

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 04, 2010 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.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. He noted that Henri Tetreault turned in his resignation as jailer. Sheriff Blad will be taking job applications for a jailer or corrections officer to work evenings at the Republic County Jail.

Mr. Blad also told the Board he would have his department participate in the Local Government Training University for law enforcement. The employees participate in computer classes over the internet and work at their own pace. Deputies can gain 15 credit hours that are recognized by Kansas State Law Enforcement upon completion. This was recommended by KCAMP.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Mike Hadachek, Keith Anderson, Kay Shoemaker and Marlea James visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Chairman Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21 meeting and the December 28, 2009 meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the list of department heads and committee members currently serving Republic County. The County Commissioners will make 2010 appointments and officially reorganize next Monday.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2010 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 Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the Kansas County Treasurers Association Conference and Reception, February 9-12, 2010, in Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Coons also shared a year end Treasurer's accounting of all funds on hand and funds invested as of December 31, 2009.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe gave the Board her 2009 Financial Report of total collections for mortgage registrations and other recording fees. Rahe noted that there were 197 mortgages filed in 2009 for a total indebtedness of \$22,430,754.45 on mortgaged property in Republic County.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

At 10:00 a.m., Third District County Commissioner Linda Holl agreed to serve as Chairman of the Board. Republic County Commissioners rotate the chairmanship each year.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-01 through 2010-16 to issue letters of appointments and make additional appointments to standing committees in Republic County for 2010. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Appointments were as follows: Raymond Raney as Emergency Manager, Charles G. Joy as Director of Solid Waste, Charles G. Joy as Director of Transportation, Charles G. Joy as Highway Administrator, Don Lieb as Director of Emergency Medical Services, Randy Ainsworth as Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services, Steve Zukowske as Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer, Paul Haase as Volunteer Assistant to the Emergency Management Department, Marcia Hansen as Director of the Health Department, Steve Pounds as Director of the Weed Department, Raymond Raney as Director of Communications, Raymond Raney as Hazardous Materials Advisor, Raymond Raney as County Flood Plain Manager, Raymond Raney as Safety Officer for Republic County, Raymond Raney as 9-1-1 Coordinator and Raymond Raney as Radiological Officer.

Appraiser Barry Porter asked the Board for permission to purchase a car for his department. The Board agreed to consider it and directed Porter to get bids.

Mr. Porter also visited with the Board on the subject of Neighborhood Revitalization.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy offered the Board his December 2009 report of expenses.

Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase a new snow plow for the Road and Bridge Department at a cost of \$9,500.00 from Berry Tractor and Equipment Company. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Deputy County Treasurer Kay Shoemaker, Mike Hadachek, Gerald Blazek, Keith Anderson, Luke Hubert, Steve Scofield and County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about RCD matters.

Chairman Holl made a motion to pursue ownership of the BG's Fine Dining building and contents with Republic County paying the outstanding debts to Hood Heating Air Plumbing and Electric, Concordia and The City of Belleville for utilities. This action being contingent upon a clear and marketable title released to Republic County, doing business as Republic County Development Committee, from the owner Bruce Garrels. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

It was also noted that Kay Shoemaker will serve as the 2010 Secretary/Treasurer for the RCD Committee.

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

At 10:45 a.m, the Board, Clerk Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring went to the Belleville City Office to attend an informational meeting on the subject of Neighborhood Revitalization given by Mari Detrixhe. Detrixhe has researched the subject for Cloud County. The Board was invited by Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with 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.

Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about the duties of a part-time field appraiser.

Porter also visited about Neighborhood Revitalization. The original intent of the program is to offer tax rebates to a designated blighted area of a city. The Board has shown no interest in participating in such a plan.

Mr. Porter made a request for two new IBM Printers. One will go in the County Treasurer's Office and one in the County Appraiser's Office. New IBM printers must be compatible with the software used by Republic County. The printers will cost \$1,931.00 each and will be ordered from Manatron, the software vendor. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase the two printers from Manatron. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Magistrate Judge John Eyer visited with the Board about House Bill 2429 that has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature. This bill speaks about some magistrate judge positions possibly being eliminated due to low caseloads. The House Judiciary Committee is hearing this bill. Judge Eyer noted that one magistrate judge could take care of three counties in our area.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to appoint Kathleen Marsicek to serve as Farmington Township Treasurer. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Harry Chermak chose to retire from that position.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about snow removal. His department will assist with the snow removal on the sidewalks around the Courthouse Square while Custodian Kevin Calkins is out on leave.

Mr. Joy also noted that Tyler Kolman has been hired to work as an Equipment Operator One or blade operator. Kolman will replace blade operator Calvin Benyshek who retired in December.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Secretary Darlene Havel to attend the Quarterly Coordinated Transit District No. 7 meeting, January 19, 2010 in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Pawnee Mental Health Services Executive Director Robbin Cole and Charlene Trost visited with the Board about Governor Mark Parkinson's budget cuts to mental health services. She noted that 31 positions were eliminated from last year's PMHS budget. An additional 34 positions were eliminated from the budget beginning on January 1, 2010.

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, January 25, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2010 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, Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about purchasing a good used car to be used by a part-time field appraiser. He noted that there could be additional savings to the County if the car was used by employees from other departments to travel to training and/or conferences.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented Memorandum of Agreements between Republic County and the cities of Scandia, Courtland, Cuba and Agenda for collection of solid waste fees.

Mr. Joy also told the Board there will be some reimbursement from FEMA and the State for damage due to the snow storm.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to allow Max Wickstrum and Wes Hitchcock to carry over vacation hours into January 2010. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. Mr. Joy said the employees were on vacation in December when they got called back to work due to the weather.

Mr. Joy noted that he had received a request to remove a row of trees from the Lutheran Cemetery north of Scandia. There was some question as to the location of the trees. Are they growing on the County road right-of-way or are they located on the inside of the cemetery? The Board directed Joy to investigate and report his finding at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11th board meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Rytych abstaining from the vote due his absence at that meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom made another motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 board meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Holl abstaining from the vote due to her absence at that meeting.

Keith Anderson, Luke Hubert, Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker, County Attorney Marlea James and Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about RCD matters. It was agreed between the Republic County Commissioners, acting on behalf of Republic County Development, and Hood Heating, Air, Plumbing and Electric, that a Debt Resolution Agreement be signed in the amount of \$12,931.87 as all amounts owed by Bruce Garrels and/or B & G's Enterprises LLC and are considered paid in full. Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign the agreement. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Mike Hadachek indicated that the Deed Back Agreement is in process.

City Manager Bob Knudson shared that the City of Belleville has been assisting with upgrades to the building, largely at the request of Mayor Roger McCartney. Knudson made a request that the County might share the costs incurred for those upgrades. The commissioners will take the matter under consideration but reminded Mr. Knudson that the Republic County Development Loan Fund is currently insuring the building and have made other commitments to this property.

Mr. Knudson asked if the County would pay the 2009 Belleville City utility bill of \$2,712.37 and suggested it might be paid from Economic Development funds as a 2009 bill back. He said that the Belleville City books are closed. To date this bill has not been paid.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board. He noted that special thanks goes out to Scott Kasl and Belleville City employees as well as Tom Snapp and County employees for their effort and attention during the snow storms and weeks of challenging weather. They were all instrumental in making sure the ambulances could get in and out. He noted that Republic County Hospital personnel were also very cooperative and deserves our thanks.

Mr. Lieb asked the Board to consider pay increases for the employees in the Ambulance Department. He also noted that he has hired Jeff Novak, Glasco, Kansas, as a part-time paramedic. Mr. Novak will work on an as needed basis.

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

The Board resumed the regular session at 1:30 p.m. with additional discussion on purchasing a car to be used by a part-time field appraiser. Chairman Holl made a motion to purchase a good used car, not to exceed \$15,000.00 in cost, and to pay for the car with money from the equipment reserve fund. The car will primarily be used by the appraiser or his staff but County employees will be required to request the use of this car when traveling to training sessions, meetings or conferences. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

It was a consensus of the Board that an occasional expenditure for mileage could be approved by the Board if the county car is not available due to multiple requests or the employee can show just cause for not requesting to use the county car. Complete details on the use of this car are yet to be worked out but will be discussed at the February 1st department head meeting.

After considerable discussion about the state of the economy and the 2010 County budget, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to give an “across the board raise” of twenty cents per hour to County employees. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 01, 2010 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.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to appoint Geraldine Hiatt to serve as the Rose Creek Township Treasurer. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker told the Board that Quentin Huncovsky, Cattle Connections, has paid off his RCD Loan. The Board signed a letter of completion to be sent to him. County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins had the Board sign a Satisfaction of Judgment for Quentin Huncovsky, who just recently made his final payment on this RCD Loan.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons spoke with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-19 Ordering Preparation for a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. It was noted that there are 39 properties totaling \$76,767.00 in delinquent taxes, interest and fees currently on this list.

Chairman Holl made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Munden concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-17 whereas, the Board of County Commissioners shall cause the Republic County financial statements and financial reports for the year ending 2009 to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Holl signed the contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator, Wichita, Kansas to provide the required safety inspection for the elevator located in the Republic County Courthouse.

Permission to travel was approved for Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the Annual Weed Conference to be held March 2-4, 2010 in Great Bend, Kansas. Mr. Pounds also received signatures from the Board on the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2009.

The Board signed letters directed to Representative Clay Aurand and Senator Mark Taddiken in opposition of Senate Bill 48 to allow a telecommunications carrier to submit receipts and recover costs from the E911 grant fund. To pass this bill would jeopardize the future of 9-1-1 by wiping out the purpose for which this fund was established.

Sheriff Blad stopped in to report that he has hired Joshua Flowers to work as a corrections officer or jailer in the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Flowers will begin his training today, February 1, 2010.

Economic Development representatives, Brian Schwartz, Blaine Miller and Mike Hadachek, USD 109 Superintendent Troy Damman along with patrons Jimmie Blecha and Randy Hansen encouraged the Board to study Neighborhood Revitalization.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

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

The Board told Mr. Joy they would like to see a couple of his employees working on the new office building during the winter months. It was a consensus of the Board that they try to have the Road and Bridge offices moved over to the new building by June 1, 2010. The Board directed Mr. Joy to include an office for the Weed Department.

Mr. Joy asked the Board if time off with pay was ever allowed for County employees who were pall bearers or participated in funeral services. It was a consensus of the Board that employees would need to continue to use vacation hours to attend funerals unless the circumstance involves the death of an immediate family member, when Section 502-C of the Policies and Procedures Manual would apply.

The Board visited with Mr. Joy about the request for tree removal at the Lutheran Cemetery north of Scandia. The trees and the fence are actually on the County road right-of-way but the County has no reason to expend time or money to remove them. There is no problem with visibility or the flow of traffic so the County will not remove the row of trees. The cemetery board could certainly do it.

The Board held the regular department head meeting. Those attending the meeting were Custodian Kevin Calkins, Ambulance Director Donald Lieb, Register of Deed Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Sheriff Ron Blad, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Retha Blecha, Assistant Custodian Tom Grover, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Court Clerk Kris Kling and County Clerk Vickie Hall. Plans were made for the County Recognition Supper to be held on March 29, 2010 at the 4-H Building. Each department head will provide a RSVP list of their employees to the Clerk's Office by March 11, 2010.

The Board directed department heads to have employee evaluations completed by February 26, 2010.

The Board also told the group that a County car will be purchased as indicated in the minutes of the January 25th meeting. For more information contact Appraiser Barry Porter.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 08, 2010 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.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about various matters. The Board approved an Agreement allowing Kirchhoff Farms, Inc. permission to construct and operate an underground irrigation pipeline on road right-of-way in Washington Township and Big Bend Township. Detailed legal description is on file at the Road and Bridge Office.

Mr. Joy spoke with the Board about the new office building. He stated he would need additional file cabinets, one desk, photo copier and some room dividers. He will look for furniture at the State Surplus in Topeka, Kansas.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson visited with the Board about Neighborhood Revitalization and the need for affordable housing for young families in Republic County.

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

The Board approved the permission to travel request for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the Spring North Central Kansas County Clerk's meeting March 11, 2010 in Concordia, Kansas.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Chairman Holl made a motion to appoint Randy Wise to serve on the RCD Committee and represent the Peoples Exchange Bank. He will replace Gerald Blazek who recently retired from the bank. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Holl made a motion to appoint Gerald Blazek to the at-large position thus continuing to serve on the RCD Committee. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The at-large position was vacated by Harold Blazek.

Keith Anderson, Luke Hubert, Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about various RCD matters.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve a Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Loan to Doug Parks in the amount of \$125,000.00 pursuant to conditions recommended by the RCD Committee. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The Board visited about snow removal on the inside drive around the Courthouse Square. Commissioner Holl made a motion to post the inside of the Courthouse square with signs announcing NO PARKING from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. each day. These signs would be posted on a season basis from November 1 through April 1 of each year to assist with snow removal.

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

County Clerk Hall reminded the Board of President's Day Holiday on Monday, February 15, 2010.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, February 16, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 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.

Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. visited with the Board about Senate Bill 481 that could change the requirement for one judge per county to one judge per judicial district. The bill would allow the Supreme Court to abolish district magistrate judge positions deemed to be unnecessary. The bill does allow the county commissioners to retain the district magistrate position if the county pays the salary.

Senate Bill 461 would allow counties to supplement the salary of district magistrate judges. The Senate Ways and Means Committee has amended this bill to require a county that decides to supplement district magistrate judges' salaries to also pay employer AND employee contributions to the judges' retirement system. We are not sure the reason for the amendment as counties do not pay the employee's share of KPERs retirement. These bills certainly should be watched and our representatives should be contacted on this subject.

Mr. Spurney felt that without a magistrate judge in each county, the sheriff's office would have a lot of additional expenses for transports to the county where court might be held as well as requiring additional officers to be on duty. The State of Kansas may save money but it will add to the expenses of the counties.

County Treasurer Cindy asked the Board for permission to share the "first county treasurer's vault", a small wooden box, with the Republic County Historical Museum so the public could enjoy seeing it. She also would include a very old coin counter. The Board agreed to donate these items to the museum.

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

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about personnel issues. Due to the absence of a home health aide Hansen noted that she would have one of her office personnel do more home health work. At the last department head meeting Ms. Hansen asked if employees from other departments would volunteer to assist with routine secretarial duties for 2-6 weeks. Two departments agreed to assist and others said they would consider it.

Ms. Hansen requested permission to hire Karen Hiatt as a part-time employee to assist with housekeeping/home health and Linda Wendt to work part time as a home health aide. The Board approved and Hansen agreed that both employees would take the pre-employment drug test and physical capacity test before starting to work.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Keith Anderson, Mike Hadachek, Kay Shoemaker and County Attorney Marlea James visited with the Board about RCD matters. Mr. Hadachek asked if the Board would consider leasing the restaurant to Doug Parks for a year to be followed by the purchase of the building. Hadachek said this would be done to expedite the environmental review process.

The Board told Mr. Hadachek they would take the request under consideration and would ask Clerk Hall to contact our KCAMP representatives about insurance and the County's liability exposure in a lease agreement. Plans are being made to schedule a RCD meeting.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. He noted that Jim Melton, Melton Motor Company, has not yet found a suitable car for his department. It was agreed to give Melton another couple of weeks to find a car.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney received permission to travel to the Road Safety Assessment Course, May 5, 2010 in Salina, Kansas. Permission was also received for Secretary Darlene Havel to attend the Regional Transit Meeting, February 25, 2010 in Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Joy visited about posting No Parking Signs on the inside drive around the Courthouse Square from November 1 through April 1 each year. Mr. Joy thought 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. would best suit the schedules in his department. He noted the signs would cost about two hundred dollars.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase the signs and put them up this next fall. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. This determination was made so the county highway department may more easily and thoroughly clean off snow. Letters of explanation were sent to the Telescope, Pawnee Mental Health and Tom Tsao of Imaginary Colours.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-18 to allow the County to reimburse full time Medicare eligible employees for supplemental health insurance if they choose Medicare as their primary coverage. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Republic County is required to offer MSP-COBRA to active employees and their spouses who are 65 or older. These individuals can choose group coverage as primary or Medicare as their primary coverage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstrom to appoint Michael E. Johnson, Courtland, Kansas to the position of non-lawyer member of the Twelfth District Judicial Nominating Commission. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. This appointment will begin March 1, 2010 and will expire March 3, 2014. The Board will send a letter of thanks to Dr. Herbert D. Doubek for his years of service on the Judicial Nominating Commission.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2010 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.

Tom Tsao, owner of Imaginary Colours, visited with the Board about parking his personal vehicles on the inside of the Courthouse Square. He noted that he was going to go into the carpet cleaning business in the near future and would be acquiring another vehicle or two that would add to his parking problem during the winter months. Mr. Tsao lives in the back of his business at 1316 19th Street, Belleville and indicated he has no parking behind his building on the south side of the Courthouse Square.

Aflac Insurance Representative Bonnie Miller visited with the Board. The Board signed an M-0192 Employee Authorization for Group Rates. Miller will visit with the employees and offer ACH (automatic clearing house) from the employee's personal checking account.

Dr. Andy Walker, Dr. Cayle Goertzen and Dr. Nolan Beavers, Belleville, have agreed to jointly serve as deputy coroners for Republic County, Kansas. They stated that they would only take calls within Republic County. Clerk Hall will notify Cloud County.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint the doctors as Deputy Coroners for Republic County and pay each doctor \$1,200.00 per year for their service. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. Chairman Holl abstained from the vote due to her association with the medical clinic. The official appointment and oath will be sent to the doctors from Cloud County.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Chris Janssen of Janssen High Tunnels, Scandia, Kansas and Twilya L'Ecuyer, program administrator for the Washington County Farm Bureau visited with the Board about the North Central Kansas Specialty Crop Project. This is a new grant-funded effort to work with specialty crop growers in a five county area, including Republic County. This is a partnership that encourages growing specialty crops with more local involvement to promote buying and marketing local products.

Last spring the Republic County Economic Development wrote a letter of support for the grant application and the Republic County Farm Bureau is also supporting this project. The Board recently received a letter requesting \$500.00 start up funds from each participating county.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to give the NCK Specialty Crop Project Committee \$500.00 from the 2010 Economic Development Fund. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney Marlea James asked the Board to read and approve Resolution 2010-19A in support of the current statute that requires a resident Judge of the District Court to be in each County, and should be retained by our State Legislators. This is in the best interest of the citizens of our County and the State of Kansas. Further, it states that the proposed Senate Bill No. 481 and House Bill 2429 should not be given any further consideration. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-19A, second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Magistrate Judge John Eyer stopped to visit and show his support for Resolution 2010-19A.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney received signatures from the Board on the Emergency Management Performance Grant FFY 2010 Annual Certification. Raney told the Board that Republic County has been awarded \$6,000.00 from this grant.

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

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

Following a luncheon recess the Board returned to regular session at 1:00 p.m. to meet with the RCD Committee. Those present for this meeting were Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych and committee members Mike Hadachek, Keith Anderson, Luke Hubert, Paul Freeman, Dennis Lauritzen, Steve Scofield, Tom Lesovsky, Randy Wise, RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker and County Clerk Hall.

Paul Freeman, Courtland Township Officer, asked the Board why the new speed limit signs were installed south of Courtland near the railroad tracks. The Board will research this and respond to Mr. Freeman question in the near future.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board. He noted that he had hired Brandi Larson as secretary in the Sheriff's Office. Jan Kauer will retire as secretary on April 1st. Mr. Blad also noted that Jean Smith was hired to work as a jailer.

Sheriff Blad asked the Board for permission to take bids on a new car for his department. The Board will consider the purchase next week.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 1st 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. Beth Reed was also present to record the minutes of the meeting, in the absence of County Clerk, Vickie Hall.

Pastor John Lewis offered the morning prayer.

Brad Swanson, in the absence of Charles Joy, met with the Board concerning various highway matters. The trees have been trimmed at the Lutheran Cemetery located one mile north of Scandia. There is an ongoing search for a pickup for the highway department. Mr. Swanson will be attending a local sale to see if the pickup on the sale bill would be something that could be purchased cheaper than quotes received from our local dealer.

Marcia Hansen, Health Department, advised of a grant she has submitted for three projects for her department: \$7,000.00 for State Formula; \$6,800.00 for Maternal & Child Health; and \$2,788.00 for Immunization Action Plan, for a total of \$16,588.00.

Minutes of the February 22nd, 2010 meeting were approved as presented; moved by Holl, seconded by Bergstrom and made unanimous by Rytych.

Bids were opened for the catering of the County Employee Appreciation Dinner to be held March 29th. The bids received were as follows:

- Dale Huncovsky d/b/a Two Doors Down Catering - \$8.50 per plate
- TAG's - \$8.95 per plate
- Food Mart - \$9.00 per plate
- Business is Cookin' - \$11.00 per plate

The low bid of Dale Huncovsky d/b/a Two Doors Down Catering was accepted.

Kevin Calkins, Courthouse Maintenance Director, advised the Board that the ceiling in the hallway between the ~ and 2nd floor, is in need of repair due to water damage from the jail. Mr. Calkins received permission to rent scaffolding so that his department could begin the repair project.

Kay Shoemaker, representing the RCD Committee, advised that bids were out regarding the plumbing work at the old Bel-Villa Restaurant, which building is county-owned.

Melinda Pierson received permission to use the Courtyard for the annual Easter Egg hunt on April 31st and, also, for the Farmer's Market each Saturday morning, 8:00 - 11:00, beginning on May 29th and ending September 25th. She asked for permission to use the Courtyard for concerts that are being planned for the summer months. Dates for the concerts have not yet been determined, but they needed permission to use the Courtyard prior to finalizing any plans. A letter was written to Representative Clay Aurand, with a copy to Senator Mark Taddiken, stating that the Board would be interested in hosting a public meeting with the elected officials concerning the issues facing rural schools. A request was made to Representative Aurand to contact our County Clerk to set a date for this meeting.

Cathy Calkins, Grant Administrator for the County, advised the Board that the grant application submitted to the 2010 Heritage Trust Fund for replacement of the windows on the north side of the Courthouse has been approved in the amount of \$80,360.00.

Cathy Calkins, also, requested that she be relieved of her duties as the County's Grant Administrator due to the workload in the County Attorney's office. After suggestions for a replacement, it was tentatively agreed that Twila Allsman, Beth Reed and Kevin Calkins be assigned the grant program. A final decision will be made on March 8th at the next Board Meeting.

Beth Reed obtained Permission to Travel to the Emergency Management Support Association of Kansas (EMSAK) Conference to be held March 30 through April 1st, 2010.

The next regular Board meeting will be Monday, March 8th, at 8:30 a.m. There being no further business, Commissioner Bergstrom moved, seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Rytych, the meeting adjourned.

Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 8th, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Franklin Rytych present. Beth Reed was also present to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of County Clerk Vickie Hall.

A donation request was made by Don Westphal for funds to be utilized by the Area Drug and Alcohol Council for youth activities. Holl moved, seconded by Bergstrom and made unanimous by Rytych, that a donation of \$1,000.00 be given to the Area Drug and Alcohol Council.

John Robison requested the previously approved annual support of \$500.00 for the Kansas Crossroads Conservation & Development Area, Inc. for year 2010.

Rytych moved, Bergstrom seconded and Holl made unanimous that the Minutes of the Board meeting held March 1st, 2010, be approved as presented.

Rev. Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer.

Ruth Rahe, Register of Deeds, and Barry Porter, Appraiser, met in Executive Session with the Board to discuss non-elected personnel. Session began at 8:45 am and ended at 9:00 am.

Charlie Joy, Highway Administrator, met with the Board concerning various projects. Duane Swanson and Charlie Joy received permission to attend "2010 Works", which offers training on new recycling procedures.

Permission was granted to change the Highway Department's internet service from AT&T to Cunningham, when they move to the new building.

Tire machine prices from several companies were discussed. A decision was not made as to which company we would purchase the tire machine from, as it was not clear if shipping charges were included in the prices received. Mr. Joy will research this and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding equipment needed for the Highway Department.

It was noted that Jacob Speakman has completed his six-month probationary period with the Highway Department.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker discussed RCD matters. Linda Holl, as Chairperson of the Board, signed a Determination of Level of Review for the Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program for the Bel Villa Restaurant.

Billy Joe Strnad was present for the following portion of the meeting:

Bids were received on the plumbing work to be done to the Bel Villa Restaurant building:
Bee Cool — Billy Jo Strnad and Tebow Plumbing.

After comparison of the bids and discussion of new information learned concerning what repairs and plumbing are actually needed in the building, it was determined that these businesses would be asked to submit new bids, taking into consideration the new information.

Hood Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning submitted a bid for the water heater only. On motion made by Commissioner Holl, seconded by Bergstrom and made unanimous by Rytych, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. This session began at 11:00 am and ended at 11:02 am.

Linda Holl, on behalf of the Board, signed an acceptance of award letter to the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program for grant funds approved to replace the windows on the north side of the Courthouse.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 15th, 2010, at 8:30 am. There being no further business, Chairperson Holl moved, seconded by Bergstrom and made unanimous by Rytych, the meeting adjourned.

Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Franklin Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

County Appraiser Barry Porter noted that Jim Melton, Melton Motor Co., has found a used 2006 all wheel drive vehicle with 51,000 miles on it that would meet the needs of a field appraiser. Mr. Porter will negotiate the price for the County.

Custodian Kevin Calkins received permission to purchase a yard or lawn edger.

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

Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. It was noted that Howard and Caroline Benne, dba Howard's Repair, has completely fulfilled their obligation to the County by paying in full the loan they received from the Revolving Loan Fund.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker told the Board that bids for the plumbing work on the BG's Fine Dining Restaurant was "re-bid" after studies indicated the original bid covered only the restrooms. The re-bid covered the entire building. BEE-COOL Enterprises, Billy Joe Strnad, bid \$8,408.93 and he was the only bidder for this project. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept this bid from BEE-COOL Enterprises. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney Secretary Cathy Calkins visited with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-20 appointing Frank G. Spurney, Jr., to act as special prosecuting attorney for Republic County during the absence of County Attorney Marlea James. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The appointment is effective March 13 through March 21, 2010.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Cathy Calkins announced the bids received for doing the Certificates of Title for the upcoming 2010 Republic County Tax Sale. Chapman-Hyland Abstract, owner Eloise Ray, bid \$125.00 for each title and 25 cents per copy. The second bid came from Attorney Scott R. Condray, Concordia, Kansas who bid \$150.00 per title. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the low bid of \$125.00 per parcel from Eloise Ray. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. To date 10 properties are listed on the delinquent property tax sale.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Master Academy for County Clerks, April 14-16, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney, Dispatcher Heidi Silva and Sheriff's Deputy Jimmie Shepek to attend the annual APCO Conference, April 19-20, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director Don Lieb to attend the Emergency Medical Forum by Life Star of Kansas on April 7, 2010 in Marysville, Kansas.

Mr. Lieb, Brian Piersee, Jeff and Dawn Novak will also attend the Kansas Region Four EMS 2010 Educator's Conference, March 27, 2010 in Salina, Kansas.

Doane Sells received permission to hold the "Mid-America Cruise-In" consisting of a parade of cars and other activities around the Courthouse Square on June 19, 2010.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board. They were joined by Sales Representative Mark Johnson, Sellers Equipment, Inc., Salina, Kansas. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$54,539.00 for a Kubota Tractor and a Tiger five foot side deck mower. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. This was the only bid received. This price includes the trade-in of two old New Holland tractors.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board that he has decided to move Joshua Flowers from his current position of jailer/corrections officer to the position of Sheriff's Deputy.

Mr. Blad also noted that Deputy David Cox will return to work this week as he has returned from active duty with the United States Army Reserves.

At 11:40 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:50 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas, with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Franklin Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about the handling of coroner calls in Republic County. The doctor on call at Republic County Hospital will serve as the County coroner, with the exception of Dr. Robert Holt, when the officers should call Dr. Andy Walker.

Attorney Frank G. Spurney, Jr. and Arlene Clayton came in to visit.

It was noted that Republic County will purchase a used 2006 Chevrolet Equinox LT, all wheel drive with 51,630 miles on it. The price to be paid to Melton Motor Company, Inc. is \$15,250.00 with the County's field appraiser as the primary user.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented the February financial report for his department. Mr. Joy also received permission to travel to the District No. 2 County Engineers Meeting to be held on March 26 in Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Joy noted that on Monday, April 5th, he will have bid proposals for bridge inspections at 10:30 a.m., followed by the official bid opening for tires.

The Board signed letters directed to Kansas State Representative Sharon Swartz, Representative Clay Aurand and Kansas State Senator Mark Taddiken in opposition to the proposed House Bill 2630. This legislation is coming out of the House Taxation Committee and proposes putting caps on all county mill levies. To cap our mill levy and cut our income revenues does not make good legislative or financial sense.

The State of Kansas has not been able to balance its budget for several years now, yet they want to tell local governments how to budget and spend money. They should not tie the hands of the local elected officials who strive to responsibly provide services to the patrons of Republic County. Republic County Commissioners oppose House Bill 2630 and sent letters to express their opposition to it.

Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about RCD matters. The Board reviewed the draft copy of the Articles of Agreement between Republic County and Doug Parks for sale of real estate and personal property through a RCD Loan.

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

North Central Regional Planning Executive Director Doug McKinney and Brian Eilert stopped to visit with the Board about Public Projects Grant Applications.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 29, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas, began with Commissioner Frank Rytych present. Commissioners absent from the session were Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. 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.

Jim Blecha visited about jobs and housing for young families in Republic County. He noted that the economic development committee would like to see a survey taken about housing and jobs in Republic County. The details have not been worked out to date.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom joined the meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board he had received a check in the amount of \$48,021.00 in grant money for Republic County to help cover the cost of the new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System. This money will pay the \$37,305.00 the County currently owes to AT&T. After payment to AT&T, the balance of the grant money will go into the Wireless 911 Fund.

It was noted that Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District Voting Area Number 1 Election was held on March 2, 2010. Gary Housholder was elected Director to serve a three year term.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Election Deputy Beth Ball to attend the annual Kansas County Clerks' and Election Officials Conference May 4-7, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Terry Cherney visited with the Board about the poor condition of old Highway 81 and the need for a larger mix strip.

The group visited about moving railroad rock for a patron with the County obtaining a 2/3 share of the rock and 1/3 going to the landowner. This discussion was tabled until next week.

Commissioner Rytych and Mr. Joy will be attending the NCK Kansas County Highway Officials Association meeting on April 7th in McPherson, Kansas.

The Courthouse and the Health Department offices will be closed from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on April 2nd to allow employees to attend Good Friday Services.

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

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about RCD matters. Commissioners Rytych and Bergstrom, Clerk Hall and Mike Hadachek took a tour of the old Bel Villa Restaurant Building.

The County Recognition Supper is tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

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, April 5, at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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 Holl signed the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Project Agreement. Republic County has been awarded \$80,360.32 from the Heritage Trust Fund for the preservation of the Republic County Courthouse and will replace the windows on the north side of the Courthouse.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Spring Conference on April 15, 2010 in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting. She asked that we send her a copy of the commissioner minutes, after they are approved, on a weekly basis.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker received signatures from the Board on the Articles of Agreement between Republic County and Douglas J. Parks. This includes a listing of personal property and/or equipment in the old Bel Villa Restaurant and spells out the responsibilities of the buyer and the seller so Mr. Parks can proceed with some changes and small renovations. For Republic County this is a commitment from Mr. Parks of his intent to purchase the old Bel Villa Restaurant through an RCD Loan when the required environmental review is complete.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Don Dean of Campbell and Johnson were in attendance for the official bid opening on the 2010 Biennial Bridge Inspection. This proposal covers 255 Republic County bridges and must be done every two years. Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A. bid \$59.14 per bridge for a total of \$15,080.70 and Cook, Flatt & Stroble Engineers, P.A. bid \$72.00 per bridge inspection for a lump sum fee of \$18,260.00. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the low bid from Campbell & Johnson at \$59.14 per bridge inspection. Second by Marvin, motion passed 3-0.

There was only one bid received for tires. The bid was from Crouse Tire and Wheel, Belleville, Kansas. Mr. Joy will do further study on the tire proposal and bring it before the Board next week.

The group also visited about the need for a 100' by 150' mix strip. To make a 6 inch mat it would require about 544 ton of mix. The County loses several loads of mix each year because the employees pick up some dirt if they scrape down too deep when loading the mix onto trucks. The flip side of that is not going deep enough and leaving some mix on the ground.

Mr. Joy asked the Board for a decision on moving the railroad rock on Millard Trecek's property in NW1/4 of Section 9-4-1. Trecek will donate railroad rock to the County with 1/3 share to Trecek and 2/3 share to the County. Application of the piled rock would be on a low stretch of

county road near Trecek's property. Chairman Holl made a motion that no charges be assessed to Trecek for hauling his portion of the rock if the delivery is less than five miles and there is no charge for the 2/3 share of rock for the County. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

A telephone conference was held with Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson about solid waste fees or charges at the County Landfill. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to charge Hansen Mueller \$30.00 for each ton to dump demolition waste at the County Landfill. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. This involves tearing down the old elevator and structures to improve and clean up elevator grounds. The Board agreed to offer the 25% reduction in fees due to the sheer volume yet cover general costs of operations at the Republic County Landfill.

At 10:30 a.m. Mr. Joy, Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych and Clerk Hall went to do a visual inspection of county roads. They drove on old Highway 81 to the Cloud County line and on to view the Hardy Road and the Byron Road.

The Board returned to the Courthouse and resumed regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0 with Chairman Holl abstaining from the vote due to her absence at that meeting.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered the morning prayer.

At 8:00 a.m., the Board held the official canvass of the April 6th Belleville City Election.

The Board signed accounts payable vouchers.

Billy Joe Strnad, Bee-Cool Enterprises, visited with the Board about the repairs to the water lines and installation of the water heater at the BG's Fine Dining Building. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the \$6,162.62 bill as presented to the RCD Loan Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

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

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney to attend the APCO Annual Conference April 18-20 in Topeka, Kansas.

Marcia Hansen met with the Board and received permission to travel for RN Susan Swanson and Beverly Lapo to attend the Governor's Public Health Conference April 26-28 in Wichita, Kansas.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board. At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session with Mr. Porter to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Regular session resumed at 9:37 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Mr. Porter also visited about land values and the county car.

Jack Smith, Washington township resident, noted that a portion of Diamond Road near his residence needs additional gravel. The Board assured him they would pass the message on to the highway administrator.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented the only tire bid received by the Road and Bridge Department. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the bid from Crouse Tire and Wheel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. The County will pay \$20,920.56 for 40 tires of various sizes and descriptions.

Mr. Joy is going to contact Jason Rahe about a drainage issue near 10th Road and Ash Road. Both County Clerk Hall and Commissioner Bergstrom have been contacted about this area but have no specific information. It is reportedly close to the State line near Hardy, Nebraska. Brad Swanson and Charles Joy will report their findings to the Board at the next meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented vehicle bids for his department. The Board will study the proposals and visit with Mr. Blad again on April 19, 2010.

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, April 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Ellen Anderson, Director of 12th Judicial District Community Corrections/JJA in Concordia, received signatures on the Department of Corrections Fiscal Year 2011 Comprehensive Plan request.

Ms. Anderson also asked the Board to consider increasing the appropriations on the County level as the State of Kansas cut the corrections budget by 7% last year.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala 4-door sedan at a cost of \$20,991.75 from Melton Motor Company, Belleville. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The car was purchased for the Republic County Sheriff's Department. Only one car bid was submitted because no cars are available through the Partners Program at this time.

Sheriff Ron Blad hired Matthew Cox as a full time corrections officer/jailer. Cox was hired after Jean Smith submitted her resignation as jailer.

Randy Nelson visited with the Board about the \$30.00 landfill charges to be assessed when Hansen Mueller Company tears down the feed mill.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy shared the March financial report for the Road and Bridge Department.

Mr. Joy reported damage was done to a wooden culvert in NW1/4 of Section 3 in Lincoln Township. This culvert on 160 Road, between Timber and Union Road collapsed, due to a dozer being driven over it. The road was closed to traffic. The cost of a new 8 foot squash culvert is \$4,586.40 along with an estimated \$2,500.00 in equipment and labor cost to rebuild it. Clerk Hall will contact the dozer operator, Clayton Kauer, for his insurance information.

Mr. Joy also presented the 2009 KDHE Bureau of Waste Management Kansas Recycling Survey.

The Board instructed Mr. Joy to continue to patch the blacktop portion of Old 81 Highway. That road was used as a detour during the construction of the new four-lane Highway 81. Previous commissioners planned to tear the three miles up and return the road to gravel upon completion of the new highway. The current commissioners want to continue to repair the paved portion of Old 81 Highway and maintain it.

The Board asked Mr. Joy to estimate the cost of an overlay of blacktop around the Courthouse Square. Mr. Joy and Commissioner Rytych are going to attend the pre-construction conference on Thursday, April 22 at the Belleville City Library. They will ask Hall Brothers what it would cost to mix additional while working on State Highway 36 improvements. They will ask about the asphalt and the charge for application of it to improve the inside of the Courthouse Square.

Appraiser Barry Porter received permission to travel to the annual Appraiser's Conference June 6-9, 2010 in Manhattan, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych announced that he had officially filed for office and will seek a second term as Republic County Commissioner, first district.

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, April 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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. He invited the Board to attend the Republic County Prayer Breakfast in recognition of the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 6th at the 4-H Building, Belleville.

Carl Eyman, Loss Prevention Specialist for Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, visited with the Board. He gave the Workers Compensation Experience Rating for Republic County. He noted that Republic County had a fairly good experience rate in 2009.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Steve and Kyle Awalt, Awalt Construction, asked the Board to replace the damaged culvert in Lincoln Township before harvest.

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

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave a Treasurer's accounting for County funds on hand as of 3/31/10 and also gave the Board an accounting of invested funds.

The Board signed a letter of support for the Blair Foundation as they seek tax credits and funding for the Blair Theatre.

It was previously agreed at the February 22, 2010 commissioner meeting to pay Dr. Andy Walker, Dr. Cayle Goertzen and Dr. Nolan Beavers one hundred dollars per month or twelve hundred dollars per year to serve as Deputy Coroners for Republic County. The doctors would only take coroner calls within Republic County. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Rytych made a motion to pay the coroner who answers a call \$60.00 per hour and forty-seven cents per mile to and from the scene. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Chairman Holl abstained from the vote due to her association to the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Clinic.

James Popelka called to inform the Board that the NCK Free Fair Agriculture Board had made a 48-month lease purchase of a John Deere Z950A tractor mower in the amount of \$10,585.00 which was delivered on April 14, 2010.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented a Utility Agreement between Rural Water District Number 2 and Republic County. Permission was granted to construct and operate an underground waterline on certain public road right-of-way east of the section line of Section 17-2-4 on to Section 20-2-4, Republic County Kansas.

Mr. Joy noted that Vincent Armstrong had been hired as a grader operator to work in the Courtland District. Armstrong was hired due to the resignation of Thad Boman.

Mr. Joy also stated that Jacob Speakman, an equipment operator, had turned in his resignation to be effective May 7, 2010.

Permission to travel was approved for Darlene Havel to attend the Coordinated Transit District No. 7, April 27, 2010, in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Highway Administrator Charles Joy to attend the Kansas County Highway Association Spring Conference, May 11, 2010, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Billy Joe Strnad visited with the Board about recycling trailers in the small communities around the County. He would like to see the trailers in the small towns more than once a month.

A regular department head meeting was held with Health Director Marcia Hansen, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, EMS Director Donald Lieb, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Appraiser Barry Porter, County Attorney Marlea James, Sheriff Ron Blad, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Clerk Vickie Hall in attendance. Subjects covered were fuel cards and the procedure for signing up to use the County car; the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) now considers a County owned cellular telephone as a non-cash benefit that should be reported as compensation to the employee for the use of county cell phones. Employees should minimize the use of County telephones for personal use and are to submit reimbursement for personal telephone calls. The Board also asked department heads to monitor employees who are caught up on their work and asked them to cross-train their employees within the department. The final reminder was that County owned computers are to be used for work related communications and for legitimate business purposes.

Custodian Kevin Calkins noted that he will install a wall in the County Attorney's Office to offer more privacy with clients. Calkins will also replace the door.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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.

Sherry Koster, County Sanitarian for the 7 North Central Kansas counties, Lori Siemsen representing Republic County Soil Conservation and County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited about the Local Environmental Protection Grant. Due to budget cuts at the State level they were asking each County to pay \$1,200.00 to make up the budget shortfall before the end of their 2010 fiscal year.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve \$1,200.00 and include it in the next accounts payable. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson returned a telephone call to the Board. The County owns property located at 902 M Street and Knudson said it is zoned as "residential". If the County is interested in parking the recycling trailers there the City of Belleville would need to be contacted and ask the City Council to consider rezoning.

County Appraiser Barry Porter told the Board that he had selected Brenda Danielson from the part-time field appraiser job applicants. He will offer Danielson the position upon her passing the physical capacity test and drug test.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about various matters.

The resignation of Equipment Operator Jacob Speakman, was accepted with regret.

Vincent Armstrong was introduced to the Board by Brad Swanson as a new employee to serve as the new road grader operator for the Courtland District.

Charles Joy reported that a contractor from Superior, Nebraska will be doing some dirt work at Nesika Energy, L.L.C. They will be taking about 50 large "scraper loads" of dirt off of Shirley Strnad's property to build a stump-line for the railroad upon state approval. It is a State project and they will reshape the County road upon completion.

There was also some talk about Queen Road south of Premium Feeders Feedlot. The small bridge there needs repaired or a \$4000.00 pipe to replace the small bridge. Mr. Joy will personally speak with Shirley and Jeff Strnad to get more information.

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

Chairman Holl made a motion to allow the adding of the word “Memorial” to the Stan Fox Grandstand. It will now read Stan Fox Memorial Grandstand. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This change will not cost the County or the fair board and will be paid for by family and friends of Stan Fox.

Brian Schwartz, representing the Economic Development Board, introduced Tasha Clark as the part-time Economic Development Coordinator.

Steve Hawley and Larry Hobson visited with the group about a ditch and water drainage in White Rock Township.

Permission to travel was approved for County Treasurer Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer’s Association Annual Conference and Certification Class, June 9-11, in Junction City, Kansas.

Realtor John Rhine of Reality Associates, Douglas J. Parks, Mike Hadachek and Secretary of RCD Kay Shoemaker joined the Board to finalize the RCD Loan on the Bel Villa Restaurant building.

Chairman Holl made a motion to sell the Bel Villa Restaurant for \$90,000.00 to Douglas J. Parks. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The bill of sale and warranty deed were signed by the three County Commissioners with a record of mortgage filed in favor of the Republic County Development Fund to secure the loan. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve a secondary loan was made to Mr. Parks in the amount of \$35,000.00 for start-up costs, also from the RCD Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the storm damage throughout Republic County. Raney noted that 80 or more electric poles were down with an estimated cost of \$250,000 in damage to Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative. Thirty or more irrigation pivots were damaged and extensive crop damage was reported from the hail north of 36 Highway all across the northern part of Republic County. Countywide damage was reported to roofs and trees.

Commissioner Frank Rytych came to the Courthouse on Friday, May 7 to sign the Local Disaster Declaration, in case Republic County becomes eligible for FEMA funds.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to travel to the Kansas County Treasurer's Certification Meeting May 18, 2010 in Hays, Kansas.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker presented the final figures on the RCD Loan to BG's Fine Dining. Chairman Holl made a motion to charge off \$18,677.72 from the RCD Loan to Bruce Garrels for BG's Fine Dining. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

At 9:44 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 2-0. At 9:49 a.m., the session was extended for three more minutes. At 10:01 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about matters in the Road and Bridge Department. Swanson noted that our representative from KCAMP Insurance will be up on Tuesday, May 11th to inspect county buildings and equipment. A window was blown out of a motor grader but for the most part he said the damage was minimal for the road department considering the extreme force of the storm.

Swanson also mentioned that there is a tire machine for sale on Purple Wave and wanted permission to bid on it for the Road and Bridge Department. The location is in Liberal, Kansas and the tire machine is for sale due to the company going out of business. The Board will visit with Charlie Joy about it next week.

Shirley and Jeff Strnad have requested a road closing. Some discussion was held on May 3rd about the request and additional discussion today. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to close a county road between Section 18 and Section 19 in Scandia Township. This is on Queen Road between 70 Road and 80 Road directly south of Premium Feeders Feedlot. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 2-0. This motion will start the process to close the road and allow for a protest period for landowners and patrons interested in maintaining that road will follow.

At 10:53 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with County Clerk Hall. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. Regular session resumed at 10:58 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl made a motion to transfer \$300,000.00 in 2009 funds to the Special Highway Improvement Fund and transfer \$100,000.00 to the Equipment Reserve Fund. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

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

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director Don Lieb to attend the NCK Regional Trauma Council Executive and General Membership meeting May 26, 2010 in Salina, Kansas. He will also attend the 2010 Kansas Trauma Conference, June 3-6, 2010, in Wichita, Kansas.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to give the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature in Topeka, Kansas one hundred dollars. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Karol McChesney, Melinda Pierson and Marvin Houdek asked the Board for permission to use a portion of the Courthouse lawn for the Chautauqua Celebration to be held June 9-13, 2010. It was a consensus of the Board to allow them to put up a food tent west of the Belleville City Library.

Karol McChesney noted that numerous County Road Signs are missing throughout the County and would like to see them replaced so 911 directed calls such as an ambulance or fire truck could arrive quickly at the correct address. McChesney had directed a friend to her house and noted that the signs were missing making her trip more difficult. The Board will follow up on the County signs as it is a safety issue.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy presented the April financial reports for the Road and Bridge Department. He also noted that John Simmons submitted his resignation as of June 3, 2010. The Board accepted the resignation with regret.

The Board asked Mr. Joy about the County Road Signs. Joy said many signs are down and he will visit with Raymond Raney about making replacement signs. It is unfortunate that people remove and/or damage road signs. It is against the law.

Mr. Joy noted that the recently ordered tractor and mower have been delivered to the County Shop.

The Board directed Mr. Joy to contact Republic County Attorney Marlea James about the structure damaged by Stone Construction Company, Inc. on April 8, 2010. Republic County will

continue to pursue this claim and try to recover what it costs to replace the wooden culvert/small structure in Lincoln Township and re-open that road.

Mr. Joy also spoke with the Board about a tire machine that is for sale on Purple Wave. Brad Swanson visited about it last week. Chairman Holl made a motion to allow the department to bid the tire machine up to \$5,000.00 but do not go over that figure. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Permission to travel was approved for Duane Swanson and Charles Joy to attend the E-Waste Meeting May 19, 2010 in Osborne, Kansas.

Mr. Joy told the Board one of his employees had approached him about getting paid every two weeks instead of every four weeks. It was a consensus of the Board to continue to pay every four weeks. It is not cost effective for the County to change that policy.

Holly Brown, Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, visited with the Board about the programs that are currently in place in 109 and 426 school districts. Brown said they are on the second year of a five year grant with Cloud, Mitchell and Republic County. The Board signed a letter to deny their request for funding the organization. The Board would like to encourage them to request grant funding from the Juvenile Justice Authority Title II grant program as long as money is available and currently sufficient to run that program.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:30 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

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, May 24, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 24, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl 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.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Rytch the regularly scheduled department head meeting was reschedule at 10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2010.

Chairman Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2010-22 whereby Republic County casts its ballot for the appointment of Jerry Meyer and Robert Butler to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mid-States Port Authority as Directors-at-large for positions 6 and 2, for terms beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2014. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe received permission to attend the Kansas Register of Deeds Association Annual Meeting, June 8-11, in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

During public forum Paul Freeman and Ron Aspegren stopped to explain their opposition to the proposed road closing in Scandia Township. Prairie Land Electric has lines along Queen Road and needs quick access after outages. The men were also concerned due to the regular farm traffic that goes down that road. The Board received numerous requests from patrons to leave the road open.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave a report on building maintenance. He noted that he plans to take the air conditioners previously used in the County Clerk's Office and the County Treasurer's Office and install them in the County Extension office in the basement.

The Board, Clerk Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring discussed the fact that the County has not recalculated the actual cost of dispatching for a number of years. The actual expenses have increased since 2003 and an adjustment in billing to the City is in order. The Board directed Clerk Hall to send a letter to Bob Knudson to substantiate the increased charge of one third of the expenses to be borne by the City of Belleville.

Grant Administrator Kathy Calkins came in for the official bid opening at 10:00 a.m., to hire an architectural firm for the Republic County Courthouse Window Restoration project. Jones, Gillam Renz Architects, Salina, Kansas bid \$6,000.00 and a second bid came from Campbell and Johnson Engineers P.A., Concordia who bid \$6,200.00 for architectural services.

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,200.00 from Campbell & Johnson P.A., second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. The County received a Heritage Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$80,360.32 to replace the windows on the north side of the Courthouse.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about storm damage in the County and other related Road and Bridge matters. The Board continued discussion with Mr. Joy on the proposed closing of Queen Road between 70-80 Roads south of the Premium Feeders Feedlot. Concerned citizens have been contacting the Board of County Commissioners in opposition of the road closing.

Chairman Holl made a motion to rescind the original motion made at the May 10th meeting stating the Board's intention to close the road between section 18 and section 19 of Scandia Township. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. No legal action has been taken to close this road therefore the road will remain open. The Board directed Brad Swanson to personally visit with Jeff and Shirley Strnad to let them know their request to close the road was denied.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-23 to transfer \$100,000.00 in funds from the Republic County General Fund for the year ending 2009, to the Equipment Reserve Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

James Erickson stopped by to invite the Commissioners to the Annual Meeting of the U.S. 36 Highway Association, Inc. to be held on Friday, June 4, 2010 in Scandia, Kansas. Reservations are due by June 1.

Permission to travel was approved for County Health Director Marcia Hansen to attend the Family Planning Conference to be held June 1-3, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas.

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

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, June 1st at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Josh Knaub offered the morning prayer.

County Appraiser Barry Porter visited with the Board about the County car. Specific details need to be added to the employee manual.

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

Commissioner Rytych noted that the apportionment has been made and Republic County's share for Juvenile Detention costs will be \$10,484.51 in 2011.

Minutes of the May 24th meeting were not approved today as Marvin Bergstrom was absent from the meeting. They will be approved at the June 7th meeting.

Economic Development Representative Tasha Clark, Mike Hadachek and Jimmy Blecha visited with the Board about creating a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Republic County. This would give a 3-5 year abatement or tax relief for new construction. It was a consensus of the group to read some other plans and write one specific and well suited for our county.

Ms. Clark also noted a concern about the road to Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant. She is looking for funds to help pave the road that leads from US36 Highway to Nesika Energy. When asked if there was any chance it could be paved or if a concrete road would be needed due to the extreme traffic, the Board indicated the County doesn't have a million dollars or more to spend for such an improvement.

The Board discussed wind energy. Clerk Hall will ask County Attorney Marlea James to write a Resolution/Lease Agreement, for proposed wind energy facilities, that would protect our county residents from being duped into signing lease agreements presented by less than reputable people who want to make quick money with agreements that prove to be unfair to land owners. The resolution would require companies to contact the Commissioners before they market lease agreements in Republic County.

Sheriff Blad noted that he has hired Adrian D. Brautigam as a jailer to take Kasey Vacha's position.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about FEMA reimbursements from the November snow storm when numerous utility poles went down. The County is scheduled to receive a total of \$34,327.51 with 75% coming from the FEMA money, 10% from the State of Kansas and 15% from Republic County.

Joseph Hurla, Business Development Manager for 360 Energy Solutions, Lawrence, Kansas visited with the Board. His company offers an energy audit and puts together a project to upgrade a building with new windows, generators, furnaces, cooling or energy efficient lights. Kansas State Energy Office has three million dollars in stimulus money for public projects to help upgrade infrastructure within cities and counties. The Board indicated they are not interested at this time because of concerns about the additional money needed to pay the 40% match money required for the County's share.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 07, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring and Beth Reed visited with the Board about County cell phones. Under a law adopted in 1989, employer-provided cell phones are considered taxable fringe benefits for workers if they use that equipment for personal calls.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

Permission to travel was approved for Deborah Eitzmann to attend the ORION Training, June 21-23, 2010 in Beloit, Kansas. Eitzmann is an employee in the Appraiser's Office.

William Thompson stopped to thank the Board for allowing the Stan Fox Grandstand at the NCK Fairgrounds to add the word memorial to the sign to read Stan Fox Memorial Grandstand. The change was made at no cost to the taxpayers.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2010 Commissioners meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Rytych did not vote as he did not attend this meeting.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve minutes of the June 1, 2010 commissioners meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0 with Bergstrom did not vote as he did not attend this meeting.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Carolee Miner, President/CEO of OCCK, Inc., Shelia Nelson-Stout, Vice-President, Chief Operating Office, and Patrick Wallerius, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer presented their budget request for funds in the amount of \$23,307.00 for OCCK, Inc. for 2011.

The regular department head meeting was held with 12 in attendance. Those attending were EMS Director Donald Lieb, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Weed Director Steve Pounds , Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Sheriff Ron Blad, County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Communication Director Raymond Raney, Retha Blecha, County Attorney Marlea James, District Court Clerk Kris Kling, Custodian Kevin Calkins and County Clerk Vickie Hall.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb told the Board that he had been elected President of the NCK Regional Trauma Council and Dr. Cayle Goertzen will be a Physician Representative to the council.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received a signature from Chairman Holl on the Interlocal Service Contract between Area County Commissions and County Health Department for Development of Coordinated Environmental Planning and The Implementation of Environmental Programs.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a used Zoll Defibrillator for the department. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about the maintenance of the air conditioner units. New replacement pumps were needed in three of the units. Calkins will order the pumps from the manufacturer and install them to save the cost of labor.

Calkins reported that assistant custodian Tom Grover will report back to work on June 8, 2009.

Robbin Waldner-Cole, LSCSW, Executive Director for Pawnee Mental Health visited with the Board requested \$23,152.00 in appropriations from the 2011 County Budget. Even though State funding has been cut Pawnee Mental Health did not ask the County for an increase.

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 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Republic County Conservation District representatives Lori Siemsen, John Robison and Jerome Kieffer gave an annual district report. They requested \$33,000.00 for the 2011 Conservation Budget, the same as in previous years.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Larry Tebow, Courtland Township patron, stopped in to say hello and visit with the Board.

Permission to travel was approved for Election Deputy Beth Ball to attend the AIMS Regional Training for Elections to be held July 2, 2010 in Manhattan, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall to attend the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records Act Regional Training June 22, 2010 in Salina, Kansas.

Clerk Hall also received permission to attend the Implementing Health Care Reform Workshop to be held August 18, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas. This workshop is designed for HR Professionals and Benefit Administrators.

Economic Development Representatives Tasha Clark and Jimmie C. Blecha visited with the Board. Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission in Beloit, Kansas, joined the session to discuss the block grant application process. City and township low to moderate income data for Republic County communities was discussed by the group. Noting that Ms. Clark has resigned from her job with Economic Development as of this Friday, Mr. Blecha told the group that he would make sure a current survey of Fairview Township and south along the Munden blacktop road is completed. The low to moderate income survey is required before an application for federal block grant funding can be written. Blecha and Ms. Clark had asked Doug McKinney to help them find funding for road improvements.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson joined the Board for the official culvert bid opening. Garry Montra of Welborn Sales joined the group for the bid opening. These bids will be on file at the Road and Bridge Office.

J & J Drainage, Hutchinson, Kansas	\$47,461.32
Kahn Culvert, Paola, Kansas	\$45,461.75
D-C Wholesale, Concordia, Kansas	\$46,414.00
Welborn Sales, Salina, Kansas	\$40,526.96

Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the low bid for culverts of \$40,526.90 from Welborn Sales, Salina, Kansas. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

At 11:05 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Joy and Mr. Swanson. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 11:10 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

A letter was received from the Jamestown Post Office requesting gravel on a couple of miles of road that could shorten the rural carrier's route by a couple of miles. The request was denied because the mail service has other quality roads to access this residence in Norway Township.

Custodian Kevin Calkins visited with the Board about maintaining the east parking lot behind the Courthouse. Chairman Holl made a motion to repair the damaged cement near the back door of the Courthouse. The estimated cost was \$250.00 for this repair. 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 3-0.

Joseph Hurla, 360 Energy Solutions, gave the Board an energy assessment report with suggestions for improvements within the County Health Department and the Republic County Courthouse. Chairman Holl made a motion to move forward with a Public Projects Grant Application. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The applications will be reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

John J. Forshee, Extension Director of River Valley Extension District No. 4 and Extension Agent Gina Aurand reviewed the Republic County Fiscal Conditions and Trends for 2010. They also left a booklet titled Kansas State and Local Government Spending and Comparison with Other States for State Fiscal Year 2007.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2010, 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas with Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

EMT Dawn Novak visited with the Board about various matters.

Pastor Kathy Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Jo Krob, Louis Johnson and Daniel Reid visited with the Board about Republic County Council on Aging. They invite citizens who are interested in Council on Aging to attend the monthly meeting to be held in Courtland on Friday, July 9th, beginning with a noon luncheon and the 1:00 p.m. business meeting.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed and Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney to attend the Human Services in Disaster Summit, July 14-16, 2010, to be held in Topeka, Kansas.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen received permission to travel to the Health Department Administrators Meeting, June 29 in Ellsworth, Kansas. She also received permission to travel for Beverly Lapo to attend the 2010 KDHE WIC Training, July 12-14, 2010, in Junction City, Kansas.

Lloyd Noble called to ask why the Belleville City sirens did not go off during the storm. The Board understood that Belleville City was having some problems with their battery back-up so referred him to the Belleville City Office.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited about the water from the heavy rains washing sand off the County roads. He also noted that he offered a job to Brett Calloway who took the physical capacity test twice and also passed the pre-employment drug test. Mr. Calloway stated that he would accept the job following pre-employment testing but did not show up for work on Wednesday.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board an update on the Republic County Sales Tax revenue.

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

Commissioners Bergstrom and Rytych signed the Terms of Use and Client Services Agreement between Republic County and FTJ Fund Choice, LLC. located at 2300 Litton Lane, Suite 102, Hebron, Kentucky 41048. FTJ Fund Choice is a 457 plan offered to employees by Republic County.

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, June 28, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville, Kansas 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.

Road Supervisor Terry Cherney joined the Board to open bids for road grader blades for the Road and Bridge Department. Gary Montra of Welborn Sales, Inc. was in attendance for the bid opening. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the bid of \$15,582.80 from Welborn Sales, Inc., in Salina, Kansas. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. All bids are on file at the Road and Bridge office.

DC Wholesale, Concordia, Kansas	\$15,052.40
Barry Tractor, Concordia, Kansas	\$18,433.00
Welborn Sales, Salina, Kansas	\$15,582.80

It has been reported that there is a water drainage problem two miles south of Wayne, Kansas, a quarter mile south of the intersection of 220 Road and Xavier Road on the east side. On the Arden Krohn property logs/debris are being hauled in and dumped on Mr. Krohn's land and the placement of such is redirecting the flow of water so it doesn't go under the bridge. The water is running over the road now instead of going under the bridge. The County Attorney will be asked to address this matter.

James Erickson reviewed the US Highway 36 Economic Impact Study with the Board. The US 36 Highway Association commissioned the Docking Institute of Public Affairs to do this study of the potential economic impact that is likely to result from upgrading the two lane portions of US 36 from the Missouri – Kansas border to the Kansas – Colorado border. The upgraded US 36 is envisioned as a four lane, divided highway with controlled access also known as rural expressway standards.

Jo Krob and Daniel Reid, both representing the Republic County Council on Aging, visited with the Board. They discussed funding for meal reimbursement from the North Central Kansas Area on Aging in Manhattan and other matters of interest.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

County Health Director Marcia Hansen presented the bids for carpeting in the health department. Eighty-three percent of the cost will be paid from a WIC grant. Chairman Holl made a motion to accept the low bid of \$1,137.57 from Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Furniture Store, Belleville. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

It was noted that Gary Boman of Boman Flooring called and said he chose not to bid. Other bids received were \$1,397.09 from The Feathered Nest, Belleville and \$1,235.00 from Raney's Home Center, Scandia, Kansas.

Republic County Council on Aging representatives Jo Krob and Daniel Reid returned to visit with Marcia Hansen about the North Central Kansas Area on Aging in Manhattan's 2010 request for \$1451.00 Administrative Match money. It was a consensus of the group that the Republic County Council on Aging should make that payment to the NCK Area on Aging.

Wayne Dake visited with the Board about using the County's transportation bus. Mr. Dake was informed of the application process and time lines that are required to charter a County transportation bus. He said he would move on to Plan B.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting to help with harvest.

EMT Brad Shrader visited with the Board about wages. He noted that he took the EMT-I Class last year and now has his certification. It was noted that the Board did not plan to review the wage scale until the end of this year.

Kathy Calkins and County Treasurer Cindy Coons visited with the Board about the upcoming Republic County Delinquent Property Tax Sale. There is one property that has an IRS lien against it that will delay the tax sale for 60 days while waiting on a response from the Internal Revenue Service.

At 11:10 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discuss confidential data with Kathy Calkins and County Treasurer Cindy Coons. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. Regular session resumed at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl signed the Contract For Architectural Services between the Republic County Commissioners and Campbell and Johnson Engineers who will now begin looking at the windows and surrounding structures. They will prepare the documents required for the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program and restoration of the north windows of the Courthouse.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about personnel and the need to review the wage scale in the Ambulance Department.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and proceed to the Republic County Hospital Board luncheon. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, July 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Vickie J. Hall, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairman

Frank Rytych, Member

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 06, 2010 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 and noted that he will be meeting with the FEMA representatives on Thursday.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

During public forum the Board visited with Arlene Clayton.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21st Board meeting. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 28th Board meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling presented her proposed 2011 budget for Republic County District Court. The Board gave tentative approval and Chairman Holl signed the budget for Ms. Kling.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the modified racing held on the Belleville High Banks over the week-end. Wayne Dake was in charge of the celebration of 100 years of auto racing in Belleville, Kansas.

Raney reviewed his 2011 budget request for the 911 Communications Department. He noted that much of his computer maintenance fees are paid out of the 911 Grant and there is only one year left on that grant. Therefore, he increased his line items in case the grant is not fully funded.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion allow Mr. Raney to purchase a new computer and updated software in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the 911 Communications Department. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Larry Baxa visited with the Board about various matters of interest.

At 10:26 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a five-minute executive session to discussed non-elected personnel with Clerk Hall and Beth Ball. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The session was extended by an additional fifteen minutes by a motion from Chairman Holl and a unanimous vote. Regular session resumed at 10:46 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

The Board discussed plans for the 2011 Republic County Budget. They visited about the usual budget requests for appropriations from the County. The Board will continue to discuss the budget next week.

It was noted that LEPPG, Local Environmental Planning Group, will be added as an additional appropriation for 2011 with a request of \$1,200.00 to support the local sanitarian. The County sanitarian oversees wastewater systems, private well drilling permits and inspection and permitting of septic tanks and other services. The State of Kansas has cut funding to this planning group so each of the seven counties were contacted to make up the difference and contribute \$1,200.00 per county to cover the short-fall in their 2011 budget. Those counties are Phillips, Rooks, Smith, Osborne, Jewell, Mitchell and Republic Counties. Sherry Koster is the County Sanitarian.

The Board also visited about the new law that took effect July 1, 2010 that requires businesses to post signs stating that smoking is prohibited by state law. Smoking will be prohibited in most of the following indoor locations in Kansas. Public places, places of employment, restaurants and bars. No smoking within 10 feet of any doorway, open window and air ducts for non-smoking buildings. The Kansas smoking ban requires that every employer have a written policy that prohibits smoking in the workplace. The Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act was passed by the legislature on February 25, 2010 and signed into law by Governor Mark Parkinson on March 12, 2010. Signs will be ordered for all County buildings.

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

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

County Attorney Marlea James told the Board that she found some railroad spikes on south K Street while going for a walk. The Board will report this to the highway department and have the magnet run over that road.

Kay Shoemaker gave the Board the bi-annual RCD report. She also noted that the RCD committee will meet on Wednesday evening, July 14, 2010.

Road Supervisor Terry Cherney introduced Todd Huncovsky to the Board. Huncovsky is a new employee and will work in the Road and Bridge Department.

Dennis Erkenbrack visited with the Board by speaker telephone. He told the Board that a ditch needs cleaned out on the Elliott property. Erkenbrack is the tenant and reported that water is standing in the field due to poor drainage. The Board will share this information with the Highway Administrator Charles Joy.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring and Clerk Hall visited with the Board about preparation of the 2011 County budget. It was noted that Auditor Randall Hofmeier, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered, will be here to work on the County budget July 27th. He will meet with the Board at 3:00 p.m.

Clerk Vickie Hall noted that the Republic County Valuation for 2010 is 46,014,927 which is up 253,414 from last year.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. The Board informed Mr. Joy about Dennis Erkenbrack's complaint located on the Florence Elliott's property. Erkenbrack is the tenant. Joy will go out and view the reported area.

Jack Smith stopped to report that silt coming out of ditches is building up in his pasture. Mr. Joy will also look at that drainage problem.

Don Dean, P.E. with Campbell and Johnson Engineers, Concordia visited with the Board. Mr. Dean then went with Mr. Joy to view roads.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a June 30, 2010 Treasurer's Accounting Report.

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

David and Noretta Askew, 1476 Hwy 148, Scandia, visited with the Board about Solid Waste fees paid by the residents of Republic County. They have lived in the area a short time and did not understand why the fees are collected. They also visited about promoting small businesses in Republic County and Economic Development.

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

Daniel Reid, Council on Aging, told the Board that North Central-Flint Hill Area Agency on Aging will no longer be involved with meals for senior citizens in Courtland. Community members decided to accept the offer from AntiQues in Courtland to provide meals for senior citizens Tuesday through Friday. The charge will be \$4.00 per meal for seniors. They chose to keep the services in their community and will deliver meals to those who need that service.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson asked the Board if there would be a possibility of creating a City/County Inter-local Agreement to build/improve the baseball fields near the NCK Fairgrounds in Belleville. Knudson proposed a Four-Plex ball field with sufficient parking. It obviously would require fences, score boards, lighting and dirt work. Knudson asked the Board if they would consider buying land to the east of the current South ball field to promote this ball field expansion. The Board asked Knudson to contact Dennis Jensen about the asking price for the pasture, gather more information, quotes, plans and time lines and report back to them.

Lonnie Hedstrom, Courtland, invited the Board to attend a wind energy workshop sponsored by Kansas Farmers Union and OwnEnergy. This will be held July 13 at 7:00 pm at Pinky's in Courtland. They will be talking about wind development in general, how it works, the different options available to farmers and the steps in the development process.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 19, 2010 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.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Secretary, and Mike Hadachek met with the Board to discuss RCD Loans. Upon recommendation of the Republic County Industrial and Commercial Development (RCD) Committee, Chairman Holl made a motion to charge off the delinquent principal amount due in the amount of \$3,412.84 owed by Brad and Pam Chatfield, DBA Belleville Mini Golf. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Upon the RCD Committee's recommendation, Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve a new RCD Loan for Studio H Photography to William and Haley Popelka in the amount of twenty thousand dollars. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. The loan is subject to the completion of agreed upon stipulations.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins visited with the Board about various matters. County Attorney Marlea James has signed up for a "Top Gun" training session in Wichita, Kansas during September. Calkins asked the Board to sign a release of liability in case Ms. James was injured during one of the training exercises. The Board agreed to sign the release.

Calkins also noted that County Attorney Marlea James is still pursuing EMC Insurance Company for 100% of the damages to a small County bridge by Clayton Kauer of Stone Construction Company. EMC Insurance Companies has suggested an offer of 50% or \$3,543.00 "due to the fact that there was no way for our insured to know a bridge or culvert existed". The loss location is on a County road one mile east of US Hwy 81 on Timber Lane, one fourth mile south of 160 Road.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-25 to appoint Frank G. Spurney, Jr. as special prosecuting attorney for Republic County during the absence of Republic County Attorney Marlea James from July 16, 2010 through July 26, 2010 as stated in Resolution 2010-24. In addition this Resolution 2010-25 appoints William L. Navis to serve as Acting County Attorney during this time frame if a conflict of interest occurs. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about insurance coverage for supplies in that department. Due to a power outage a refrigerator could be out of service and vaccine lost. The County refrigerator therefore needs to be insured for \$50,000 to include the

contents of stored vaccine. KCAMP will let us know if we are covered or if we need to purchase a small “rider” policy for the contents of the refrigerator.

Ms. Hansen also received signatures from the Board on a new grant in the amount of \$10,248.73 on Public Health Preparedness.

The Board asked Jo and Larry Krob to stop by and visit about Republic County Council on Aging and services offered to area senior citizens. Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session with Mr. & Mrs. Krob, Beth Ball and Clerk Hall to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The session was extended by an additional five minutes. At 9:42 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go with Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Commissioners Holl, Bergstrom and Rytych along with Clerk Hall to view paved roads in the Munden and Narka communities. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

Regular session resumed when Rick Cleveland, Courtland, visited with the Board about drainage problems near his home in the north east portion of Courtland City. The Board then asked Cleveland to give a summary of the blue/green algae levels at the Lovewell Lake. He shared what he had been told about how it would impact those who irrigate out of the lake.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. Dennis Erkenbrack also visited with them about a drainage problem. Mr. Swanson told the Board that his men had cleaned out the ditch owned by the County but Erkenbrack had requested the County clean approximately 60 ft. of ditch near the “Y” which is owned by the Elliott family. Swanson noted that he would not direct his workers to go onto private property due to a Kansas Statute prohibiting it.

The group read and discussed the 1995 agreement between Republic County and the Howard Elliott family.

Mr. Joy noted that he recently hired Kevin Derowitsch as an equipment operator for the Road and Bridge Department.

The group also visited with Hansen Mueller Representative Randy Nelson. He informed the Board about Hansen Mueller’s grain storage expansion project two miles west of Scandia. Mr. Nelson asked the Board to install two 6 foot diameter tubes on 70 Road just north of Highway

36. The current plan calls for a 50 foot field entrance drive way allowing semi truck traffic to turn out onto 70 Road.

Donald Dean, PE from Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A. sent a letter to Highway Administrator Charles Joy to confirm that the placement of 2-six foot CMP's (corrugated metal pipes) will provide adequate drainage for that area.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Hansen Mueller's request for the installation of two six-foot CMP's on 70 Road to help with semi truck traffic flow. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 3-0.

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

Joseph Hurla, Energy Solutions, visited with the Board about the Republic County grant application. To date the County has not received correspondence about the status of the grant request.

Doane Sells requested funds from the County to advertise the special Vintage National Race sponsored by Kansas Antique Racing and Colorado Vintage Oval Racing who have leased the Belleville High Banks track to conduct vintage car races on July 31, 2010. This race is part of the 100 year anniversary of the Belleville race track. Commissioner Holl made a motion to give \$200.00 from the Economic Development Fund to help advertise the vintage races. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

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

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 26, 2010 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.

The Board began their day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Larry Krob, Jo Krob and Harold Dowell, representatives of the Republic County Council on Aging, gave the Board an update on services for senior citizens. Mrs. Krob noted that Daniel Reid had resigned as Republic County Coordinator. The council plans to study the needs of Republic County seniors and possibly change the job description or duties of a coordinator. She noted that they would not expect to make a change until October of this year.

Economic Development Corporation President Jimmy Blecha and Mike Hadachek stopped to visit with the Board. They encouraged the Board to consider hiring a Republic County economic development director. Blecha stated that he thought the County should invest about \$50,000 a year into the future growth of the economy in Republic County. Blecha would like to see this be a countywide position with the person being a full time county employee with full benefits. Commissioner Bergstrom commented that \$50,000 would probably not cover it. A full time director with benefits, postage, dues, conference registrations, motels, reimbursements for meals, mileage and such could require an \$80,000 department budget. The Board made no commitment.

They also visited about the community development block grant application to assist with the repairs on the asphalt road south of Munden, Kansas. The Low to Moderate Income Grant application process through North Central Regional Planning has not been completed to date.

The Board and County Clerk Vickie Hall agreed to meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 23 with members of the economic development board and others interested in attending a work session to study Neighborhood Revitalization. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's room.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement between Cloud County Health Department and the Republic County Health Department for the implementation of the Family Planning program. A total of \$3,116.00 in grant monies has been awarded to Republic County.

Chairman Holl made a motion to take \$185.00 out of the Economic Development fund and pay a portion of the costs to print additional North Central Kansas Travel and Tourism Brochures. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Memorandums of Agreements were signed between Republic County and the cities of Agenda, Courtland and Scandia concerning payment of solid waste fees.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Main Street Representative, received permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the Poker Walk registration tent on August 6th.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy submitted a request to give merit increases for his employees. The Board took no action.

My Joy also visited with the Board about the 2011 Road and Bridge budget. Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring joined the session to visit about the budget.

County Clerk Vickie Hall gave a reminder that Republic County registered voters can come into her office this week and vote. It only takes a few minutes and the service could be helpful to voters who plan to be out of town or are involved in the NCK Free Fair on Election Day, Tuesday, August 3rd.

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

It was noted that the Board will meet in special session with the County auditor at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 in the Commissioners' room to complete the proposed 2011 County Budget.

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in special session on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.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 Holl called the meeting to order.

The special session was held to meet with County Auditor Randall R. Hofmeier, CPA and Jerry A. Pugh, LMPA of Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered, Hutchinson, Kansas. The Board met with the auditors to discuss the County's financial reports and complete preparation of the proposed 2011 Republic County Budget.

Others in attendance were Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek who monitored a portion of the meeting, County Attorney Marlea James, Sheriff Ron Blad, County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring.

Communications Director Raymond Raney stopped by for a few minutes at the end of the session.

The proposed budget will be printed in the August 4, 2010 Belleville Telescope with the official 2011 Republic County Budget Hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 16, Courthouse, Belleville.

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2010 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.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-26 to notify the public of an increase in property taxes to finance the 2011 Republic County Budget. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-27, the Kansas Enterprise Zone. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0. It is a resolution confirming that our regional economic development organization is known as North Central Regional Planning Commission. It also confirms that Republic County is represented on the Board of Directors of North Central Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to pass Special District Resolution 2011 for Rural Fire Districts No. 1 & 2, to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2011 budgets for those fire districts.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the USD 426 School Contract with Republic County Health Department for health screening at \$8.00 per student.

Jean Myers, Computers and More, Belleville visited with the Board about demolition of large structures. She asked the Board if the road and bridge department would be able to demolish her place of business so she could replace it with a 50 X 100 foot Morton Building. The Board informed her that Kansas Statutes do not allow the County to work for private individuals. The Board suggested she call local contractors.

Clarence Kettlehut visited with the Board about road matters. He wants irrigation pipe out of the County road right-of-way near his property. This has been discussed many times.

Economic Development Corporation Chairman Jimmy Blecha and Mike Hadachek asked the Board if Republic County would hire a full time economic development director with full benefits. The County currently appropriates \$28,000 for economic development. Belleville City allocates \$15,000 for economic development which makes a \$41,000.00 budget. It was discussed at length. The County budget is tight and it was a consensus of the Board that the Economic Development Board should work within the current \$41,000 budget for salary and expenses.

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

At 11:00 a.m., a group of 14 patrons, who regularly use the "State Line Road" and many of the roads within Liberty and Washington townships, met with the Board. They reported poor road conditions and deep pot holes. They asked the County to step up the quality and the quantity of road maintenance in that area. Those attending the meeting were: Willis Heitmann, Darrell Heitmann, Tobe Duensing, Elmer Holmes, Kevin Hoops, Paula F. Hoops, Deloris Hoops, Kenneth Naysmith, Curt Tietjen, Layne Holmes, Curt Mumm, Dennis Moeller, Kathy Moeller and Karrie Holmes.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a most of the meeting.

Ellen Anderson, Department of Corrections received signatures from the Board on the planned 2010 carry-over of \$5,985.00 and reported that no employee furloughs are planned at this time.

Art Goppert visited with the Board about the need for mowing the Zion Cemetery. Wes Walenta was contacted and he assured Mr. Goppert it would be taken care of this week-end.

Permission to travel was approved for Republic County Appraiser to attend the Agricultural Use Valuation Class to be held August 9-13 in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Porter will also attend the Kansas Property Tax Law Update class August 31st in Wichita, Kansas.

A request was made by Weed Director Steve Pounds to attend the monthly district meeting for weed directors. The meeting is to be held in Washington, Kansas where they plan to tour musk thistle plots. The request was denied as the Board feels his time could be better spent in Republic County.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2010 with one correction. They should read that the Republic County Council on Aging Board of Directors terminated Daniel Reid as Republic County Council on Aging Coordinator. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Commissioner Meeting held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. County Auditor Randy Hofmeier met with the Board to assist in the preparation of the 2011 Republic County Budget. Second by Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase County Attorney Marlea James' annual salary from \$38,447.47 to \$40,000.00 per year. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. for the official canvass of ballots from the August 3rd Primary Election. Regular session will follow the canvass in the Commissioners' room, Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 09, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville with Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch present. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board began the day with the official County canvass to certify the election results of the August 3rd Primary.

Following the canvass of ballots the Board began the regular business session and the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Election Deputy Beth Ball gave the Board a review of the monthly Council on Aging meeting held August 6th in Cuba, Kansas. The Board asked Beth to go to the meeting and represent the Board. None of the three commissioners were able to attend the meeting.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about various matters in his department. He also reviewed the races at the NCK Free Fair.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen came in to visit with the Board about personnel. At 9:50 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. At 10:10 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2nd meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Beth Reed received permission to travel to the KEMA Board Meeting, August 10, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas.

Permission to travel was also approved for Kay Shoemaker, Karen Bonner and Linda Melton to attend the 2010 Fall Vehicle Training to be held September 24, 2010 in Salina, Kansas.

Telescope representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy along with Road Supervisors Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney visited with the Board. The group visited about road conditions across the County. The message from the men was that a lack of manpower has many challenges for their department. In 1973 there were 16 road patrolmen and through retirements and lack of funding it went to 14, then down to 12 and now there are 10 full time patrolmen. Each patrolman must now cover two

townships or about 120 miles of roads. Brad Swanson noted that there is still a need to hire two more operators.

Mr. Joy told the Board this is the ideal weather for filling the pot holes and oiling the blacktop roads. However, Joy noted that he has to pull patrolmen or grader operators from their regular road duties to help patch.

Swanson also told the Board that some farmers farm the road right-of-way and turn around in the road while working a field. They drag big clods of mud and debris onto the road. The employees are expected to try and keep debris drug off the road because it can cause a vehicle accident. Some farmers also allow irrigation water sprinklers to drench the road. There are four or five farmers who do it all the time. Employees are expected to regularly grade the big ruts in the road on those areas too. There are many little things that make the grader operator's job difficult.

The Board told Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney they should personally speak to those farmers and ask them to stop allowing water to regularly spray on the County road. If they disregard the personal request a letter should be sent outlining the Kansas Statutes and what legal action will follow if they continue to put the driving public at risk.

Terry Cherney asked why each department doesn't receive merit raises. They are important because some employees deserve an increase and some might not. He also would like to see the County implement longevity pay again. Years ago it served as a reward for employees with several years of service. Cherney thought that would encourage employees to continue to work for Republic County.

Belleville City Manager Bob Knudson gave the Board an update on the proposed sports complex. The projected cost of the four ball fields includes:

Purchase three acres of pasture	\$30,000.00
Poles and lighting	20,000.00
Dirt work	25,000.00
Campbell & Johnson Engineers	7,500.00
for grading & drainage	
Fences	20,000.00

Knudson said the estimated cost of the project is \$100,000.00 and asked the County to pay half the cost. He suggested that some of the dirt work and removing the hedge row could be done by the County employees and the Belleville City employees could handle other parts of the project. If that were the case Knudson thinks the estimate is high. The Board of County Commissioners listened to the proposal but did not agree to help fund or participate in the project.

Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about various RCD matters. Chairman Holl endorsed an insurance check for roof repairs on the Bel Villa Restaurant. Hadachek told the Board the money will be put into a separate account and roof repairs will be paid out of it through the bank.

Hadachek asked the Board if they had given any further thought to hiring a full time economic development director for Republic County. They have made no commitment.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2010 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.

Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller visited with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the agreement for the Government Entity to Provide Health Care Services to Low Income Individuals. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. This agreement is between Republic County and the Republic County Hospital. It allows the hospital to buy drugs at a discount to be used strictly for out-patient Medicaid patients and/or out-patient private pay patients who do not have insurance.

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

Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe came in to tell the Board she would retire as of August 31, 2010. As an elected official resigning in the middle of her term, the Republican Party Chairman will call a meeting to begin the selection process to officially appoint another Republic County Register of Deeds.

The Board asked Clerk Hall to plan a retirement party for Mrs. Rahe. This will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2010.

The Board thoroughly discussed the proposed sports complex. The plans call for the installation of four baseball fields near the fairgrounds. It was a consensus of the Board to notify the City of Belleville that the County will not be able to assist in funding or manpower. The Board felt that this is not the time to commit to new projects when County revenues are down and funds are needed to complete our current projects.

Jimmy Blecha visited with the Board about Economic Development. His group is working to re-write the job description of an economic development director and is looking for ways to work within the current funding parameters.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Holl opened the 2011 Republic County Budget Hearing to inquiries from taxpayers and/or department heads. Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek, Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall were in attendance. The Board approved the budget by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Holl signed the 2011 Republic County Soil Conservation Budget.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-28. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. This plan will set forth minimum performance standards for new construction or substantially improved structures for Republic County Floodplain Management. Now that the County has been mapped

for flood plains, lenders will require home owners to carry flood insurance. However, this plan allows them to buy flood insurance at a cheaper rate if the County is in The Flood Plan. Raymond will publish in the Telescope with reference to the entire agreement which will be on file.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy met with the Board to discuss Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Joy noted that the patching of the Munden blacktop road will be completed this week and his men will move on to the Republic blacktop.

Mr. Joy asked about road repairs in front of Havel Salvage on North M Street, Belleville. The road has been closed and Marlin Havel's Salvage uses the road as the frontage to his business. Therefore the County will not repair or maintain that surface.

Joy also presented a letter of resignation from grader operator Howard Spitler to be effective August 20th. Spitler has worked 21 years for the highway department.

Solid Waste Delinquent Fees Hearings was held at 11:00 a.m. with no patrons in attendance.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about various matters in Republic County. Notably a stolen Ellsworth County road grader was discovered in Republic County over the weekend.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2010 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.

Pastor Lennie Maxwell offered the morning prayer.

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited the Board and invited them to the August 25th continuing education meeting. Dr. Cayle Goertzen will be the speaker. Coaches from USD 426 and USD 109 have been invited to attend as the EMS training will focus on concussions.

At 8:41 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Lieb and Clerk Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. At 8:56 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board he has made application for a grant to purchase a new recorder and GIS equipment for Republic County. He stated that the recorder will cost about \$16,000 and the cost to the County will be \$6,000.00 which will be paid out of the 911 Collections Fund where the 75 cent charge on cell phones is deposited.

Mr. Raney noted that next year the charges for cell phones go from 75 cents down to 50 cents and the land line telephones go up from 25 cents to 50 cents. Both styles of telephones will now be 50 cents.

Raney also received permission to travel to an emergency management class sponsored by the National Weather Service, August 31 thru September 2, 2010, in Wichita, Kansas.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Beth Reed and Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney received permission to attend the Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters Class to be held August 30-31, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas.

Nesika Energy Office Manager Sandra Reed introduced the new General Manager Sam Sacco to the Board. They encouraged the Board to partner with them in seeking funding to improve the road from Highway 36 to the ethanol plant.

Hansen Mueller Manager Randy Nelson visited with the Board. Permission was granted to bury power lines under 70 Road as Hansen Mueller expands their grain storage facility.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy noted that he will meet with FEMA people this week due to the June storm damage.

Mr. Joy also noted that Andy Evert will assume the road grader position in the Republic area. The County will now have an open position for a truck driver.

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

Paul and Jean Meyer, Computers and More, asked the Board to take down their building. They had pictures to show the structure is not sound. The Board suggested that demolition should be done by a private contractor who carries sufficient liability insurance.

Tibbetts-Fischer Funeral Home Director Randy Paugh visited with the Board about the cost of burials. Up until July 1, 2010 if a person was on total SRS assistance through the State of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and had no assets to re-coup money for funeral expenses, the funeral home could apply to the SRS for funds and could receive \$650.00 to assist with the cost of the burial. Starting July 1, 2010 the State of Kansas informed the funeral directors that they have cut that funding out of the State budget. The funeral homes are now asking the County's for assistance. The Board will study the matter.

Arlene Clayton visited with the Board about the NCK Free Fair.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 30, 2010 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.

Permission to travel was approved for County Clerk Vickie Hall and Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring to attend the NCK County Clerks meeting September 9, 2010 in Abilene, Kansas.

Permission was also given for Clerk Hall to attend the Kansas County Officials Association Annual Conference September 15-17 in Wichita, Kansas.

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

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

Dan Wilber visited with the Board about bridge repair in Section 29 of Belleville Township. The bridge was damaged due to a vehicle accident and the County has no plans to reopen that road. The County does not have sufficient funds to replace this bridge.

Eric Johnson of Campbell and Johnson Engineers, Concordia and Cathy Calkins visited with the Board about the grant application for replacement windows in the Courthouse. Mr. Johnson told the Board he is still in the data collection phase of the project. Custodian Kevin Calkins and Communications Director Raymond Raney sat in on this update.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. A Utility Agreement between Hansen Mueller Company and Republic County was signed to bury the electric line on 70 Road 200 feet north of Highway 36.

At 10:38 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Highway Administrator Charles Joy and County Clerk Hall. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:53 with no action taken by the Board.

The Board agreed with Mr. Joy and will allow a 20 cent pay increase to Tyler Kolman as he has completed his introductory period.

Chairman Holl made a motion to discontinue the practice of giving a 25 cent increase to new employees after they have completed their six month introductory period. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. Starting today a department heads should hire each employee at the designated rate of pay that the job description warrants.

Employees serving their introductory period will not receive a COLA until they have completed their 6 month introductory period. If the County has given a COLA increase to all employees anytime during the introductory period, the employee would then receive that COLA increase at the end of 6 months.

Main Street Coordinator Melinda Pierson received permission to use the Courthouse lawn and inside square for the Autumn Day Fest on September 11, 2010. Melinda will speak to the custodian about blocking off the inside square.

At 11:20 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 5-minute executive session with Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. At 11:25 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

The Board signed the Solid Waste Delinquent List which will be certified to the County Clerk and put on the tax rolls.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave the Board a building maintenance review. Window air conditioners are being removed from the Courthouse and he explained other routine maintenance issues.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn for lunch and return to wish Register of Deeds Ruth Rahe the best at her retirement celebration at 1:00 p.m. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 7, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 07, 2010 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.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about personnel.

Commissioner Rytych volunteered to attend the Agricultural Permitted Movement (formerly Stop Movement) Tabletop Seminars to be held September 28th at the Country Club in Belleville, Kansas. North Central Homeland Security Region is taking steps to help local responders and key county contacts prepare for potential agricultural emergencies.

Jo Krob, representing the Republic County Council on Aging, visited with the Board about senior services. She told the Board that she had someone interested in serving as a County Coordinator on a part-time basis. The Board suggested she make sure the job is open to the public and advertise the position at least one week in the Telescope. Some time back Mrs. Krob told the Board that the County Council on Aging Board had no plans to fill that position as all the services provided by a coordinator were offered by others within Republic County.

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

Kay Shoemaker stopped in to tell the Board the RCD meeting has been cancelled due to no current applications.

Richard Sandell called on the telephone and visited with the Board about road maintenance south of Republic. He noted that 70 Road South of Republic and Lincoln Road from 70th to 90th Road had not been graded for at least one month.

Joe Hurla and Aaron Etkorn, 360 Energy Solutions, visited with the Board. The Kansas Energy Office has selected Republic County for a Public Project Grant Award in the amount of \$150,000.00 and this grant is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as a part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Mr. Hurla will come back in the near future to discuss what projects the County would like to start and what the cost, or match, will be for Republic County.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. A utility agreement was signed between Republic County and the City of Courtland to grant the

City permission to construct and operate an underground water line on certain public road right-of-way.

A second Utility Agreement was approved between Republic County and Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground irrigation pipe lateral Jade Road, 5/8 mile west of Ten Road, Station 625, crossing from south side of county road to north side.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen presented permission to travel requests which were all approved by the Board. Marcia and Susan Swanson will attend the Kansas Immunization Annual Conference October 27-28 in Wichita, Kansas.

Karen Henke received permission to attend the Public Health Association Annual Meeting, September 29-30 in Topeka, Kansas.

Marcia Hansen received permission to attend the PIO & Communication Training (Kansas Mass Antibiotic Dispensing) October 8th in Salina, Kansas.

Permission was also granted for R.N. Kathy Zach and Home Health Aides Lori Benyshek, Donna Moravek, Nila Skupa and Deb Sells to attend the Kansas Home Care Association Annual Meeting September 22-23 in Wichita, Kansas.

County Administrator Marcia Hansen noted that the H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine is now included in the regular seasonal flu shot. The flu shots are now available at the County Health Office.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2010 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.

The Board began the day by signing accounts payable vouchers.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about the communications tower north of town. The Board asked if the County owned or rented the propane tank.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board about servicing the health department cars. Hansen had received a letter or announcement that the Republic Oil Gas Station will be “pump only” as of September 15, 2010. Cindy Sis has serviced the health department cars.

The Board reminded Ms. Hansen that employees making home health visits should drive county vehicles instead of personal vehicles.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board about a pickup truck in his department that is having major maintenance problems. Blad plans to trade the truck off after the first of the year.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a Hospital Sales Tax update. The collections are staying level and the next payment will be in December.

Mrs. Coons also noted that she has published 228 properties on the delinquent tax list for 2009. The County now holds tax liens on those properties until they are paid. The tax liens total \$123,246.08.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Revolving Fund. The group visited about the eligible borrowers, eligible projects and the type of assistance available. The

Board will study the 22 page document and discuss it at a future meeting. Mr. Joy will drop this document off at the Nesika Energy Office.

Register of Deeds Peggy Frint visited with the Board. The Board congratulated her on her appointment as the new Republic County Register of Deeds.

Chairman Holl made a motion to discontinue the passport service in the Register of Deeds Office. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The Belleville Post Office takes the person's picture and completes the passport application all in one step. Only 9 passport applications have been received in the Register of Deeds Office since the first of this year.

The Board visited with Magistrate Judge John Eyer. They informed him that they plan to remove the air conditioners in district court and that electrical work will follow the removal. Eyer asked for a minimum of 1 week notice of this planned work so he could reschedule hearings or appointments when workers drill through the walls.

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, September 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2010 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.

County Attorney Secretary Kathy Calkins met with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-29 to appoint Frank G. Spurney, Jr. as special prosecutor in the absence of Republic County Attorney Marlea James. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

Mrs. Calkins also informed the Board that she and County Attorney Marlea James will be attending a joint training October 18-22 with Washington and Mitchell County employees on the Full Case Software that interfaces with the Full Court Software.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons received permission to attend the 2010 Fall Vehicle Training September 23, 2010 in El Dorado, Kansas.

Custodian Kevin Calkins gave the Board an update on building maintenance. He noted that the holes were drilled through the outside Courthouse wall this weekend. All the window air conditioners will be removed and an electrician will update the wiring required after the removal of the window units.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Weed Director Steve Pounds told the Board of his plans to retire January 1, 2011.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker told the Board there will be a regular RCD meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.

Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received signatures from the Board on the contract between Republic County Health Department and USD 109 for School Health Nursing Services at \$8.00 per student.

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

Arlene Clayton told the Board about cash rent per acre paid by farmers in Republic County.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about his department. He noted that they are hauling cover material south of Munden.

Communications Director Raymond Raney informed the Board and Mr. Joy that there will be a communications training session on September 30th. As of January 1, 2013 updates on radios will be required due to the Federal Communications Commission "narrowing the band". Raney noted that the County repeater system and the tower have already been updated.

Jo Krob visited with the Board about the Council on Aging and the services provided to the citizens of Republic County. She is giving out applications to hire a new county coordinator. The Board asked her about the goals, focus and/or direction the local Council on Aging Board has decided to pursue. She noted that she was going to revise the job description and they would require regular office hours.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 27, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2010 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.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board that he hired Jonathan Shelly as a new jailer, contingent on passing the required new employee testing.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Peggy Frint received notification of appointment as of September 9, 2010 from Governor Mark Parkinson. County Clerk Vickie Hall administered the oath of office to Republic County Register of Deeds Peggy Frint.

Mrs. Frint informed the Board that she has decided to hire a regular half-time employee if she can find a qualified person who will work from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. This employee would learn the job of Deputy Register of Deeds and be asked to work full days when Mrs. Frint is out of the office for conferences, vacation or absent due to an illness. Currently part-time employees do not receive benefits.

She also noted that the ideal situation would be to hire a full time employee for the Register of Deeds office. However, at the Board's suggestion, she is willing to try running her office with a regular half-time employee for 9-12 months. If that arrangement does not work well she will make a change at that time.

Permission to travel was approved for Register of Deeds Peggy Frint to attend the North Central Kansas County Treasurer's and County Register of Deeds meeting October 15, 2010 to be held in Beloit, Kansas.

Permission to travel was approved for Communications Director Raymond Raney to attend the Fall APCO Conference October 9-12 in Wichita, Kansas. Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Shepek will also attend this conference.

Mr. Raney received Chairman Holl's signature on the Promulgations of a Republic County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) required by K.S.A. 48-929. The Republic County Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to establish the policies, guidance and procedures that will provide the elected and appointed officials, administrative personnel, various governmental departments and private and volunteer agencies with the information required to function in a coordinated and integrated fashion and to ensure a timely and organized management of the consequences arising from emergencies/disasters.

Chairman Holl made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for The Vulnerable Needs Registry. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The State of Kansas, in conjunction with Republic County, Kansas, has created a Vulnerable Needs Registry wherein people with vulnerable needs may voluntarily report their name, address, contact information, and disability, and facilities may register the conditions of their clientele for purposes of enhanced emergency response planning.

Republic County Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Nesika Office Manager Sandra Reed and Nesika Energy General Manager Sam Sacco visited with the Board about making improvements to the road

going from Highway 36 to the Nesika Energy Ethanol Plant. It was a consensus of the group to invite Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer Leland Tice to visit about this busy intersection, a possible turn lane and funding for major road improvements.

Clerk Hall will call the Phillips County Clerk and ask how they found funding for the half mile road to the ethanol plant in Phillips County.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy stayed to visit about other department matters. The Board signed the Republic County Transportation Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Policy. The Board concurred with the contents.

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

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

At 1:30 p.m. the Board resumed the regular session to discuss Neighborhood Revitalization. Mike Hadachek, Jimmy Blecha and Republic County Appraiser Barry Porter joined the Board to visit about implementing the program in Republic County to encourage new construction. Housing for young families who would like to move back to the County is quite limited. Neighborhood Revitalization Program would offer real estate property tax rebates for the first five years following construction of a new home. The discussion will continue in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting due to another previously scheduled commitment.

Art Goppert visited with the Board about various matters.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 2010 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.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board that District Judge Kim W. Cudney made a request for two officers in the courtroom for each motion day. Blad shared that he has asked a part-time deputy to come in on motion day.

David B. Hotalen, Liberty National Life Ins. Co. asked if the Board would endorse him and allow him to meet with the employees. He offers life, cancer, critical illness, accident, annuities and other products. The discussion was tabled.

Jo Krob, Republic County Council on Aging Services, visited with the Board about hiring a county coordinator and noted that she will be conducting interviews on Wednesday. She also noted that Medicare Part D sign-up will be offered on December 3rd and December 10th at the Belleville City Library.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Chief Financial Officer for Republic County Hospital Barry Bottger held a telephone conference with the Board and Greg Vahrenberg of Piper Jaffray & Company to consider the possible refinancing of the General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds due to the lower interest rates available at this time. They propose applying about \$700,000.00 to the principal which would shorten the payment plan by three years and lock in a fixed rate of 2.7 percent interest. This would leave \$200,000.00 in reserve in case income from the sales tax went down for any reason.

Veronica Barington, reporter for the Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, Inc. spoke with the Board. Randy is an insurance broker. He works with groups who wish to study their current health insurance plans. He uses his expertise in employee benefits to get bids from other

companies and yet meet the needs of Republic County employees. The Board agreed to allow Randy to give the County quotes and notified department heads that health questionnaires will be required from all full time employees. Questionnaires must be back to the County Clerk no later than October 18, 2010.

Mike Hadachek, Haley Popelka of Studio H and RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board. The Board approved the draw down for \$20,000 from RCD Funds and signed loan documents for Studio H Photography.

The Board continued to discuss Neighborhood Revitalization. Commissioner Bergstrom emphasized the need to include new construction involving agriculture and commercial building as well as residential. It was a consensus of the Board to offer a graduated scale for the property tax abatements. This tax relief would cover a maximum of 5 years. Clerk Hall will photo copy the Cloud County Revitalization Plan. The Board will review that plan and make some minor adjustments specific to the needs of Republic County. Everyone agreed this plan will be in effect by January 1, 2011.

Kansas Department of Transportation Area Engineer Leland Tice, Hansen Mueller Representative Randy Nelson, Nesika Energy representatives Sandra Reed and Sam Sacco and Republic County Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. An informal meeting was called to emphasize their concern for traffic safety at the intersection of County Road 70 and US Highway 36.

The Board drafted a letter to the Kansas Department of Transportation requesting an immediate traffic study to determine the feasibility of installing turning lanes, a flashing light or at least put up caution signs warning of a “truck entrance” at this location. It was noted that an informal traffic survey showed an average of 178 trucks per day at this intersection. During the weeks of harvest the number of trucks could triple.

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

A regularly scheduled department head meeting was held with County Appraiser Barry Porter, Treasurer Cindy Coons, Highway Administrator Charles Joy, Register of Deeds Peggy Frint, Health Administrator Marcia Hansen, Custodian Kevin Calkins, Weed Director Steve Pounds, Communications Director Raymond Raney, Sheriff Ron Blad and County Clerk Vickie Hall in attendance.

The Board asked department heads to tell their secretaries to attach all of the original pages of a statement to the voucher before submitting them to the Clerk's Office. Photo copies of course may be kept for the departments records.

Department heads were asked to share their email addresses with Clerk Hall.

Department heads were asked to encourage employees to check their vacation time. Employees need to be down below 240 hours by the end of the year.

The Board also informed everyone that if an employee resigns or retires the department head should consult with the Board before taking steps to replace that employee.

The Board stressed that no new positions will be created in the coming months. Temporary new hires may only fill positions on a short term basis. A specified period of time must be stated and due to an employee being absent due to injury, illness, FMLA or leave of absence.

Department heads were asked to contact the Clerk's Office when an employee is absent for more than 3 days due to injury or sickness. Please let Clerk Hall know at the end of each week if the employee is still off work.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Jeff Strnad, Premium Feeders Inc., Scandia and Deb Boyles, Mankato visited with the Board about Neighborhood Revitalization in Republic County. The Board

emphasized that they support the program but it will be several weeks before the official Republic County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is adopted. Several people are working to finalize this plan. The plan specifications and the application periods will be announced in the near future.

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

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

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2010 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 day began with the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

Permission to travel was approved for Ambulance Director Don Lieb to attend the Regional Trauma Council Meeting of the executive committees October 19th in Wichita, Kansas.

Republic County Council on Aging Chairman Jo Krob introduced Carrie Pruitt as the new Republic County Coordinator. She will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

County Appraiser Barry Porter received permission to attend the software training and Orion Market Modeling Workshop October 18-20 in Topeka, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Republic County Hospital Administrator Blaine Miller and Financial Officer Barry Bottger visited with the Board. The monthly collection of sales tax has exceeded the required sales tax needed for the bond payments. Therefore, it is the consensus of the Board to pay down the principal owed on the original five million dollars General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds secured in 2003 and refinance the balance. Due to the current interest rate, the County has the opportunity to then re-issue the balance of its general obligation sales tax refunding bonds for sale as 2003-A General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds in the amount of \$3,445,000.00 taking advantage of a lower fixed interest rate of approximately 2.7 per cent. This still leaves \$300,000.00 in reserve funds should sales tax collections decline.

Chairman Holl made a motion to pass Resolution 2010-30 authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of Republic County, Kansas. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

On a totally different subject, Blaine Miller led the discussion about paying off the Series 2001 Hospital Revenue Bonds dated 05-15-01. These bonds were used to build independent living apartments west of the hospital. Chairman Holl made a motion for the County to go ahead with the early redemption of the revenue bonds on December 1, 2010. Second by Rytch, motion passed 3-0. With the apartments paid off hospital leaders want to consider building two more independent living units.

The Board signed a memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka for collection of solid waste fees.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. He received permission to travel to T-Works Workshop October 25th in Abilene, Kansas. Joy will also attend the Federal Fund Exchange Workshop October 19th in Salina, Kansas.

Charles Joy and Darlene Havel received permission to attend the Coordinated Transit District No. 7 meeting October 19th in Minneapolis, Kansas.

The Board asked Mr. Joy to remind his employees to return their health questionnaires.

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 18, 2010 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.

Belleville Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Mike Hadachek introduced Jenny Russell and Jim Bohling to the Commissioners.

Mike Hadachek informed the Board that Republic County Economic Development has contracted with JenRus Freelance, Rural Life Marketing Division owned by Jenny (Ahlvers) Russell who will provide business support, business promotion, public relations and tourism services to the Republic County Economic Development Corporation on a per-hour basis. Luke Mahin of Courtland, a JenRus employee, will also be involved in providing service to the county.

Jim Bohling, Norway, discussed plans to build a Pioneer seed distribution center at the corner of US 36 and K-266 Highway east of Courtland. Construction of the big Morton Building will begin this week. He noted that the center will first start as a warehouse and by 2012 develop into a Pioneer Seed Treatment Center. The distribution center will serve a five state area obviously Kansas and Nebraska being the primary service area. The Board encouraged Mr. Bohling to work with Jenny Russell to make application for tax incentives for his growing business.

Bonnie Miller of AFLAC Insurance received permission to hold an annual enrollment or December sign-up for Republic County Employees. She has been working with employees during 2010 and now has enough employee participation to qualify AFLAC to payroll deduct starting January 1, 2011. Chairman Holl signed a participation agreement for Republic County employees.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker received signatures on RCD Loan papers for Haley Popelka.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

The Board gave approval to the Belleville Main Street Program to block the west inside drive off for the Scare on the Square activities on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

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

The Board approved a permission to travel for EMT Brian Piersee and Paramedic Dawn Colby to attend the mandatory Training Instructor Workshop October 23-24 in Salina, Kansas.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons gave the Board a Treasurer's Accounting of Funds on Hand.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about routine matters and shared his September financials.

Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring and County Clerk Hall visited with the Board about County funds and reviewed the official 2009 County Audit Report.

The group reviewed information specific to Republic County valuations and levies. The information was then sent on to Greg Vahrenberg, Managing Director for Piper Jaffray and Company to assist in the refinancing of the Sales Tax Bonds.

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

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Holl and Commissioner Rytych returned to resume regular session.

Having no further appointments Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. with a second by Chairman Holl. Motion passed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 25, 2010 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 morning began by approving accounts payable vouchers.

Road Supervisor Brad Swanson brought pictures to document the reason for the road closing due to the unsafe bridge on west 23rd street. He told the Board he would return at 10:30 a.m.

Clerk Hall told the Board that all full time county employees had returned their health questionnaires and that they had been mailed to Randy Dick at Kaw Valley Insurance Company. Mr. Dick will use his expertise in employee benefits to secure health insurance bids from other insurance companies who would be interested in offering Republic County employees coverage similar to that currently provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. The County is working with Kaw Valley Insurance as the percentage of increase for premiums from Blue Cross Blue Shield is estimated at thirty per cent.

Belleville Telescope Representative Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

It was a consensus of the Board to allow County Appraiser Barry Porter to replace the two out dated computers in his department. The computers will be purchased from Computer Solutions Inc. and will cost \$3,098.00 for the two computers. Mr. Porter will use capital outlay funds with the balance being paid from the equipment reserve fund.

Ellen Anderson, Director of the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections received a signature from Chairman Holl on the 2010 Community Corrections Year End Outcome Report.

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

Kathy Pugh, Jim Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolzen visited with the Board about the bridge closing on west 23rd Street. Don Dean of Campbell & Johnson Engineers declared the county bridge N. 5 16-4 unsafe and ordered the closing during the annual bridge inspection. Other matters of concern were also discussed by the group.

This bridge was posted as a 3 ton bridge last year in an effort to keep it open to rural traffic. However, due to heavy loads going across it, the bridge has now been further damaged and officially closed until repaired or replaced. In 2008 the cost estimate to replace that bridge was \$360,000 and it is an ongoing problem in the rural areas. The small structures/bridges were not built to withstand the size and weight of the equipment farmers and others are taking across them. Weight limit signs have been installed to try and extended the life of the structures/bridges

but this strategy it will only work if people obey the signs and go a few miles out of their way using another bridge with an appropriate weight limit. If the bridges and structures are constantly abused they are bound to fail and then be closed to traffic. The replacement of all damaged or unsafe structures is simply impossible with the limited tax dollars available for road improvements and bridge replacement in Republic County.

Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board about various road and bridge matters including the recent closing of 23rd Street west of Highway 81. Engineer Don Dean will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the condition of that bridge.

The Board approved a utility agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone Company. They were granted permission to construct and operate an underground utility line on road right-of-way going from Granit Road near Munden to Highway 81 in Republic County.

Road Supervisor Brad Swanson told the Board that a large grain cart damaged bridge Number X19-1 in the Talmo-Wayne area. He told the Board the county bridge crew is out there working on it today.

Chairman Holl excused herself from the meeting at 10:30 a.m. due to a previous commitment at the Republic County Hospital.

Republic County Landfill Operator Duain Swanson visited with the Board. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase new tracks for the dozer at the landfill from Grace Tracks. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. The low bid of \$5,180.00 was approved and the order will be placed today with Grace Tracks. The cost includes freight. The second bid was \$7,544.00 plus freight or \$8,050.00 from Sellers Tractor Company.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker told the Board that the RCD Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010.

Sheriff Ron Blad gave the Board an overview of the recent Sheriff's Conference.

Chairman Holl read a letter from Sonia Raney, Scandia, informing the Board of her resignation from the position of Trustee for the Republic County Hospital.

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

The Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Jenny Russell of JenRus Freelance Inc. held a telephone conference with the Board to discuss the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Republic County. She noted that our share of the bill was going to be \$750.00 for the legal fees that are being shared with Cloud County. The bill will be paid through the Republic County Economic Development Corporation.

Ms. Russell will email the Board and Clerk Hall a draft of the Republic County Revitalization Plan for review. She also noted that she was going to attend local city council meetings to tell them about the proposed plan.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen received permission to seek bids on a new car for her department. The County would trade in the 1998 Dodge Neon. The official bid opening will be November 22, 2010.

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Rytych made a motion to go into a five minute executive session with Marcia to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Chairman Holl motion passed 3-0. At 10:18 a.m. the Board approved an additional two minutes. Regular session resumed at 10:20 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board. The Board accepted Daniel Elder's written resignation with regret. Elder is currently a mechanic for the County. November 4, 2010 will be his last day.

Charles Joy informed the Board that a Solid Waste billing error had been discovered by Secretary Beth Reed. KR92 Radio Station has been paying a monthly fee to Belleville City with the monthly utility billing and the County has also received quarterly payments through the rural billing system. It was a consensus of the Board to make the correction with the issuance of a refund check in the amount of \$1,782.00 to KR92 Radio.

Campbell and Johnson Engineer Don Dean and Richard Wolzen joined Charles Joy and the Board to discuss the damaged bridge on west 23rd Street. This bridge was built in 1911 by the Kansas Department of Transportation when that was 36 Highway. The bridge is listed at 89.9 feet long and 17 foot curb to curb driving surface. They discussed the difficulty and cost of replacement last week. Today Mr. Wolzen asked the Board to consider repairing the bridge. Wolzen suggested a company in Kansas City that makes repairing concrete bridges their business. Mr. Joy will continue to study the possibilities.

Mr. Joy also gave the Board a review from the Federal Fund Exchange Meeting. He noted that there is now a program that takes effect October 1 that would allow the county to use federal funds without having to engineer projects to federal standards.

Mr. Joy shared that Republic County has more than one million dollars allotted for bridge improvement projects but hasn't used those federal funds in a number of years because the added engineering costs amount to more than what the county can build projects for themselves. Using federal funds and having to follow federal guideline meant the bridge was often overbuilt and cost 3 times more than necessary.

Republic County is allotted about \$176,000 per year in federal funds. The new program would require the county to relinquish ten percent of its federal funds to the State of Kansas and then not have to build the bridges to the current state specifications. This could be good news for Republic County.

Cathy Calkins and Eric Johnson of Campbell & Johnson visited with the Board. Mr. Johnson has exhausted his search for replacement parts on the Courthouse windows project. The Board gave Mr. Johnson permission to ask if they would reconsider a different avenue and allow replacement windows which would be more energy efficient. Ambulance Director Don Lieb gave a report on the meeting Train the Trainer attended by Dawn Novak and Brian Piersee. All ambulance department employees will need additional training in the next 2-3 years to be in compliance. The department will need to invest in a laptop and a projector for the power point sessions to aid in the mandatory training of our employees.

Lieb said he plans to purchase a CO2 monitor to insure the safety of our firemen.

Mr. Lieb also noted that the department will be forced to "go electronic" in 2011.

Chairman Holl made a motion to allow Cheryl Loring to use two weeks of her personal sick leave during her husband's serious health condition followed by major surgery. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Ms. Loring made a formal request to the Board asking to deviate from the standard sick leave policy. Each request or situation is thoroughly studied by the Commissioners to be approved or denied. Mrs. Loring's husband, who is self-employed, experienced a 100% loss of income. The time off ran concurrently with the FMLA leave.

District Court Clerk Kris Kling visited with the Board about various matters. She told the Board she and Mary Gustin were filling in at the Washington County District Court Office. She asked the Board about using the County car. No decision was made at this time.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 8th at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. The morning will begin by canvassing the ballots from the November 2nd General Election with the regular business session after the canvas.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 08, 2010 at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board began the day with the official canvass of ballots from the November 2nd General Election followed by the signing of accounts payable vouchers.

The Board received a written invitation from Kansas Crossroads RC&D to attend the annual meeting November 18, 2010 in Clay Center, Kansas. John Robison stopped by to personally invite the Board.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint George Kent Larson to serve as a Republic County Hospital Board Trustee to fill the position vacated by Sonia Raney. Second by Chairman Holl, motion passed 3-0.

Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

Permission to travel was approved for Beth Reed to attend the board meeting for the Kansas Emergency Management Association November 15th in Overland Park, Kansas. She noted that she will share rides with others so there will be no cost for mileage.

Permission to travel was also approved for RN Kathy Zach to attend KCHA Winter Workshop December 8-9, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas.

Communications Director Raymond Raney returned his inventory sheet to the Commissioners. K-Camp is asking for more details to complete the liability insurance for Republic County.

Recent reports have been received by the Board that animals are being brought into the Courthouse. The issue of employees bringing pets to work was discussed with Mr. Raney. Chairman Holl made a motion not to allow dogs in the county office buildings unless they are certified service dogs. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

At 9:58 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Register of Deeds Peggy Frint and Clerk Hall to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0. Regular session resumed at 10:13 a.m. with no action taken by the Board.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited about various road and bridge matters. Mr. Joy noted that he has \$68,000 left in his budget and would like to purchase a 2004 pick-up truck for \$11,000.00 with 132,000 miles on it.

Brad Swanson noted that he would like to see the County buy two new pickup trucks, one for each road supervisor. Their current trucks each have over 200,000 miles on them. He presented a bid from Melton Motor Company for a 4x4 ¾ ton pickup truck priced around \$25,000 and one at \$26,974.00. The Board will discuss the matter.

Mr. Joy was asked to order NO PARKING signs for the inside of the square so the road and bridge employees can clean the snow from the inside square. It was decided the signs will read No Parking 6-9 a.m. for Snow Removal. This would make it legal to park on the inside square when it is not snowing or other times of the year.

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

The Board asked Clerk Hall to issue a memo to all department heads directing them to only purchase necessities from now until the end of year to boost carry over for the 2011 Budget. Even if you have extra at the end of this year do not purchase items now to be used in 2011.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons, Clerk Vickie Hall and the Board held a telephone conference call with Greg Vahrenberg of Piper Jaffray Company. Greg discussed the final steps in refinancing the General Obligation Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2010. Due to the refinancing Republic County will save \$1,307,956.00 over the life of the bonds. They have lowered the interest rate to 2.26% and by refinancing the bonds it shortened the payment schedule from 2023 to 2020.

Mr. Vahrenberg told the Board that they could call in the bonds early anytime after June 1, 2017 if our sales tax is plentiful.

Chairman Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-31 authorizing and providing for the sale, issuance and delivery of General Obligation Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of Republic County, Kansas. Second by Rytch, motion passed 3-0.

The Board noted that the County offices will be closed on November 11, 2010 in observance of Veteran's Day.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Kathy Aiello offered the morning prayer.

Election Deputy Beth Ball joined the group and the coin toss was held to break a tie of the Freedom Township Clerk following the November 2, 2010 General Election. Bob Novak and Kathy Brzon both received the same number of votes. Kathy Brzon was the winner of the coin toss.

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that in January of 2013 the narrow band radio coverage will take effect. After January 2013 the County will no longer issue contracts or rent space on the County tower. Republic County currently offers a two-year contract for two county residents.

Larry Hobson and Steve Hawley visited with commissioners about the status of a bridge replacement in their area. The work is scheduled to begin in two weeks.

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

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

Economic Development Director Jenny Russell reviewed the progress on the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan with the Board. Clerk Hall will get a "Notice of Hearing" ready for the November 25th edition of The Belleville Telescope.

Mike Hadachek, Randy Wise, Keith Anderson and RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker visited with the Board about an up-coming RCD application. It was a consensus of the group to continue to abide by the established standard loan guidelines currently in place. The group looks forward to meeting with the new loan applicants at the November 17th RCD meeting.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to direct RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker to contact Deb Ohlde and inquire if the Davis-Bacon Wage Act must be implemented on the pending application. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisors Brad Swanson and Terry Cherney visited with the Board about Road and Bridge matters. Mr. Joy noted that his department is back to winter hours working the five day work schedule.

Chairman Holl made a motion to allow the purchase of a 2004 ¾ ton pick-up from Reliable Auto Service, Belleville, to be used as a shop truck for the Road and Bridge Department. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Discussion continued about buying two new pick-up trucks, one for each of the road supervisors. Mr. Joy told the Board that he has \$412,000.00 to carry over in Road Improvement and that he still has \$82,846.00 available in the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Mr. Joy felt that Melton Motor Company gave them a bid with an exceptionally good price on the two pick-up trucks and the funds are available. The Board tabled the discussion until next week.

Patrons Gene Russell and Chet Russell made a request to change the water flow to accommodate a new pivot irrigation system at 50 Rd and King Road. The group agreed to follow the recommendation of the NRCS Office (Natural Resources and Conservation Service) and the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District. Work to construct the approved diversion would be at the cost of the landowner.

Bill and Mary Ann White also made a request to the county to re-route water. The NRCS encouraged them to build another water-way on the SW ¼ of Section 9-1-1 and not re-route the water. The Board agreed to follow the NRCS recommendation.

Sheriff Ron Blad told the Board that he plans to transfer employee Jonathan Shelly from the position of jailer to a deputy on road patrol. The Board had reservations about the need to hire another full time employee. Sheriff Blad told them he would use Josh Flowers on a part-time basis only, hiring him back as a jailer.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Ambulance Director Don Lieb visited with the Board about his department. The board encouraged Mr. Lieb to make the change to electronic record keeping as soon as is practical. The department will be required to use more technology in 2011.

At 8:39 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Lieb and Clerk Hall. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0. At 8:49 a.m., regular session resumed with no action taken by the Board.

Melinda Pierson, Main Street Representative, received permission to block off the inside of the Courthouse drive for Christmas on the Square. It will be blocked off to traffic so a trolley pulled by Percheron horses can give rides to those attending the Christmas opening.

Dick Currie, Riverview Cemetery Board, asked the Commissioners if local cemetery districts are covered by liability insurance. Clerk Hall called K-Camp Insurance representative Tom Job prior to the meeting and he indicated that the County does not provide it. The Board encouraged Mr. Currie to contact local insurance agents to inquire about the cost of liability insurance and ask them if other local cemetery boards purchase it. The Board does not know if local cemetery districts purchase liability insurance.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker informed the Board that Jared Melton, owner of Mr. Goodcents, has paid in full his first loan for working capital from the Republic County Revolving Loan Fund. He will continue to pay on his second loan.

It was a consensus of the Board to publish the **Notice of Public Hearing** to be held Monday, December 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the adoption of a County-Wide Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen and the Board held the official bid opening for the purchase of a County car for the Health Department. Mrs. Hansen noted that she would prefer to shop locally should service be required and that she did not wish to spend more than \$18,000.00 from her capital outlay. Four bids were received from Stenberg Motors, Clyde, Kansas, Womack Ford, Concordia, Doane Sells, Belleville and Melton Motors of Belleville. The bids are on file. The Board decided to think about it and make a decision next week.

Mrs. Hansen noted that Curtis Tamerius had cleaned the walk in front of the Health Department for several years. Tamerius will not be able to do it this year. The Board suggested she ask who cleans the sidewalks for Arbuthnot Drug Store and see if they would be interested in the cleaning the walks for the Health Department. The Board ultimately left the decision to hire someone to clear the snow up to Mrs. Hansen.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy and Road Supervisor Brad Swanson visited with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase two new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 pick-up trucks from Melton Motor Company for the Road Supervisors. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

Jeff Sothers, Gene and Chet Russell want to alter their previous plans to accommodate a new pivot irrigation system on 50 Road and King Road. The Board said they would not approve anything that did not previously have the approval of the local Natural Resources and Conservation Service.

Jimmy Peterson and Richard Wolzen stopped in to ask the Board if they plan to repair the bridge that is closed on 23rd Street West of Belleville. Mr. Wolzen spoke with a contractor in the Kansas City area that uses epoxy. The company will have an employee stop and look at the bridge when they are going through our area. The Board showed an interest in learning about epoxy repairs but has reservations about the procedure until it has been approved for use on County structures.

Richard Sandell requested the County gravel another road in his area. Mr. Joy noted that this road has not had gravel on it in the past. The Board denied Sandell's request.

Randy Dick with the Kaw Valley Insurance shared his health insurance proposal from Corporate Plan Management Inc. He noted that Preferred, Coventry and Midwest Public Risk all declined to give Republic County a bid on health care for employees due to the high usage the past couple of years. Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring sat in on the presentation. Clerk Hall and Mrs. Loring will study the proposal and forward it on to Chairman Holl for review.

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

Regular session resumed at 1:00 p.m. with Jennifer Korgie, Wind Developer for Green Capital Power, giving a presentation to the Board. This is a Spanish owned company that just became licensed in 2010 to do business in the United States. The office is in Lincoln, NE and the company is studying sites in North Central Kansas.

The Board plans to pass a resolution requiring all wind energy companies to make an official request for recognition in Republic County before they can lease any land. The purpose is to provide for the notification of activities in our county and their intent to contact area landowners. This makes the firms presence known to County officials and residents. Republic County Attorney Marlea James has the proposed document for review.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-31 to appoint Frank G. Spurney, Jr. to act as special prosecuting attorney for Republic County from November 29 through December 9, 2010 in the absence of Republic County Attorney Marlea James. Second by Rytych, motion passed 2-0.

Economic Development Director Jenny Russell held a telephone conference with the Board to discuss the progress on the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

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, November 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Permission to travel was approved for Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney and Beth Reed to attend the Area II Emergency Management Meeting November 30, 2010 in Salina, Kansas.

Richard Lindberg stopped in to ask questions about the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. He was informed that construction on a project must not start before January 1, 2011 to qualify for a tax rebate.

County Health Administrator Marcia Hansen visited with the Board. It was a consensus of the Board to not purchase a car this year. The cars owned by the County Health Department do not have over 100,000 miles on them. The Board told Ms. Hansen that 100,000 miles or less on a car is not considered high mileage if they are serviced on a regular basis.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy received signatures on a Utility Agreement between Kirk Hansen and Republic County as he was granted permission to construct and operate an underground water line near the SE Corner of Section 34-4-4.

Joe Hurla of 360 Energy Solutions visited with the Board about the projects that could be targeted for improvement. The County was approved for a \$150,000.00 energy grant with a 60/40 match by the County and will be administered by 360 Energy Solutions. It was a consensus of the Board to start with improvements and energy conservation in the building currently occupied by the Republic County Health Department. Mr. Hurla will design a plan for a new furnace and air conditioning unit and conduct the bidding process. The work will begin in February and must be completed by December 31, 2011.

Other possible projects will include improvements to the 40 year old boiler and energy efficient light fixtures in the Republic County Courthouse.

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

The Board approved the 2011 Monthly Accounts Payable schedule.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytch were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Kathy Calkins shared her concerns about the lack of progress concerning Ks. State Historical Preservation Grant for new windows in the Courthouse. It may not be possible to find a contractor who can actually duplicate the construction of the current windows. Campbell and Johnson employees will continue with the paperwork.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker told the Board there would be no RCD Meeting this week.

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

Highway Administrator Charles Joy along with Tod Salfrank, Eric Deitcher and Dawn Hueske from the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Projects in Topeka, Kansas met with the Board. They were here to explain the Federal Funds Exchange Program for Local Agencies.

This is a new program in Kansas that allows exchanges of federal funds for state dollars which computes to \$0.90 of state funds for each dollar of federal funds exchanged. Republic County has about one million in federal dollars available which translates into \$900,000.00 in state funds. Republic County will receive about \$140,000.00 each year in federal money. They will only allow a county to build those federal funds up for three years so it is important to spend the federal funds when possible. Possible uses are bridges and local structures, signage throughout the County as well as on city streets.

Permission to travel was approved for Charles Joy and Duane Swanson to attend the Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition Meeting, December 8, 2010 in Osborne, Kansas.

Mr. Joy noted that they are having trouble with a transmission in one of the big trucks. It was a consensus of the Board to spend the \$6,750.00 to replace the transmission and receive a warranty.

Commissioner Rytch made a motion to give a one- time cost adjustment of \$50.00 to full time employees and \$25.00 to part-time employees. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

The Board reviewed the health insurance for employees and decided to continue the discussion next week.

An informational meeting for employees will be held on December 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Republic County Courthouse. This meeting will be only for employees and their spouses and not open to the public. Randy Dick of Kaw Valley Insurance, Inc. will explain how his insurance plan would work should the Commissioners choose his firm. This will afford employees a little privacy making it more comfortable for a question and answer session as we continue to study health insurance. Only one commissioner will attend this meeting.

Beth Reed presented the lease agreements between Republic County and Joe and Jerry Strnad where they lease the use of the county's antenna tower and related equipment for the purpose of relaying two-way radio communication signals. The commissioners signed the agreements.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor John Lewis offered the morning prayer.

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

Communications Director Raymond Raney told the Board that Republic County received notification that the Communications Department will receive approximately \$80,000.00 in grant money. Fifty thousand one hundred thirty three dollars (\$50,133.00) of it is for high resolution photography which will be used to pin point the location of the caller. The balance of the grant dollars is for computer equipment, a new recorder and five years of maintenance.

Mr. Raney also informed the Board that he received a letter of resignation from 911 Dispatcher Heidi Silvia. She worked the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift for the Republic County Communications Department. The Board accepted her resignation with regret.

Clerk Hall told the Board that Mrs. Silvia has accepted a position as a 911 Dispatcher for Mitchell County working 12 hour shifts on a four day per week schedule. This schedule will give her time for personal business and some week-ends off to spend with family.

Christi Palmeri introduced the Board to services provided by Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. and Subsidiaries from St. Marys, Kansas. She gave an overview of the family legal plan and the identity theft coverage. She requested permission to meet with county employees and offer them group rates. The Board will make a decision next week.

Kathy Calkins told the Board that Eric Johnson and others will meet the first week of January to determine if Republic County has approval from the historical preservation committee to use replacement windows.

The Board held a telephone conference call with Jewell County Commissioners inviting them to a meeting on December 28th in Mankato to protest the proposed Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative plan to close local business offices. The Board asked Clerk Hall to invite Manager Doug Jackson to come in and explain the proposed plan to them.

It was a consensus of the Board to close the Courthouse, Health Department, Weed Department and Road and Bridge Department at 11:30 a.m. on December 23rd. Communications and all Emergency Services will keep their normal schedule.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy told the Board that work has been completed on 140 Road with gravel being applied between Queen and Rock Road.

Mr. Joy and the Board discussed the upcoming Regional Transit Meeting in Salina. It was a consensus of the group to skip this meeting as much will not apply to Republic County.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board held the Official Hearing for the Republic County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Chairman Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-32 to adopt the "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Republic County, Kansas, January 2011". Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek visited with the Board about a lien release and other RCD matters.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday December 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Kathy Aiello offered the morning prayer.

RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker received a signature from Chairman Holl on RCD documents.

Register of Deeds Peggy Frint told the Board that she has hired Maria Keefer as Deputy Register of Deeds. Ms. Keefer started work December 13 will be a part time employee.

Communications Director Raymond Raney informed the Board about a transfer of funds. Money from grants will be transferred into Wireless 911 fund to replace money used to make payments on the new CAD System until the grant funding became available. Clerk Hall noted that this would be done after the County auditor gives his approval.

The Belleville Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek introduced Freddie Arnold, Fairbury, NE as the son of the owner of the Telescope, Mr. Fred Arnold.

Chairman Holl presented Steve Pounds with a plaque to mark his retirement as County Weed Director and thanked him for his 39 years of service to Republic County. Steve's sister, Mary Pounds Conaway, Hutchinson, Kansas was in attendance to observe the presentation.

Doug Jackson, Manager of Rolling Hill Electric Cooperative, visited with the Board and explained the plans for consolidation of offices into one centralized location. The new business location would be in Beloit, Kansas. He noted that by closing the Belleville, Mankato and Ellsworth offices the cooperative will save over one million dollars annually. Currently the Belleville office handles accounts receivables, Ellsworth staff does the billing and Mankato has the accounting office. Most of the savings will be in duplicated duties of the office staff. Jackson said the Belleville office rarely sees more than 4 or 5 walk in customers per day. Beloit was chosen as a potential site for one centralized office. By looking at the map of the Rolling Hills Cooperative service area it was obvious to the Board that Beloit is in the center of the district.

Jackson also projected that within ten years the Belleville office building will be sold and the cooperative would buy a smaller property where three linemen will work out of a much smaller building. The building would hold a smaller inventory, replaced on a weekly basis, for our immediate area.

Many of the details have yet to be worked out but Jackson encouraged cooperative members to attend the annual meeting next spring and/or visit with their board members individually.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about road and bridge matters. Donald and Katherine Wilber, Richard Wolzen and Jim Peterson were in attendance to discuss the bridge that has been closed on west 23rd Street. The Board agreed that having federal funds to work with will be helpful but there are still procedures that must be followed and when working with other governmental agencies it would take approximately two years before things would be in place to proceed with a large project involving federal funds. The Board said the bridge is a priority but there are other projects within the County of equal importance. Rytych said the bridge will likely be replaced but probably not as quickly as the patrons would like to see.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to pass Resolution 2010-33 to transfer funds, after the year end obligations are paid, into the Special Equipment or Special Highway Fund. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Mike Nondorf to serve as the new Republic County Weed Director. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The Board noted that Duane Swanson works at the County Landfill and is currently in charge of Recycling. The Board directed the two men to assist one another as needed to cover both departments. When not busy at the Weed Department Mr. Nondorf will continue working for the Road and Bridge Department. Mr. Joy will hire another employee to work on the bridge crew to replace Mr. Nondorf.

The Board has struggled with the increased cost of health insurance premiums for County employees. The Board reviewed the comments and suggestions received from numerous County employees. At the end of the day Chairman Holl made a motion to continue to contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas for one more year. There will also be no pay raises in 2011 for County employees. Second by Rytych, motion passed 3-0. The Board “drew a line in the sand” and stated that all 2012 Blue Cross Blue Shield premium increases will be passed on to the employees.

Current employees will be “grandfathered in” as the County continues to pay the full BCBS premium for them. However, starting January 1, 2011 new hires who work full time for Republic County will have only a single premium paid for them. If the new employee has dependants and desires insurance coverage for them, the new employee will be required to pay 15% of the premium. The cost of the BCBS Plan required for dependants minus the cost of the single plan and the employee pays 15% of that total to the County each month. The amount will be withheld from the paycheck.

EMS Secretary Beverly Reynolds will retire December 31st. The public is invited to a reception in her honor on Monday, December 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s room at the Republic County Courthouse. Reynolds has worked as the EMS Secretary since May of 1995.

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 27, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 27, 2010 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville. Commissioners Linda Holl and Frank Rytych were in attendance. County Clerk Vickie Hall was also present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Mark Imel offered the morning prayer.

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

Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

The Board approved the 2011 Holiday schedule.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20th meeting. Second by Holl motion was approved 2-0.

Minutes of the December 13th meeting will need to be approved next week.

Christi Palmeri of Flint Hills Legal Consultants asked to meet with Republic County Employees to introduce Pre-Paid Legal Services, Incorporated. It was a consensus of the Board not to offer another plan through payroll deduction.

Highway Administrator Charles Joy visited with the Board about personnel and upcoming road and bridge projects.

Communications Director Raymond Raney visited with the Board about personnel. Raney requested permission to purchase a new computer for Secretary Beth Reed. Mr. Raney said, "My department received \$1,700.00 more in MPG Funds than in previous years from the State of Kansas." He asked to spend \$1,300.00 of those additional funds on a new computer and software for Mrs. Reed. It was a consensus of the Board that if this additional money was not used to fund his budget, then he could purchase the computer.

It was noted that EMS Secretary Beverly Reynolds retirement reception will begin at 1:00 p.m. today. Commissioner Rytych will attend the reception and present the plaque.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Rytych agreed to the Republic County Hospital Board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.