansen and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Final plans were reviewed for the Annual County Recognition Supper to be held March 30, 2009 at the 4-H Building. Committees consist of the setting up of tables by personnel from the EMS, Road and Bridge and Custodians; gifts and door prizes by Ron Blad and Raymond Raney; registration table by Beth Reed, decorations by Cindy Coons and Vickie Hall, Host or MC will be Commissioner Franklin Rytych.

Chairman Rytych requested a disaster planning session in the Commissioners meeting room at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009. This will involve Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Sheriff Ronald Blad, EMS Director Don Lieb and the Board of County Commissioners.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 30, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2009 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to re-new the 5-year lease agreement on the postage machine. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0. The DM525 Digital Mailing System is from Pitney Bowes.

Permission to travel was approved for Treasurer Cindy Coons and Linda Melton to attend the NCK County Treasurer's district meeting, April 20, 2009, in Lincoln, Kansas.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo offered a second morning prayer.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board as they did an annual review and renewal of the Half-Moon Graphix RCD Loan with Brian Isaacson.

James Popelka, NCK Fair agriculture board representative, visited with the Board about funding for NCK Fair Ground Improvements. The K-Camp insurance representative will be in our area on Tuesday to view reported wind damage.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board and gave them the final Heritage Trust Grant Application.

Roger Novak, of Roger Novak Real Estate, visited with the Board. The Munden Café was sold to Matthew and Rachel Peters at the public auction held Friday evening, March 27, 2009. The Café building and contents were previous collateral on a revolving RCD Loan.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the Republic County Communication Tower north of town. Raney noted that three of

the antennas on the tower have shorts in them, two of the lights are burned out and the tower needs to be painted to be up to code.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the Annual Kansas County Clerk's Conference, May 5-8, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give the Republic County Area Drug and Alcohol Council \$800.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and mechanic Tom Thompson visited with the Board about truck repairs and other road and bridge matters. They visited about buying a used semi-tractor from Melton Motor, Company and paying for it out of the Special Equipment Fund. The Board tabled discussion until the next meeting.

Clerk Hall noted that she would like to use a County pick-up truck to pull the election equipment trailer on April 6-8 for the City/School Election.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2009 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 John Lewis offered the morning prayer.

Republic County Hospital Board member Dr. Herbert D. Doubek visited with the Board about various matters.

During the public forum the Board and County Clerk Hall viewed the new election trailer. All of the election equipment was loaded and secured for delivery to the polling places.

Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about roads.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23rd meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Holl abstained from the vote as she did not attend this meeting.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 30th meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Bergstrom abstained from the vote as he did not attend that meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. The Board and department heads are invited to an informational meeting to be held on April 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Belleville Public Library meeting room. The topic is the procedure and actions to be taken should a catastrophic disaster ever occur in Republic County.

Commissioner Bergstrom noted that a railroad project in Republic County was among five projects in Kansas to be selected to share in federal stimulus funding. The Phillipsburg-based Kyle Railroad will receive \$371,000 in federal funding to build 2,000 feet of new siding and a new switch at the Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant, Scandia.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney to attend the NIMS Training, April 15-17, in Topeka, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Mr. Raney, Colleen Alkire and Jimmy Shepek to attend the Annual APCO Conference, April 19-21, in Topeka, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a recap of County funds on hand for the quarter ending March 31, 2009.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various Road and Bridge matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$25,900.00 from Melton Motor Company to purchase a 2000 IHC semi-tractor. The truck will be used by the Road and Bridge Department. Other bids were received from Mid-America Truck Equipment and individually listed in the recording of the March 23rd commissioner minutes.

Mr. Joy told the Board he will have tire bids to review at the meeting next week.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Sanborn Institute – Master County Clerks Academy, June 10-12, in Wichita, Kansas.

The County Offices at the Republic County Courthouse & Health Department will be closed to the public from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10th for Good Friday Services.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. to canvas the ballots from the City/School Elections.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2009 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 day began with the Board of County Commissioners holding the official county canvass of ballots from the April 7, 2009 City School Election.

Following the canvas the Board opened the regular business meeting and signed the accounts payable vouchers.

Pastor Kathy Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the USPAP Class, April 26-27, in Topeka, Kansas. This is required education for appraisers.

It was a consensus of the Board to hold department head meetings on a quarterly basis instead of each month. The next department head meeting will then be held in July.

Elwin Danielson visited with the Board about a culvert in Union township. This is at the corner of section one in Union township or at the corner of Washington Township, Freedom Township, Union Township and Liberty Township.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters. Julie Lambert asked to have the payments lowered on her RCD Loan. Following a telephone conference with Ms. Lambert, Commissioner Holl made a motion to restructure the loan for Lifetime Kennel Building Systems and lower the monthly loan payments for a period of 10 years. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. The Board accepted the bid of \$12,078.66 from Crouse Tire, Belleville, to purchase 48 tires for the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Joy received only one bid for tires. The bid sheet listing the individual types of tires is on file.

Charles Wilbur visited with the Board about the status of a bridge on Rock Road near the Gary Dyke residence. He also noted that a ditch needs cleaned out on 150 Road about one half mile south of Highway 36.

Permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Secretary Darlene Havel to attend the Coordinated Transit District No. 7 quarterly meeting, April 28, 2009 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney to attend the monthly meeting for engineers on April 30, 2009 in Miltonvale, Kansas. There will be a John Deere motor grader demonstration.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid received from Scott Condray of Attorney's Title Company in Concordia, Kansas, at \$150.00 per parcel to prepare certificates of title for the Republic County Tax Sale. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. There was only one bid received this time but several letters went out inviting people to bid.

Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on a letter addressed to Chris and Christi Janssen. The letter is to clarify the terms of the previously approved RCD Loan for C & C High Tunnel in Scandia, Kansas.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about various matters.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung gave the Board a progress report from that department. She noted that the quarterly Economic Development meeting will be held April 29th in Cuba, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with a second by Bergstrom. Motion passed 3-0.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2009 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 morning began with the Board of County Commissioners determining a winner in the Narka City Council election. The tie vote was broken with a flip of the coin giving Mike Svoboda the council seat.

Republic City Council had an eight-way tie vote in the April elections. Republic City Clerk Shirley Gunn came to the meeting to observe this procedure. To break the tie four names were drawn: Randy Thayer, Joan Birrell, C. A. Noble and Bentley Parker. Should any of these four people choose not to serve; appointments will be made to fill that vacancy at the next regular Republic City Council meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Republic County Hospital Board Trustee Dr. Herbert D. Doubek sent a letter of resignation to retire as of June 1, 2009. Doubek has served as a trustee for 24 years. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept his resignation. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to appoint Dr. Cayle Goertzen to serve as trustee on the Republic County Hospital Board effective June 1, 2009 with expiration of this term being October 31, 2012. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Belleville Area Chamber/Main Street Representative Melinda Pierson visited with the Board about the start of the Farmer's Market on the west side of the Courthouse square. This will begin Memorial Day week-end, May 23rd and run through September 26th. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each Saturday.

Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to sell the Los Primos Taco Shop if

they can get enough money to pay off both the bank loan and the RCD loan. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The Board held a telephone conference with Todd Bjornstad of the Kyle Railroad to request their support for a proposed project to upgrade the carrying capacity of the Kyle Railroad Company's Yuma Subdivision between Scandia and Yuma Junction. The requested funds would come from the government stimulus package. The Board agreed to send a letter of support to U.S. House of Representative Jerry Moran.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. The Board approved the Railroad Crossing Reviews report from Campbell and Johnson Engineers in Concordia, Ks. Chairman Rytych made a motion to follow the recommendations at the railroad crossings south of Courtland and Scandia by lowering the speed limit to 35 mph from the city limits to at least 100 feet south of the crossings. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about someone to answer the telephone and take messages in the absence of her regular full time secretary.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2009 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.

The morning began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Larry Rundus stopped to greet the Board.

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

Art Goppert visited with the Board about various matters.

Communications Director Raymond Raney reported that Pierce Electronics, Mankato, Kansas made the needed repairs to the county's radio tower at a cost of \$1,003.97.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. She gave the Board an Influenza A (H1N1) fact sheet and visited about community health matters.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about roads.

To conform to the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-22 to regulate, warn and guide the traffic on $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of roadway on 90 Road south from Scandia City Limits to at least 100 feet south of FAS Bridge 30. This said regulation to be a 35 MPH posted speed limit. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a second motion to approve Resolution 2009-23 to regulate, warn and guide the traffic on $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of roadway on 30 Road from the Courtland City Limits to at least 100 feet south of the Railroad Crossing. The said regulation to be a 35 MPH posted speed limit. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve a utility agreement between Republic County and the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District to construct and operate an

underground irrigation pipeline beginning 50' south of 1550 70 Road running 125' north in the west borrow ditch the entering the landowners field to the west, said pipeline is in the west road borrow ditch only in section 24-2-5. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD Loan matters. Shoemaker noted that Gary Cline, doing business as Scandia Rental, along with Jeffrey and Regine Thompson have paid the loan balance in full on the Republic County Revolving Loan Fund.

Mike Hadachek received signatures from the Board on a previously approved re-amortization of the RCD Loan for Lifetime Kennels.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn for lunch and reconvene at 2:00 p.m. for the next scheduled appointment. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Holl noted that she would not attend the afternoon session.

Ellen Anderson, Agency Director for Community Corrections, met with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to support the application for the Department of Corrections Grant and the Juvenile Justice Authority Grant for 2010. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. with second by Bergstrom. Motion passed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2009 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.

Michael Blazek joined the session to monitor the business meeting for a college leadership class.

Art Goppert was in to visit with the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Deputy Jimmie Shepek to attend the Agriculture and Food Vulnerability Assessment Training Course, May 12-14, in Topeka, Kansas.

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

Elizabeth (Leann) Dejoia, County representative for Pawnee Mental Health, visited with the Board. The Board has proclaimed May 2009 as Mental Health Month in Republic County to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and the need for services in Republic County.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung gave a review of her department. She gave the Board the new North Central Kansas – Buy Fresh- “Local Food Guide” that lists local producers of fresh food from family farms. It also lists area Farmers Markets locations, dates and times.

At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session with Ms. Hartung to discuss Confidential Data relating to Economic Development. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10: 08 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy met with the Board. At 10:30 a.m., the official Culvert Bid Opening was held with bids listed below.

J & J Drainage Products total bid	\$40,374.90
Welborn Sales Inc.	33,798.44
D C Wholesale	37,793.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$33,798.44 from Welborn Sales, Inc. for culverts. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-24 Whereas, there is a need to increase the charge to all residents and businesses located within the boundaries of Republic County, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2009-24 will increase fees to pay costs to transfer solid waste out of Republic County, as well as for funding of the County’s Recycling Program, effective July 1, 2009. Residents and businesses shall be billed on a quarterly basis, but have the option of paying solid waste disposal fees by the year, in advance, on July 1, 2009.

The Commissioners have also established the fees for construction and demolition waste delivered to the C & D site.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy noted that he has hired Thad Boman to work as a grader operator, Equipment Operator I, for the Road and Bridge Department.

The Board reviewed the January 26, 2009 Resolution 2009-18. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to transfer \$175,000.00 of said Road and Bridge fund budget appropriation which were obligated in the Road and Bridge Fund for 2008 to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. This amount was determined by the annual audit as monies available for transfer.

Keith Anderson, Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD loan matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$14,000.00 for the building where the Los Primos Taco Shop was located. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This is an RCD Loan originally made to Raphael & Rosalva Rodrigues, 3R Holdings, Inc. doing business as the Los Primos Taco Shop.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. At 11:31 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Porter. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:46 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board. He noted that Republic County will be receiving one defibrillator from a successful grant application.

Mr. Lieb also reviewed the age of ambulances owned by Republic County.

Unit #1 is a 1998 model with 47,049 miles on it.

Unit #2 is a 1998 model with 5,280 miles on it.

Unit #3 is a 1998 model with 110,808 miles on it.

Unit #4 is a 2000 model with 43,227 miles on it.

He noted that Unit 3 is used for most transfers and is a little smaller unit.

Mr. Lieb received permission from the Board to attend a Trauma Conference, May 29, in Wichita, Kansas.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Art Goppert visited with the Board. He wants to see increased law enforcement in the City of Belleville and Republic County.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a review of the income from the Republic County Hospital Sales Tax collections for the month of April. She noted that there is \$698,903.00 in collections that she has invested in Certificate of Deposits.

Permission to travel was approved for Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurers Association Annual Conference, June 16-19, in Topeka, Kansas.

Art Goppert returned to continue his discussion about law enforcement.

Republic County Travel and Tourism Representative Melinda Pierson visited with the Board about the new North Central Kansas Tourism Brochures. Thirty thousand brochures were printed with the cost to be shared by 15 counties.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay \$205.00 for Republic County's share from the Economic Development Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Crossing on the west side of the City of Courtland. The Board drafted a letter to BNSF Railway Company, attention David Hammons, requesting immediate attention and repairs due to the terrible condition of that railroad crossing.

While burning the corn husks and debris from the road ditch in Section 13 of Washington Township, several small fence posts caught fire and burned along the Clarence Kettlehut property. It was a consensus of the group that the County will replace approximately 15 fence posts.

It was noted that Road and Bridge employee Bret Thompson will be on 12 month probation with the 12th Judicial Court Service. If his probation is revoked he will spend 6 months in the department of corrections and receive immediate dismissal from his employment with Republic County.

Permission to travel was approved for Mr. Joy to attend the OCCK Transportation Meeting, May 12, 2009 in Salina, Kansas.

The Board signed the Head Start General In-Kind Contributions Form for storage of the two Head Start Buses as they are housed at the County yards.

Discussion was held concerning Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter's four year contract with Republic County. Renewal date is July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter a \$500.00 salary increase at this time and adjust his annual salary each year thereafter by any across the board "cost of living" increases awarded on a county wide basis, based on 1040 hours. Mr. Porter is currently employed by both Republic and Cloud Counties. The Republic County portion of his salary will increase to \$30,500.00 per year while Cloud County portion will be \$32,000.00 per year for a total of \$62,500.00. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Contract will be officially signed at the next regular board meeting.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2009 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.

Michael Blazek monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Pastor Kathy Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the Annual County Appraiser's Conference, June 7-10, in Wichita, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board meeting, May 20th, in Salina, Kansas.

At 9:19 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. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:29 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons noted that the Kansas State Treasurer Dennis McKinney will be visiting in Belleville, Kansas, at 2:30 p.m., May 22, 2009.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about the solid waste rate increase.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Attorney Marlea James. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:14 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave the Board the April financial report for the Road and Bridge Department. It was noted that the Board has received numerous complementary comments about the improvements made to South K Street in Belleville.

Mr. Joy gave a report on the Saline County Regional Transit meeting that was held in Salina, Kansas.

The Board visited with Mr. Joy about Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson's concerns about collecting solid waste user's fees. Mr. Joy reminded the Board that last fall Belleville City agreed to this time frame for implementing the increase. The group agreed to ask Belleville City Clerk Russ Prioutek and City Manager Bob Knudson to meet with the Board on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

Permission to travel was approved for Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe to attend the annual Kansas Register of Deeds Conference, June 2-5, in Salina, Kansas.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, May 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 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.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. The Board signed an Interlocal Agreement and Contract between Republic County and County Appraiser Barry Porter. This agreement shall take effect on July 1, 2009 and shall remain in force through June 30, 2013. Republic County and Cloud County each agree to employ Mr. Porter as County Appraiser on a half-time basis for their respective counties as stated in the agreement. A motion to increase Mr. Porter's salary by \$500.00 was made at the May 11, 2009 meeting. The pay increase gives Porter an annual salary of \$30,500.00 from Republic County.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Clerk Vickie Hall told the Board that she dismissed Secretary/Bookkeeper Sandra S. Boman, May 18, 2009, for insubordination. Sue Boman was employed in the County Clerk's Office. Hall noted that she has advertised the job opening in the local newspapers.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about a recent cattle theft in the County.

During public forum Les Shoemaker, County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Kay Shoemaker, Gary Boman, Sue Boman and Cathy Calkins came in to speak with the Board about various matters.

At 9:22 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:27 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

District Judge Kim W. Cudney visited with the Board about the status of the environmental study being done on the Republic County Courthouse. She also introduced law student Mike Koss. Clerk Hall will email Judge Cudney when the report is complete.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson discussed the County's Five Year Road Construction Program Plan for road and bridge improvement projects.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy to attend the monthly District II County Engineers Meeting, May 28, 2009, Salina, Kansas.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson and Belleville City Clerk Russ Piroutek visited with the group about the increase in solid waste billing. Mr. Knudson agreed to re-publish the 2009 Belleville City Budget before the end of this year so all fees due the County can be paid to the Republic County Solid Waste Fund during the month of December.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about various matters.

Cathy Calkins told the Board that the Heritage Trust Fund grant application, to fund the proposed project for new windows in the Republic County Courthouse, did not receive approval. Mrs. Calkins told the Board she would submit another grant application to the Kansas Historic Preservation Office, on behalf of the County, in September of 2009.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about services her department provides to the schools in Republic County. Contracts for health screening on a per student basis are up for renewal. The schools are interested in expanding the tests to include screening for hearing. The charge could increase to \$8.00 per student but contracts have not been finalized.

Mrs. Hansen also spoke with the Board about the purchase of a new car for the County Health Department. The department currently owns six cars ranging from 1993 to 2007 models. Mrs. Hansen would like to buy a new car and trade one car in at the time of purchase. She noted that her department could run efficiently with a total of five cars. Hansen will send letters out to begin the bid process.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2009 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.

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

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Holly Brown, representing the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program, gave a review of the services they currently offer young people through USD 109 and USD 426. This is the third year the program has been in Republic County. The group will make application for other funding from the Juvenile Justice Authority Title II grant program.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung gave a progress report from her department. The Board drafted a letter to the Belleville City Council to encourage the City of Belleville to continue to share the funding for the Republic County Economic Development Program.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to hire Schendel Pest Control of Concordia to provide their services at the building known as BG's Fine Dining, Belleville. The cost of the monthly maintenance for pest control will be added to Bruce Garell's RCD Loan. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about E-Waste Disposal in Republic County.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

A department head meeting was held with Communications Director Raymond Raney, Retha Blecha, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Health Director Marcia Hansen, Treasurer Cindy Coons, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Sheriff Ron Blad, Ambulance Director Don Lieb, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Custodian Kevin Calkins and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The Board visited about the upcoming department budgets and encouraged all departments to complete employee evaluations. Ruth Rahe noted that she would be out of the office the rest of this week to attend the annual Register of Deeds Conference.

Permission to travel was approved for Health Administrator Marcia Hansen and RN Sue Swanson to attend the 2009 Family Planning Conference, June 9-11, 2009 in Wichita, Kansas.

At 2:30 p.m., 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, June 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009 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.

Republic County Conservation District representatives, Jerome Kieffer, John Robison, Lori Siemsen, Wayne Pachta and Jerry Strnad visited with the Board. They presented their 2010 budget request, noting they were not asking for an increase from the 2009 allocation. The Board will consider their request.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters.

Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about roads.

County Clerk Vickie Hall visited with the Board about her conversation with Belleville City Librarian Leah Krotz. Mrs. Krotz voiced her concern about having the south inside drive of the Courthouse Square, blocked off each Thursday. Some library patrons had indicated it was inconvenient for the Republic County Transportation Bus and others visiting the Belleville Public Library on Thursdays to park on the outside of the square. The Board stands by their decision to allow the State of Kansas Driver's License Examiners to use that south drive for motorcycle testing on Thursdays.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director Don Lieb to attend the STABLE Program, providing people care to well and sick infants. The training will be held June 17, 2009 in Beloit, KS.

It was noted that Jeff Smith passed his EMT State Board Testing. Smith's job classification will change from a First Responder to Emergency Medical Technician. He will receive a 25 cent per hour increase in pay.

Sheriff's Secretary Jan Kauer visited with the Board about various matters.

Chairman Rytych gave a report on a meeting he attended for Public Information Officers.

At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

At 9:57 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Duane Swanson received permission to travel to the E-Waste meeting June 17, 2009, Osborne, Kansas.

Mr. Joy presented a Utility Agreement, between AT&T of Kansas and Republic County, to bury copper telephone cable along King Road. Placement will begin at the intersection of King Road and 130 Road and continue east along King Road. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve this agreement. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Keith Anderson visited with the Board about RCD matters and the proposed sale of the Taco Shoppe. He noted the closing is set for September 16, 2009.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2009 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.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Weed Director Steve Pounds visited with the Board about hiring additional help in the Weed Department. The work would be seasonal, from April through August of 2010. The Board will consider his request as they prepare the budget for his department.

Main Street Representative Melinda Pierson told the Board that the KIOSKS have been installed and invited the County Commissioners to the Downtown Walking Tour Dedication to be held June 25, 2009. Pierson received permission to hold the celebration on the west side of the Courthouse Square and signed a Hold Harmless Agreement.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board.

Kay Shoemaker informed the Board that Louis and Dawn Havel, doing business as Havel's Gardens, made the final payment on their RCD Loan. A letter was sent to thank them for honoring their obligation as agreed by paying in full the loan they received from the County through the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Kansas Crossroads R C & D Representative John Robison gave the Board a 2008 progress report and made a budget request of \$1,200.00 from the 2010 County budget.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay \$500.00 as an appropriation to the Kansas Crossroads R C & D for 2009 and an additional \$500.00 for 2008. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Mr. Robison noted that the County had not participated in funding Kansas R C & D in 2008 but agreed the County had not been contacted in 2008. It was a consensus of the Board to continue to contribute \$500.00 per year.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about personnel. He noted the Sherry Partridge's status will change from a part time dispatcher to full time dispatcher with benefits as of June 28, 2009. She will replace Roxanne Ketterer who has resigned as of June 27, 2009.

OCCK, Inc. Representatives Patrick Wallerius, Shelia Nelson-Stout and Carolee Miner made their proposal to request funds from Republic County for the developmentally disabled. They have requested \$23,037.00 as appropriations from the 2010 County budget.

Norway Township residents Tina Brewer and Emily Carlgren visited with the Board about road safety on the four mile stretch of road starting from 100 Road to 148 Highway.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board that Republic County has approximately 700 miles of gravel and 80 miles of asphalt. Mr. Joy's records indicate that it currently takes \$6,239.80 to maintain a mile of asphalt road and \$996.23 to maintain a mile of gravel road. The Board told the women that there is no plan to put new blacktop on that stretch of road. The cost is simply prohibitive.

Mr. Joy also visited with the Board about the Norway road and agreed to run the big magnet over the road after it is graded to pick up metal from the loads of railroad rock used to improve that road base. The Board thanked the ladies for bringing this problem to their attention.

Mr. Joy informed the Board that he has hired Daniel Elder as a mechanic for the Road and Bridge Department. Today, June 15, is his first day on the job.

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung and Brian Schwartz visited with the Board about funding the 2010 Economic Development budget. The Commissioners would like to encourage Belleville City to continue sharing the cost of the Economic Development Department with Republic County for 2010.

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

Chairman Rytych made a motion to pass Resolution 2009-25. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. This is a Joint Cooperative Agreement, to appoint Randy Nelson to the Board of Directors of the Mid States Port Authority beginning June 1, 2009 and ending May 31, 2013.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign the engagement letter with Bartlett Settle & Edgerle, Certified Public Accountants. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This is a contract for assistance with the preparation of the County's 2010 budget.

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, June 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2009 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.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend the ORION Reporting Class, July 6-7, 2009, in Topeka, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2009-26 to appoint Barry Porter as the Republic County Appraiser for a term of four years. This term ends June 30, 2013. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Mr. Porter works half-time for Republic County and half-time as the Cloud County Appraiser. Republic County pays Porter an annual salary of \$30,500.00 per year.

County Clerk Vickie Hall informed the Board that she hired Twila Allsman to work as secretary/bookkeeper in the County Clerk's office.

Clerk Hall also visited about the need to purchase two new desktop computers and a LaserJet Printer for her department. It is important to be XP compatible with the programs used by the State of Kansas and XP Pro Downgrades will not be available after July. The Board approved the purchase and the bid from Computer Solutions.

The Board gave the Belleville Public Library approval to use the Courthouse lawn, June 25, to play outdoor games for the summer library program.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the roof on the grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds. K-Camp Insurance has agreed to pay for hail damage to the grandstand in the amount of \$12,247.88 and County funds will have to pay the balance on a new roof. The Board asked Mr. Raney to get bids for installing a metal roof and bids for the standard 3-tab asphalt shingles plus installation.

At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:06 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about work being done by the Road and Bridge Department employees. He noted that the men were putting a coat of asphalt mix on pathways and some roadways at the NCK Fairgrounds today. This was a scheduled improvement and included in the 2009 budget for fairground improvements.

Dan Wilber visited with the Board about Bridge R-14.2 and asked when it would be repaired. Mr. Joy informed Wilber that the bridge was badly damaged and had to be closed until it is repaired or replaced. Bridge replacement must be cleared through 7 different agencies. The earliest the bridge could receive attention would be 2010.

The Board asked Mr. Joy if the County had received payment from any insurance company that insured the drivers of the vehicle that wrecked on the bridge (Bridge Number R-14.2) causing this bridge to be closed to traffic. If substantial insurance money were to become available to pay for the damage done to this bridge, improvement could possibly be done some time in 2010. Mr. Joy noted that he had given the traffic report and information to County Attorney Marlea James.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy received permission to travel to the Regional Transit Meeting, June 25, 2009 in Salina, Kansas. He will also attend a KDHE meeting sponsored by Bucher, Willis & Ratliff to review solid waste plans with staff.

County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about road matters. She will do some investigation into the damaged bridge and research how to assist the County in making a claim for damages. County Clerk Vickie Hall will also do some research on the subject.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received Chairman Rytych's signature on the USD 426 School Contract at \$8.00 per student for screening.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom did not return for the afternoon session.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board visited with Robbin W. Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health and board members Leanne DeJoia and Pam Dowell. Ms. Cole requested that Republic County maintain its current level of funding support for Pawnee Mental Health Services at \$23,152.00 for the 2010 budget year.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about traffic on county roads.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 2009 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board accepted an invitation for lunch at the Golden Bell Haven on July 20th.

Clerk Hall told the Board the County received an insurance check from KCAMP in the amount of \$12,247.88 for damages claimed on the roof of the grandstand located on the NCK Fairgrounds. Raymond Raney is taking bids for the roof replacement. He will take bids on 3 tab shingles and metal roofing.

Clerk Hall also noted that she has received the proof that Republic County Commissioners have been added as an Additional Insured on the Republic County Hospital Building and the Professional Liability Policy 0060-07-03-PW issued by Physicians Insurance Company of Wisconsin, Inc. This extra endorsement was required by KCAMP, the Republic County Insurance Carrier.

Clerk Hall presented the Board with a copy of the invoice from Precision Environmental Services, Wichita, Kansas for IAQ Testing and Investigation of the air quality in the District Court Clerk's Office and Vault. The total amount due is \$5,625.31 and will be paid in the July accounts payables.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Mr. Joy shared a letter he had received from Campbell & Johnson Engineers. A licensed engineer inspected Republic County Bridge R-14-2 and stated that the bridge should remain closed until it can be replaced. The firm will initiate a work order to get the site surveyed and the permit work performed to start the process for bridge replacement. Mr. Joy said the earliest the bridge could be replaced is 2010.

The official bid opening for road grader blades was held with DC Wholesale's bid of \$18,473.00 and Welborn Sales bid \$17,315.00 for blades. It was noted that Mr. Joy received no other bids. Chairman Rytych made a motion to accept the low bid from Welborn Sales, Salina, Kansas. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

Sheriff Blad visited with the Board about the purchase of a patrol car for his department. The Board will consider the request at the next regular meeting.

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

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about hiring a full time 911 Dispatcher for his department. He has advertised for the midnight to 7:00 a.m. shift. Sherry Partridge notified Mr. Raney that she has changed her mind and has now decided against taking this full time position.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board about the 2010 budget preparation.

The Belleville City Library presented a Hold Harmless Agreement requesting permission to block off the street on Thursday, July 23 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. for the Summer Library Program. The agreement was approved and signed by Chairman Rytych.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 06, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Frank Rytych and Marvin Bergstrom 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 visited with the Board about the work being done in his department. The employees are patching asphalt roads around the County this week.

Mr. Joy presented a bill for an asphalt overlay on some of the walkways and drives at the NCK Fairgrounds. The total was \$5,860.98 and will be paid from the Fairground Improvement Fund.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a 2009 Chevrolet Impala from Melton Motor Company. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. The quote for the new patrol car was \$24,474.65 including delivery to the Sheriff's Department.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the upcoming RCD meeting. She noted that there are no applications and it was a consensus of the group to cancel the next RCD meeting.

Art Goppert stopped to visit with the Board.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about repairing the roof on the grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds. He had a bid from Geisler Roofing Inc. from Concordia, Kansas. The bid was \$14,900.00 for new 3-tab asphalt shingles and \$16,650.00 to put on a tin roofing product. If the Board wishes to wrap the fascia boards with metal that would be an additional cost. The Board asked Mr. Raney to get at least one other bid. The \$12,247.88 received from our KCAMP insurance for hail and wind damage will be put towards the replacement of the roof. The County will need to pay the balance from the fairground improvement fund.

Mr. Raney visited with the Board about the Flood Insurance Study report and Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps that were sent from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, D.C. to the counties. These maps reflect the redelineation of the Republican River using updated topographic information. The maps were also created using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology and will be used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, approximate studies were conducted on all of the streams that have been previously mapped or have a drainage area of at least one square mile.

Republic County Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney stated that he and County Appraiser Barry Porter had reviewed the maps. Mr. Raney said he thought the maps might be

useful but could be improved by using the current or updated Republic County 911 road names. The maps are still showing the old County road names.

Republic County 911 Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that he has hired Heidi Silvia, pending pre-employment testing, to work as a full time 911 Dispatcher for the Communications Department. She will work the midnight to 7:00 a.m. shift.

Louis Johnson, Jo Krob and Daniel Reid represented the Republic County Council on Aging. They made a budget request of \$8,100.00 for the 2010 budget year.

Louis Johnson also asked the Board to consider giving \$100.00 to the Silver Haired Legislature. Commissioner Holl made a motion to send \$100.00 to the Silver Haired Legislature for 2009. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The group agreed that the Board of County Commissioners will decide if the County wants to participate in the Senior Care Act. They are asking for an additional \$2,800.00 for 2010. This is a new request as the State of Kansas has announced cuts due to lack of funds.

Republic County District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented the proposed 2010 budget for her department. Chairman Rytych signed a copy for Mrs. Kling to send to the State of Kansas.

The Board was notified that Custodian Kevin Calkins will be on medical leave and absent from work. Part-time custodian Tom Grover will work full time in Calkins absence. Corrections Officer Kasey Vacha was asked to mow the Courthouse lawn for the next couple of weeks and minor maintenance issues at the Republic County Medical Clinic will be referred to Barry Bottger at the Republic County Hospital.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Frank Rytych and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

U.S. Census Bureau Specialist Lech Wisniewski gave a presentation about the United States Census 2010. He stressed the importance of a complete and accurate count. He asked for a contact person from Republic County. He noted that this contact person will be required to devote between five and eight hours of work per month to assist with the 2010 Government Census. Persons attending this presentation were LeRoy Splichal, Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney and Extension Agent Gina Aurand.

LeRoy Splichal informed the group that he is now the Mayor of the City of Munden, due to the passing of the former Mayor Gene Hiatt. Mr. Splichal was asking about the method of the solid waste billing for small cities.

At 9:31 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 9:36 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Kay Shoemaker presented the Program Income Report of Economic Development for Republic County Grant Number 85-BF-290. The Board also signed other reports that were included for secondary loans made from the KDOC Grant Funds.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved by the Board.

The Board signed Memorandum of Agreements between Republic County and the cities of Courtland, Scandia, Cuba and Narka concerning the collection and payment of solid waste fees.

Randy Hansen met with the Board to discuss his concerns about Republic County Economic Development.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. He was joined by Ray and Beverly Reynolds who visited with the Board about an underpass in Jefferson Township. Mr. Joy will drive out and view this area.

Belleville Main Street representative Melinda Pierson received permission to set up a tent on the Courthouse square for registration from 10: 00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Downtown Poker Walk on July 31, 2009.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$750.00 to the High Banks Hall of Fame, from the Economic Development Fund, to secure the required permits for signage. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a Treasurer's Accounting of total revenue on hand as of 07-01-09.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29 meeting and the July 6, 2009 meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Communications Director Raymond Raney received signatures from the Board on a grant application for the Communications Center.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about various matters. Due to hail damage to the cars in her department bids were taken for the repair. She noted that \$17,300.00 was received or connected to the Senior Care Act and explained how those dollars assist low income residents in Republic County.

Hansen also informed the Board that the Child Care Licensing Program has initiated a fee increase. The first increase since 2007 and the fees went from \$25.00 per year to \$50.00 per year. License for a pre-school has increased to \$100.00 per year.

Mrs. Hansen also explained an environmental grant for septic services. Funding for the multi-county sanitarian have been cut and they are now asking the counties to make up this loss in funding. The Board took no action.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board. They reviewed Section 502A on sick leave in the employee Policies and Procedures Manual.

At 11:49 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a five minute executive session with Mr. Lieb and Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. At 11:54 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in special session at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009, Courthouse, Belleville to work on the proposed 2010 County Budget. Those present were Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych.

Also present to assist were County Clerk Vickie Hall, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, County Auditor Randall Hofmeier, Jerry Pugh and Bill Bush from the firm of Bartlett, Settle and Edgerle, Hutchinson, Kansas.

The budget work session concluded at 10:15 a.m. with the official budget hearing set for Monday, August 3, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Publication will be printed in the Belleville Telescope.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2009 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Frankie Sis visited with the Board about water drainage on Timber Road. The culvert can't handle the water from the opposite side of the road so it washes across his property. Mr. Joy will drive out and view this area.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board and set August 12 as a tentative date for the upcoming RCD meeting to be held in Scandia, Kansas.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the cities of Belleville, Republic, Agenda and Munden concerning the collection and payment of solid waste fees. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

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

Economic Development Director Sarah Hartung and Brian Schwartz visited with the Board about plans to restructure Economic Development. They are considering making it a non-profit organization. The City of Belleville voted to give a maximum appropriation of \$15,000.00 to Economic Development.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented his budget report for the month of June for the Road and Bridge Department. Permission to travel was approved for Mr. Joy to attend the District II Co. Engineer's Meeting, July 30, 2009, in Salina, Kansas.

A second permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Darlene Havel to attend the CTD #7 quarterly meeting, July 28, 2009, in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. The Commissioners, along with Clerk Hall, were invited to lunch at the Golden Bell Haven, Belleville, Kansas.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. for the official delinquent Solid Waste Hearings. No patrons or tenants were in attendance.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the KEMA (Kansas Emergency Management) board meeting in Salina, Kansas.

At 1:30 a regular department head meeting was held with the following in attendance; Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Appraiser Barry Porter, Assistant Custodian Tom Grover, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, River Valley Extension Agent Gina Aurand, County Attorney Marlea James, EMS Director Donald Lieb, Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The Board and these department heads visited about the 2010 County budget.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to change the appropriation or allocation to senior services in Republic County to \$11,000.00 for the Council on Aging and \$3,600.00 to the Golden Bell Haven Site Council. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. This motion was followed by additional discussion. It was agreed that this subject will be studied further next week with the additional input of Commissioner Holl.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

District Judge Kim W. Cudney, Magistrate Judge John Eyer, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Deputy Mary Gustin and Court Intern Michael Koss visited with the Board. The group visited about the Indoor Air Quality Investigation conducted in the Clerk of the Court Offices in the Republic County Courthouse. The investigation was done by Bob Helsel of Precision Environmental Services, Wichita, Kansas. Despite extensive testing efforts and research, the reports found that all compounds identified were in low concentrations well below any occupational standards or limits for public safety. The Board agreed to pay the fee of \$5,625.31 for the above tests.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to allow the report to be copied and shared with others. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Holl abstaining from the vote since she did not attend that meeting.

Ward Aurand visited with the Board about 10 Road south of Hardy.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He noted that they have had repeated problems with the roller. He is looking into replacement options for 4-5 weeks or until the sealing projects are done.

The Board suggested that the Road and Bridge Department put railroad rock down on the vacant lot on North M Street that is owned by Republic County. Sometime in the future the recycling trailers will be moved to that lot.

Discussion was held about services offered and/or provided to Republic County senior citizens. The Board would like to invite the Council on Aging Board members in to visit with them in the near future.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:30 p.m. for business. The session ended as Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m., second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2009 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 Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has hired William Istas, Jr. as a jailer or corrections officer.

Council on Aging Coordinator Daniel Reid visited with the Board about services offered to the senior citizens of Republic County. The board encouraged Mr. Reid to spend more time at the Golden Bell Haven to get to know the senior citizens on a personal basis.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Rytych called the Official 2010 Republic County Budget Hearing to order. The purpose was hearing and answering questions of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Those attending were: County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Sheriff Ron Blad, Ambulance Director Don Lieb and County Clerk Vickie Hall. At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed 2010 Republic County Budget as published in the Belleville Telescope. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to rescind his previous motion made at the July 20, 2009 Board meeting, which stated "to change the appropriation or allocation for senior services in Republic County by giving \$11,000.00 to the Council on Aging and \$3,600.00 to the Golden Bell Haven Site Council". The Council on Aging budget appropriation for 2010 will remain at \$14,600.00. Chairman Rytych also seconded the rescinded motion. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Chairman Rytych to make a revision to the Republic County Policies and Procedures Manual's Sick Leave Policy Section 502.A, to state that the County reserves the right to grant sick leave to employees for the illness, injury or medical appointments of the employee's family members but ONLY in exceptional circumstances and ONLY at the sole discretion of the County Commissioners. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

A request to deviate from the standard sick leave policy must first be received by the department head. The department head will pass the employee's request on to the Commissioners to be approved or denied. Each situation will be thoroughly studied and if approved the employee will be required to submit a certification signed by a health care provider to submit proof of needed time off. See Section No, 603 Family and Medical Leave Policy No. 8 Medical Certifications.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to allow David Strnad to use 4 weeks of his personal paid sick leave days following the birth of twin daughters born August 3, 2009. Strnad made a formal request and is eligible for FMLA leave for the birth of a child (children) and care for his spouse due to the birth. This paid time off will be designated as FMLA Leave. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He presented actual figures for the cost per mile for upkeep on gravel roads and asphalt roads in Republic County. The report covered 2006, 2007 and 2008 costs.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about patient transfers and the registered nurses that assist on those transfers. Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay \$30.00 per hour to nurses that go on transfers with Republic County ambulance employees. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting and drive to Mankato, Kansas where they were lunch guests of the Jewell County Commissioners. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. Highway Administrator Charles Joy and County Clerk Vickie Hall joined the Commissioners.

Following lunch at the Mankato Senior Center the Jewell County Commissioners, Republic County Commissioners and both road supervisors went to the Jewell County Courthouse to visit about matters of mutual interest. A number of patrons from the northwest part of Republic County and the northeast part of Jewell County were in attendance to voice their concerns about the need to improve the Jewell County portion of 10 Road, between Cedar Road and Fir Road. The Republic County portion of that paved road has been sealed and currently is in pretty good shape.

The County Commissioners from both counties assured the patrons that they and the road supervisors will meet again to study 10 Road.

The Board returned to Belleville at 3:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board received a thank you note from The High Banks Hall of Fame Museum for the donation to reinstall the three signs along Highway 36 and Highway 81.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-27. This is the property taxation policy of the Republic County Commissioners referring to financing of the 2010 annual budget according to K.S.A. 79-2925b. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring received permission to travel to the North Central Kansas Fall County Clerk's Meeting, September 10, 2009 in Clay Center, Kansas.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Paul Langston to serve as Beaver Township Trustee. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

Ellen Anderson, Community Corrections representative, received approval from the Board on the Fiscal Year 2010 Carryover Reimbursements Plan for the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Terry Cherney and Brad Swanson visited with the Board. Bids were received for a front end loader as follows:

2009 JCB	\$ 98,972.00
2008 Case	\$104,488.00
2008 CAT	\$113,800.00
2008 Komatsu	\$115,200.00
2009 John Deere	\$112,445.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$98,972.00 for the 2009 JCB front end loader and fork. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Dave Sellers, Sellers Equipment, visited with the Board about the loader and warranty.

Mr. Joy noted that he had received a letter from Kirchhoff Farms, Inc. about damage done by the County road grader to their buried underground pipe last fall. The pipe would be along Road 70,

a quarter mile north of the Cedar intersection. They requested reimbursement in the amount of \$863.67 for replacement pipe. The bill listed parts at \$338.67 and \$525.00 for labor. Whenever landowners request permission to bury irrigation pipe in the County ditch or road right-of-way, the landowner signs a utility agreement that states Republic County will be relieved of liability for damage to any individual or property. Mr. Joy will write a letter of response to Kirchhoff Farms, Inc. to remind them the County is not liable for their loss.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented the past three joint resolutions, agreements between Republic County and Jewell County for maintenance of the 24 miles along the Jewell-Republic County line. The latest Joint Resolution was dated 1999-1 and divides the miles up for individual county maintenance purposes. Those roads were discussed but no decisions made.

Permission to travel was approved for Transportation Director Charles Joy to attend the Salina Regional Transit Meeting, August 18, 2009 in Salina, Kansas.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters concerning BG's Fine Dining Restaurant. Some cleaning needs to be done before realtors show it.

Pastor Mark Imel stopped by and offered the morning prayer.

The Board noted there will be a regular department head meeting on August 24, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss updates to the Republic County Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2009 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.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Rytych abstained from the vote due to his absence at this meeting.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce representative Melinda Pierson received permission to hold the Back to School Tailgate Party on the west side of the Courthouse Square the evening of August 28, 2009.

The Board also gave permission for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to use the inside of the Courthouse Square for the Autumn Days Festival on September 19, 2009. This will include food vendors, kids' games, craft booths and entertainment.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve a lease agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad to lease the use of the antenna tower and related equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way radio communications signals. Second by Commissioner Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Board meeting, August 19, 2009, in Topeka, Kansas.

The Board reviewed the updates for the Republic County Employees Policy and Procedures Manual with County Clerk Vickie Hall. Updates will be presented and distributed at the department head meeting, August 24, 2009.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the Joint Road-Waterway -- Underground Outlet Use Permit for Kling Farms Inc. to grant permission to use the public road ditch as part of an underground outlet in the development of an accepted Drainage Plan. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about needed road repairs along the Jewell-Republic County line. The Board will invite Jewell County Commissioners to join them for lunch on August 31st, followed by a joint session at 1:00 p.m., Courthouse, Belleville, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

It was a consensus of the Board not to buy the extended warranty on the 2009 JCB Front End Loader that was purchased by the County.

Mr. Joy noted that he is looking for a good used roller for the road department and will be sending a representative from his department to Kansas City to inspect a 2007 roller for possible purchase.

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, August 24, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom 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.

Mike Kasl visited about cattle in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

During public forum Sue Boman came in to visit with the Board. A letter from the Kansas Department of Labor disqualified Mrs. Boman for unemployment benefits from Republic County. County Attorney Marlea James was present.

The Board signed a lease agreement between Republic County and Joe Strnad to lease the County's antenna tower and related equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way radio communications signals.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioner Holl made a motion to hire Service Master of Concordia to mop the floors and clean the BG's Fine Dining Restaurant. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on a successful grant application for Public Health Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$10,593.00 thus creating a contract between Republic County and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The contract goes from August 10, 2009 to August 9, 2010.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Beth Ball to attend the Midwest Election Officials Conference December 6-10, 2009 in Overland Park, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Bergstrom motion passed 2-0.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to have Manitron install the latest updates to the AS400 computer system at a cost of \$1,800.00 to include an additional 2 GB of memory. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about the rough railroad crossing south of Courtland. Swanson told the Board they are looking for a solution. The County could possibly smooth that area out if they would get reimbursed for making the road repair or improvement. They will continue to study it.

The Board gave Highway Administrator Charles Joy permission to send road and bridge employees Danny Davis, Thad Boman, Les Novak, Bret Thompson and John Simmons to School for Road Gravel Maintenance in Manhattan, Kansas.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. for a tour of BG's Fine Dining. Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

County Commissioner Bergstrom and County Clerk Hall went to inspect the BG Fine Dining Restaurant building and contents with members of the RCD Committee.

Commissioners Bergstrom and Commissioner Holl joined the Republic County Hospital Board for the noon luncheon and to attend the hospital board meeting.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Commissioner Holl called the Official Republic County Solid Waste Hearings in session. Dean Weatherhead visited with the Board and Solid Waste Secretary Beth Reed was in attendance. Hearings closed at 1:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 31, 2009 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.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about salary increases and various other matters.

Nancy Jefferson received permission to use the Commissioners Room for "Cry Out America" which will be a prayer time from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2009. This is open to the public.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a delinquent property tax listing for Republic County totaling \$124,294.67 putting tax liens on 231 properties.

Currently there are only five parcels listed for the delinquent real estate property tax sale to be held this fall.

Mrs. Coons also noted that \$334,863.14 has been collected in sales tax so far in 2009. This includes the sales tax collected plus interest earned.

A letter was read from Randall Hofmeier, CPA, representing the firm of Bartlett, Settle and Edgerle. Their audit commitment to Republic County expires as of December 31, 2009. The Board and County employees were sad to hear that the firm has made a decision to discontinue all governmental auditing. The County has used Bartlett, Settle and Edgerle for well over 35 years. The County has always been pleased with their professional services. The County will put together a bid proposal letter in the near future.

The Board sent a letter of congratulations to the City of Cuba for successfully getting the Blacksmith Shop on the Kansas Historical Registry. The Cuba Blacksmith Shop has now been nominated for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places which is an even greater honor. We all hope the nomination will be successful.

Mike Hadachek, Keith Anderson, Kay Shoemaker and County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about RCD matters and insurance coverage on the BG Fine Dining building.

The Board signed a Subordination Agreement by and between (RCD) Republic County Development and New Century Bank for the borrower, Larry Beeson.

There was concern that the old Duckwall's Store Building is on the delinquent property tax sale. The amount would be \$5,069.49 if the taxes were paid today. That is with interest to date and the key has been given to the county attorney's office.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Ron Matteson, Area Sales Manager for Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc., Salina visited with the group about black-top roads.

Permission to travel was approved for Road and Bridge employees Bret Thompson and Thad Boman to attend the Gravel Road Maintenance Course for grader operators, October 1, in Manhattan, Kansas. Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch at TAGS in Scandia. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The Board, Clerk Hall, Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson were joined by the Jewell County Commissioners and support staff for lunch at TAGS.

At 1:00 p.m. Republic County and Jewell County Commissioners, along with road supervisors, met in the Republic County District Courtroom to discuss a 3-mile stretch of black-top road on the Jewell-Republic County Line. Sixteen patrons from that area were in attendance to ask questions and encourage the Jewell County Commissioners to keep that section an asphalt road with routine maintenance. Those attending were: Lawrence Bouray, Estaline Bouray, Oleta Hobson, Mary Dahl, Brad Bouray, Robert Mainquist, Bentley Parker, Glen Aurand, Helen Aurand, Dennis Erkenbrack, Ward Aurand, Jack Clark, Wes Clark, Dennis Lauritzen, Jim Zoltenko, Mark Stenson, Jewell County Commissioners Steve Greene, Doyle Alcorn and Dwight Frost. Jewell County Deputy Clerk Shena Mizner and Jewell County Road Supervisor Rex Fisher were also in attendance. Republic County representatives were Commissioners Franklin Rytych, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom, County Clerk Vickie Hall, Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson.

After the group was dismissed, the Jewell County and Republic County Commissioners went to the basement to continue discussion in the Commissioners meeting room.

Chairman Rytych reiterated Republic County's offer to assist Jewell County with some labor or manpower and some equipment if they will repair the pot holes and put a seal on the three miles of road. The road is Jewell County's responsibility so they would pay for the oil, asphalt mix and cover material for the project.

Chairman Rytych also mentioned that Republic County would be willing to mix enough extra asphalt mixture so Jewell County could purchase mix from Republic County to use for patching on their black-top roads.

The Jewell County Commissioners agreed they will get the base core sampled to test the quality of the current base of that road. From there they will decide "what they can afford" to do to that three mile stretch of road.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 8, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 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.

Don McChesney visited with the Board about the bomag road one to two miles north of Munden, Kansas. He reported it is very rough and asked that the County repair it.

The Board drafted a letter to the Jewell County Commissioners to reiterate the agreements they made with them on August 31st. The Board wanted to recap in writing the understandings between our Counties, to be certain that we are all in agreement prior to the project being started.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the installation/conversion of the new telephone system and computer aided dispatch software for the 911 Center.

Chairman Rytych reported on a meeting he attended about Wind Power in Kansas. It was sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau.

Kay Shoemaker visited about RCD matters.

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

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board.

Kathy Calkins and the Board reviewed a grant application. If successful the grant would assist in the purchase of energy efficient windows for the Courthouse.

A regular department head meeting was held with Custodian Kevin Calkins, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Appraiser

Barry Porter, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall in attendance. Subjects discussed were the Republic County Policies and Procedures Manual, ordering plat directory books and the renewed Kansas Department of Revenue Sales and Use Tax Entity Exemption Certificate for Republic County.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters.

Keith Anderson asked the Board to sign the Subordination Agreement by and between Republic County Kansas d/b/a (RCD) Republic County Development and New Century Bank for the borrower, Jared O. Melton, 1813 E Frontage Rd, Belleville, Kansas.

Charles Cornett visited with the Board about the need to have the National Bohemian Cemetery mowed. The grass is very tall. Chairman Rytych will call one of the cemetery board members about this matter.

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, September 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2009 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

The Board signed a cover letter to accompany the Request for Proposals as we seek auditing services for 2009. Request for Proposals will be mailed out to nine different accounting/auditing firms.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about various matters. She is accepting sealed proposals for the purchase of a mid-size automobile to be used by the Republic County Health Department. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 2009.

Sheriff Ron Blad notified the Board that Kade Odell has graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Academy in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board. Don Dean of Campbell and Johnson Engineers joined Joy, Swanson and Commissioners Rytych and Bergstrom to view a damaged bridge.

At 10:01 a.m., Chairman Rytych made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Charles Joy and Brad Swanson were in attendance.

At 10:06 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

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

Randy Dick and Ed Claycamp with Kaw Valley Insurance, Inc. visited with the Board about health insurance. Randy Dick is a broker who writes policies for 6 different companies and wants to bid on the health insurance for County employees. Health questionnaires will be packed in each employees September paycheck. Department heads will collect the questionnaires and return them to the County Clerk's Office.

The Board visited about RCD matters. Kay Shoemaker, secretary for RCD, is still seeking bids to put insurance on the BG's Fine Dining building.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the roof on the grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds. Mr. Raney is to have firm quotes for heavy asphalt shingles and a metal roof application by next week.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2009 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 Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Joy noted that he hired Jacob Speakman as an Equipment Operator for his department.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to sign a Republic County Reciprocal Crossing and Consent Agreement between the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, Bostwick Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Kansas and Republic County, Kansas. This is in connection with the Courtland Unit. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. We have an agreement prior to this agreement. They still requested it have a current signature from the chairman.

Mr. Joy noted that he had been contacted by officers of the St. George Cemetery. They are moving the drive-way and are entitled to a new culvert which will be installed by the road and bridge department. It is common practice for the cemetery board to purchase the gravel they requested but the County will deliver it and put it on the drive for them.

Permission to travel was approved for Ruth Rahe to attend the Orion Training for Non-Appraiser's to be held October 1, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas.

Kathy Calkins visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2009-28 where as Robert A. Walsh will serve as special prosecuting attorney for Republic County during the absence of Republic County Attorney Marlea James. James will be attending a seminar from September 26 through October 5, 2009.

Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek and Jay Kallman visited about insurance coverage for the BG's Fine Dining building. Kallman said he found a company

who was willing to write it for 6 months with \$80,000.00 coverage. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to have the RCD Fund pay for 6 months coverage. Second by Holl, the motion passed 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2009 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 the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Mr. Art Goppert and Belleville Telescope Reporter Veronica Barrington were in attendance.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Appraiser Barry Porter to attend a required Orion Market Modeling Class, October 11-16, 2009, in Topeka, Kansas.

It was a consensus of the Board to proclaim October, Down Syndrome Awareness month in Republic County. The Board signed the proclamation.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Vehicle Clerk Karen Bonner to attend the Kansas Department of Revenue Department of Motor Vehicles training October 9, 2009 in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid of \$23,538.00 from Geisler Roofing, Inc. to put a 29 gauge screw down metal roof panels on the upper level of the grandstand and also wrap the fascia board. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. The County received reimbursement of approximately \$12,000.00 from K-Camp Insurance to cover previous damage to this roof. The balance will be paid from the Fairground Improvement Fund.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board his men are sealing roads in the Scandia and Republic area. Joy noted that four employees will work on Friday to assist with work on the Webber Road.

Mr. Joy also mentioned he had attended the regional transportation meeting in Salina, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych will invite Jewell County and Washington County Commissioners to come over for lunch followed by a joint meeting to see if the three counties would be interested in forming a Wind Coalition. The tentative dates for the meeting will be November 9 or 16 in Belleville.

The regular department head meeting was held with the following in attendance: Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, EMS Director Don Lieb, Appraiser Barry Porter, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Topics were health insurance, H1N1 flu vaccine and the GIS program.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the purchase of a Striker Power-Pro XT Model 6500 ambulance gurney. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The cost of the gurney is \$11,868.00 and will be the third gurney rated for 750 pounds to be used by the ambulance department.

Mr. Lieb also reported that a windshield will be repaired on one of the ambulance units.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received a signature from Chairman Rytych on a contract between Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the County of Republic for a grant award in the amount of \$8,016.00 to be spent on things relating to the H1N1 flu.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting and join the Republic County Hospital Board for lunch and attend that monthly Board meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2009 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.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy informed the Board that the road sealing has been completed for 2009. The men will go back to patching roads next week.

Republic County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to change the status of Healthy Start Home Visitor Beverly Lapo from part-time to full time with no salary increase. Some of the H1N1 Grant money will pay a portion of the increase in hours. She will start working full time immediately and will receive full time benefits starting November 1, 2009.

Communications Director Raymond Raney received a signature from Chairman Rytych on the User Agreement between Republic County and KDOT for the radios in the communications department.

Sheriff Ron Blad informed the Board that he has hired Allen Keilers as a deputy in his department contingent upon the passing all the required pre-employment testing. Mr. Keilers will fill the position previously held by Brian Schultze.

Arlene Clayton spoke to the Board about various matters.

The Board opened the five audit proposals received by October 2, 2009. The proposals will be reviewed and discussed at the next regular Board meeting. The name of each firm, along with the bid, will be listed in the October 12th minutes.

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting at 11:00 a.m. today.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2009 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 Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters. Permission to travel was approved for supervisors Kevin Kopsa and Tom Thompson along with employees Jacob Speakman, Thad Boman, Bret Thompson, Daniel Elder and Andrew Evert to attend the Drug and Alcohol Testing Training, October 13, 2009, in Salina, Kansas.

Permission to travel was also approved for Charles Joy to attend the Regional Transit Meeting, October 16, 2009, in Salina, Kansas.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative Janet Hieger visited with the Board. She presented two options. The Board will study her proposals for 2010. County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring were in attendance.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen and James Melton were present for the official bid opening to purchase a new car to be used by the health department. Mrs. Hansen stated that the Impala would be a bit larger and more comfortable when her employees drive to meetings or conferences.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$13,099.00 submitted by Melton Motor Company for a 2009 Chevrolet Impala program car with trade of the 1993 Ciera. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Other bids from Melton Motor Company, Belleville, listed a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu program car at \$12,999.00, a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu at \$18,996.00 and a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt program car at \$11,399.00 all priced with trade.

George Motor Co., Inc. of Clyde, Kansas bid \$19,000.00 for a 2009 Dodge Avenger R/T Sedan and \$16,550.00 for a 2009 Dodge Avenger SXT Sedan with trade in of the 1993 Ciera car.

Roger Field from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce and Faris, Hutchinson, Kansas visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych made a motion to hire this firm to do the 2009 Republic County governmental audit. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring attended the meeting.

At 10:41 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minutes executive session with County Health Director Marcia Hansen and County Clerk Vickie Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular session resumed at 10:51 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Secretary Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about the Tax Sale. There are five parcels to be sold. Auctioneer Roger Novak with assist with the sale. It was a consensus of the Board to place a minimum bid of \$6,200.00 on the old Duckwall property. The sale date will be announced at the next regular meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. Chairman Rytych signed the change order for the East and West Eave-Fascia Board Replacement on the grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds. The cost will be an additional \$1,321.20 for this improvement.

Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney explained the revised resolution needed to amend Resolution 1980-14. Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-29 relating to the establishment and maintenance of a Disaster Agency responsible for emergency management for Republic County, Kansas. The Kansas Statutes Annotated 48-929a requires the establishment of and Kansas Administrative Regulation 56-2-2 establishes the minimum standards for such a disaster agency. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

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

Dawn Snyder, representing the 12th Judicial District, received Chairman Rytych's signature on the 2009 Community Corrections Year End Report.

Permission to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly district meeting October 15 in Ellsworth, Kansas.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2009 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received Chairman Rytych's signature on a Public Health Emergency Response Phase 3 Focus Area 3 H1N1 Grant in the amount of \$15,076.00.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy gave the Board a financial report for the month of September 2009. Mr. Joy also noted that the department will replace a couple of doors at the road and bridge shop.

Charles Joy and Darlene Havel received permission to travel to the Coordinated Transit District No. 7 meeting with Kansas Department of Transportation on October 26, 2009 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

The Board issued a formal invitation to Washington and Jewell County Commissioners to discuss a wind energy coalition. Republic County will provide lunch at the Belleville Pizza Hut at 12:00 noon on November 9, 2009, followed by a meeting in the County Commissioners' room in the basement of the Republic County Courthouse. Doug McKinney from North Central Regional Planning Commission in Beloit, Kansas has also received an invitation.

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Melinda Pierson received permission to hold the annual Scare on the Square on the west lawn and the front steps of the Courthouse on Friday, October 30, 2009.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2009 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.

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

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the north window in the dispatch center. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,882.40 from Jackson's Glass Shop, to replace two windows with 3/8 polycarbonate window panes to meet the safety requirements and allow additional light into the dispatch center. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. The next meeting will be held on November 12, 2009.

Kathy Calkins told the Board the 2009 Republic County Tax Sale will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Republic County Courthouse. Five properties will be sold.

Mrs. Calkins also received a signature from Chairman Rytych on another grant application for Courthouse windows.

James Popelka, NCK Fair Agriculture Board, visited with the Board about fairground improvements. The Board shared that after the new roof is put on the grandstand there will only be about \$5,000.00 in that fund.

A letter was read from Dianne Kramer, A.R.N.P. informing the Board that she will be resigning her position with the Pawnee Mental Health Board at the end of her term.

Chairman Rytych reported on the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention meeting. Due to low census the participating counties will be asked to pay more in 2010. The County budgeted \$3500.00 for Juvenile Detention in 2010. It has been suggested that Republic County's share will be \$10,500.00. Shawn Brandmahl will inform the Board on November 9, 2009.

Edward Claycamp, an employee benefit consultant, visited with the Board.

Carl Sanford, a resident of Belleville Township, visited with the Board about extending the gravel one half mile on 140 Road. The Board will consider his request.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners will go to the Republic County Hospital for lunch and attend the hospital board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2009 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.

Deb Hadachek stopped to visit with the Board and noted that she will be the new Editor of the Belleville Telescope. She will monitor future Board meetings.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Don Lieb to attend the Executive Trauma Council Committees at Wesley Medical Center, November 6, 2009 in Wichita, Kansas.

The Board visited with Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe about the recent 2008 Republic County Audit report. The Board asked that the mortgage registration fees and other recording fees be remitted to the County Treasurer on a daily basis. Mrs. Rahe told the Board she would pay-in the fees daily from now on.

The Board also visited with County Treasurer Cindy Coons about the audit report. The Board agreed that the County should require all depository banks to collateralize all Republic County deposits one hundred percent at all times. Mrs. Coons will visit with the banks.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy noted that employee Thad Boman has completed his six months probation period and will receive a twenty-five cent per hour increase in pay.

Mr. Joy asked the Board for permission to send an employee to Lawrence, Kansas to view two 2001 dump trucks that are listed on Purple Wave. The last day to bid will be November 18, 2009. The Road and Bridge Department has been looking for a couple of good used trucks for quite some time. The Board encouraged him to send someone to look at the trucks.

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

At 11:00 a.m. the Board held the regularly scheduled department head meeting. Those attending were: County Treasurer Cindy Coons, EMS Director Donald Lieb, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Appraiser Barry Porter, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Extension Agent Gina Aurand, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Sheriff Ronald Blad, County Attorney Marlea James and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to renew the 2010 Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan for County employees, noting that the only change will be an increase in the deductible from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 for an individual and for two-or-more persons in a family the deductible will increase from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 deductible. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. The increase in deductible was prompted by a 14% increase in premiums under the current plan.

The 2010 BCBS premiums will be \$434.32 employee, \$839.32 Employee/Child, \$932.76 Employee/Spouse and \$1,337.78 Employee/Dependants.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2009 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 various matters.

Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the Fairground Improvement Fund. He had suggestions for improvements to update the front gate at the race track. No decision was made as "remaining funds" is yet to be determined since the new roof has not been installed on the grandstand and payment has not been made for that improvement.

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

Raney also visited with the Board about bringing the current Hazard Mitigation Plan for Republic County up to date. There will be a meeting November 19, 6:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Republic County Hospital to begin the updating process.

Permission to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly directors meeting on November 12, 2009 in Smith Center, Kansas.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to issue pay adjustments in the amount of \$50.00 for full time employees and \$25.00 for part-time employees to be issued in the month of December. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

The Belleville Telescope Managing Editor Deb Hadachek joined the group to monitor the meeting.

Rob Unruh and Matt Farmer, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, reviewed the improvements made to the Jamestown Wetlands. They made a presentation to the Board in appreciation for the conservation partnership with Republic County. The goal is to improve the conservation area for the citizens and the wildlife of Kansas at the Historical Jamestown Wildlife Area.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to appoint Ben Holloway and Barry Childs to the Republic County Hospital Board. It is the Commissioners intent to have the hospital board chairmanship on a two-year rotation beginning in 2010. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The official bid opening was held for the installation of two outside doors at the Road and Bridge Department. The only bid received was \$2,390.50 from Lindberg Construction. The Board made no decision but will discuss the matter next week.

Shawn Brandmahl from the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Center informed the Board that the daily population of juvenile inmates has decreased to the point that the low census or usage is not sufficient to cover the costs of operation. They have submitted a plan to charge each county a special assessment figured from the past 5-year usage. Brandmahl was asking Republic County to remit

approximately \$7,000 more than was budgeted for Juvenile Detention. This will be taken under advisement. The Board will visit with Sheriff Blad and County Attorney Marlea James on this subject.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn to the Belleville Pizza Hut for lunch. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. They were joined by Jewell County officials, Washington County officials and others.

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse with the Jewell County Commissioners Steve Greene, Doyle Alcorn, Dwight Frost and County Clerk Carla Waugh, Washington County Commissioners Alison Mueller, Roger Otott, Gene Helms and County Clerk Lou Kern, Economic Development Director Christina L'Ecuyer, Lincoln County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare, North Central Regional Planning Representative Doug McKinney, Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek, Republic County Commissioners Franklin Rytych, Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The group gathered to inquire if there was interest in wind powered electrical generation in the northern three counties and if they were interested in studying the issue as a group. Currently there are no transmission lines to transport energy out of our area.

Lincoln County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare has experience in the wind power field having assisted Lincoln County with two big projects. Ms. O'Hare will be in contact with us to offer copies of the Ordinance Resolution and other guidelines that might be helpful to us. She shared the highlights and a couple of the "pitfalls" they experienced and noted that counties can certainly learn from each other's experiences.

Chairman Rytych made the motion to adjourn. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2009 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 Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$2,390.50 from Lindberg Construction to install the three doors at the Road and Bridge Shop. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to gravel the north half mile on 140 Road between Queen Road and Rock Road. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Joy read a lengthy thank you note he received from Mike Charles. It was addressed to Mr. Joy and the employees at the Road and Bridge Department. Charles noted that he felt they were doing a good job maintaining the County roads as they work under budget constraints due to the current economy. It was refreshing to read compliments from a patron for the work they do instead of complaints.

A Utility Agreement was approved between Republic County and Republic County Rural Water District No. 1 to construct an underground water line at the intersection of Fir Road and 30 Road.

Idan Kauer visited with the Board about the Hillcrest School Building currently owned by the City of Cuba. Mr. Kauer asked if the City of Cuba would decide to sell the building to someone who planned to move their business to Cuba, could the buyer or new owner get a reduction in real estate taxes. The school building has always had exempt status when owned by the school district and again with the current owner, the City of Cuba. However, tax exemptions do not follow a property to the new owner. The Board asked Appraiser Barry Porter to put a value on this building. Mr. Kauer was told that it would be impossible to predict if the new owner would be eligible for any tax relief. Applications for real estate tax exemptions must be made to the State Board of Tax Appeals and meet all the specific requirements to be tax exempt.

County Attorney Marlea James and Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about Republic County usage of the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Center in Junction City, Kansas. Chairman Rytych will be attending a meeting this week to discuss funding for the center and will report on the situation at the next Board meeting. In 2008 the County paid a total of \$4,215.00 on a per-diem rate to the NCK Juvenile Detention Center for holding juveniles that were in the custody of Republic County. So far in 2009 we have paid them \$805.00 for holding juveniles for Republic County.

The Belleville Telescope Managing Editor Deb Hadachek stopped to visit with the Board.

Maurene Rytych will complete her term on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors December 31, 2009. Mrs. Rytych does not wish to serve another term. If there is a Republic County resident that would be interested in serving and representing Republic County on this Board they would be encouraged to contact their County Commissioner or the County Clerk.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pay employees four hours holiday pay on Christmas Eve in addition to Christmas Day and four hours on New Year's Eve in addition to New Year's Day. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, Keith Anderson and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters concerning the final payout on the Taco Shop.

Kansas State Treasurer Dennis McKinney notified the County that the Series 2002 Kansas Taxable General Obligation Bonds have been paid in full. The final debt service payment was made September 1, 2009 on the improvements to the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the amended contract for the Family Planning Grant. Republic County will receive about \$1,500.00 in additional funds by amending the contract.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2009 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 stopped by to visit with the Board about road graders. He will return again for his regularly scheduled appointment with the Board.

Cathy Calkins reported on the Republic County Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax Sale held November 18, 2009. The four separate properties sold for a total of \$13,460.00 and will be confirmed by District Court Judge Kim Cudney on December 7, 2009. The properties are listed below:

Certificate of Title 2009-05:

1826 M Street, Belleville, Kansas 66935

Taxes due: \$5,865.77; Apportioned costs: \$300.00

Property sold for \$10,100.00 to Vickie Walker.

Certificate of Title 2009-11:

312 Cottonwood Street, Narka, Kansas 66960

Taxes due: \$82.68; Apportioned costs: \$300.00

Property sold for \$100.00 to Michal and Beth Svoboda

Certificate of Title 2009-12:

2019 I Street, Belleville, Kansas 66935

This property was redeemed by the owner on 11/17/09

Certificate of Title 2009-13:

Empty lot on N Street, Belleville, Kansas 66935

Lots 21 and 22 of Block 32 in Simonds Addition

Taxes due: \$228.82; Apportioned costs: \$300.00

This property was for \$160.00 to Edward Johnson

Certificate of Title 2009-14:

1819 12th Street, Belleville, Kansas 66935

Taxes due: \$821.67; Apportioned costs: \$300.00

This property was sold for \$3,100.00 to Robert Greer

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

The Board received a letter from Pawnee Mental Health alternate board member Pam Dowell. She stated that she would be unable to serve another term. The Board will need to make another appointment as of January 1, 2010.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. He gave the Board a report from Kansas State University. It is a study on Ethanol Research and the impact on the County roads and bridges. He also shared the October month end financial report for his department.

Foley Equipment Company Sales Representative Casey Fraser visited with the Board and Mr. Joy about road equipment. Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase a 2001 12H Motor Grader at a cost of \$116,900.00 to include a 1 year 500 hour warranty on the power train and hydraulics. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. It was noted that this machine has 1,000 hours on it. The County is trading in a 1986 Model 12-G Caterpillar motor grader.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy to attend the E-Waste meeting on December 2, 2009 in Osborne, Kansas.

A Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Republic County, Kansas was signed by the Board due to conditions caused by the recent snow storm.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons informed the Board that due to the State of Kansas revenue short-falls Republic County is forced to pay for the maintenance agreements on State owned printers as of December 1, 2009. Republic County will now pay \$256.80 for the two state printers and \$684.00 per year maintenance on the AS400 server owned by the County but previously paid by the State of Kansas.

It was noted that the County offices will be closed November 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Chairman Rytch made a motion to adjourn the meeting to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 30, 2009 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.

Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to increase the amount employees can payroll deduct and put into their Security Benefit Medical Flexible Spending Accounts to \$3,000.00 per employee for 2010. This is a \$600.00 increase. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

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

Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, stopped in to visit with the Board.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons reported on pledges and securities needed for the upcoming tax season.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various road and bridge matters. Dean and Curt Weatherhead asked that repairs be made to a road in Lincoln Township. They reported a large cut-out near the approach to Bridge No. X16.7.

The regularly scheduled department head meeting was held with 13 in attendance. Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, EMS Director Donald Lieb, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Sheriff Ron Blad, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Appraiser Barry Porter, Communications/EP Director Raymond Raney, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Extension Agent Gina Aurand and County Clerk Vickie Hall. The group reviewed the holiday schedule. Employees will receive 4 hours of holiday pay for Christmas Eve and 4 hours holiday pay for New Year's Eve along with Christmas Day and New Years Day. December 17th will be employee sign up for the cafeteria plan known as the Security Benefit Medical Flexible Spending Accounts.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about various matters. He noted that a deer hit an ambulance near Minneapolis, Kansas. Repairs are being made this week.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase a new base station radio which resides in the 911 Communications Dispatch Room for the Ambulance Department and 6 hand held radios for ambulance employees. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. It was noted that the radio upgrades will be required in 2010.

At 11:24 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Lieb and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. At 11:44 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to extend the session by 5 minutes. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:49 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the need to hire a part-time dispatcher. Part-time dispatcher Betty Vodicka wants to retire.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009, 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.

Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board signed the engagement letter for the upcoming 2009 Republic County Audit to be done by Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters in his department. He noted that Deputy Andrew Bates will be the night patrol supervisor for the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

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

Raymond Raney, representing the NCK Fair Amusement Committee, visited with the Board about improvements this committee would like to see made at Belleville High Banks race track in 2010. He noted that they want to build an above ground "cat walk" structure for spectators to safely view the races from the pit area.

Communications Director Raymond Raney also visited about the Wireless 911 Grant. The new system has been installed in the dispatch center. A large portion of the cost will be covered by the grant.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen presented a permission to travel for Registered Nurses Kathy Zach and Karen Henke. They will be attending the Home Health Conference December 15-17 in Wichita, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about County roads. He also noted that Daniel Elder and Bret Thompson have both completed their probation periods.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2009, 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 Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Keith Anderson from New Century Bank, Luke Hubert from Citizens National Bank, Mike Hadachek from Astra Bank and Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy stopped by to drop off the bids for motor graders.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to pass Resolution Number 2009-31, to accept the Amended Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Insurance Pool also known as KCAMP. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Road Supervisors Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney visited with the Board. Berry Tractor Representative Ron Karn, Topeka, Kansas and Reed Construction Representative Steve Waggoner, Wamego, Kansas also attended this session to review the grader bids. Chairman Rytych made a motion to accept the low bid of \$122,000.00 from Reed Construction, Wamego, Kansas to purchase a 2005 Komatsu road grader for the Road and Bridge Department. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. There was no trade-in.

The bids being considered were as follows:

Berry Tractor offered a 2006 Komatsu GD655-3C with 1315 hours on it for \$132,740.00

2009 Komatsu GD655-3EO NEW \$171,846.00

Reed Construction offered a 2005 Komatsu GD655-C3 for \$122,000.00

2007 Cat 140H with 2000 hours on it for \$145,000.00

Foley Equipment offered a 2005 Cat 12H with 1649 hours for \$141,500.00

2006 Cat 140H with 3000 hours for \$159,300.00

Murphy Tractor offered a 2004 John Deere 770CH with 2924 hours for \$99,000.00

Mr. Joy presented the November 2009 monthly budget for the Road and Bridge Department and noted that the County Landfill will be closed on Saturday, December 26, 2009 and January 2, 2010. The County landfill will be open to the public on January 9 and 23rd.

The Board received a request from the Mahaska Post Office for 11 ¼ miles of gravel. After studying the request it was found that these are dirt roads. The roads are used as short-cuts for the rural postal carriers. None of these roads are designated mail routes or school bus routes. Request denied.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney told the Board a payment of \$129,681.00 was received by his department to assist with the purchase of the new communications system in the 911 Dispatch Center. This is a partial payment of grant money from the State of Kansas. The balance of about \$6,000 has not been received to date.

Raymond Raney, representing the NCK Fair Amusement Committee, visited with the Board about improvements this committee would like to see made at the Belleville High Banks race track. The Board agreed to give the remaining money in the 2009 Fairground Improvement Appropriation to the NCK Fair Amusement Committee to assist in the building of a “cat walk” so spectators in the pit area can view the Belleville High Banks race track. The estimated cost of this project is \$7,687.00 with the majority of the labor to be performed by committee members.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give the NCK Fair Amusement Committee the remains of the \$25,000 budgeted for Fairground Improvements. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. A check will be written to the Amusement Committee for \$2,489.02 from the Fairground Improvement Fund as a balance of the 2009 appropriation. They will also received \$4,038.68, which is the balance after Geisler Roofing, Inc. is paid for putting a new metal roof on the grandstand. That totals \$6,527.70 that can be put towards the “cat walk”. Mr. Raney agreed that this amusement committee will not make a request for money in 2010.

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 28, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 28, 2009 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 their day with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the 2010 Pawnee Mental Health Services Contract. Pawnee will receive a total of \$23,152.00 in tax appropriations from Republic County. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

It was also noted that two Republic County board representatives, Dianne Kramer and Pam Dowell, alternate, are resigning and their terms on the Pawnee Mental Health Board will be ending December 31, 2009. Contacts need to be made to find someone to fill one or both of these positions.

Assistant Custodian Tom Grover visited with the Board about maintenance at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Mike Hadachek and Brian Schwartz visited with the Board about Republic County Economic Development.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Larry Hobson, Ryan Hobson and Steve Hawley visited with the Board about water drainage and a bridge north of Scandia.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to purchase a 2006 Komatsu GD 655-3c road grader in 2010. The grader has 1315 hours on it. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The bid of \$112,000.00 was accepted from Berry Tractor Company and reflects trading in #P7, a 1994 John Deere grader.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-31 to transfer remaining funds for the year ending 2009 to the Road and Bridge Special Equipment Fund. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The amount is to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-32 as there are certain funds in the Republic County Road and Bridge Fund for the year ending 2009, over and above those that were obligated for said year. These funds would be transferred to the Road and Bridge Special Highway Improvement Fund. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The amount is to be determined by the annual audit as available for transfer.

Mike Hadachek, Luke Hubert, Kay Shoemaker and County Attorney Marlea James discussed the BG Fine Dining building and other RCD matters.

Clarence Kettelhut, Hebron, Nebraska, asked for a copy of the easement or resolution that allowed Delmar Hobelmann to put irrigation pipe on the County road right-of-way in 1993. County Clerk Hall will get Mr. Kettelhut a copy of it.

KCAMP Representative Larry Sharpe conducted the annual Republic County “loss review” with the Board. Mr. Sharpe encouraged the County to use the Local Government University training for law enforcement personnel. Deputies can gain 15 hours of law enforcement training by taking the classes on line.

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, January 4, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 7th, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Frank Rytych, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl present. Also, Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Rytych that Resolution #2009-30, concerning the Flexible Benefits Plan for Republic County employees, increasing maximum annual contributions to \$3,000.00, be approved.

Minutes of the meeting held November 30th, 2009, upon motion by Commissioner Rytych, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl, were approved as written.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, received signatures on the Mortgage Release for the Taco Shop, bearing description of Lot 16, Block 27, Original Town of Belleville, Republic County, Kansas.

Deb Hadachek with the Belleville Telescope, stopped by to monitor the meeting.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, met with the Board concerning inclement weather making it necessary to close the Courthouse. The County's policy, should this happen, is that employees will either use a vacation day for the missed day of work, or take a day off without pay.

Bob Knudson, Belleville City Manager, visited with the Board concerning Neighborhood Revitalization for the County of Republic. This project would encourage people to build residences in our County, with the incentive that a percentage of the property taxes could be rebated for a specific period of time. The Board requested more information concerning this project prior to making a decision.

Charles Joy visited with the Board concerning various subjects. He reported that FEMA representatives had visited with him concerning damages incurred to the roads during the previous snow storm. There could be approximately \$6,000.00 in damages. In the event the storm occurring on November 13 qualifies for a Presidential Declaration, FEMA dollars would be available to offset some of the

costs incurred for damages to our roads made from trucks as they made repairs were being made to the electric poles and lines.

He, also, advised that Calvin Benyshek will be retiring his position as road grader operator as of January 1st, 2010.

Commissioner Holl inquired of Mr. Joy if there is yet any outlet for disposing of glass products through recycle programs. Mr. Joy advised that as of this time, there is no county within the 10-county coalition that has a way to dispose of glass. Don Dean with Campbell and Johnson stopped by briefly to visit with the Board.

Raymond Raney visited briefly with the Board concerning projects of the Fair Amusements Board.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Rytych.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville

Beth A. Reed
Secretary Pro Tem