

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych moved to approve the December 30, 2013 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Clerk Marsicek presented the Board with an application for tax exemption on county owned property located at Section 34, TWP 02, RNG3 for 23.4 acres.

Clerk Marsicek delivered the contract and Resolution 2014-1 between Republic County and Peoples Exchange Bank authorizing direct deposit of payroll for signatures. Chairperson Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-1 to sign the contract between Republic County and Peoples Exchange Bank to process the direct deposit of payroll. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Marsicek will send information to all employees with the paychecks this week regarding this change. Direct deposit will be starting in March.

At 8:47 am, Commissioner Rytych requested an executive session to discuss confidential data relating to Republic County for 5 minutes including the Board and Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:52 am. The consensus of the Board, due to state ruling regarding drug testing, all non-safety sensitive employees will be removed from the random testing. Marsicek will contact Lisa Jones (DER) with a list of personnel to be removed from the listing at TMHC testing center.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds presented the 2013 Register of Deeds report. Frint asked the Board to approve a Resolution in the near future urging Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee.

The Board signed the Tower lease agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad regarding the tower located on the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 1, TWP 2, RNG 3.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, presented 2013 year end reports for signatures and reminded the Board the regular meeting of the RCD board on January 8.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Company, shared his dismay with the Board about the county not purchasing gravel for the county from county businesses. Barclay stated his prices might be a little higher but freight charges would be less if local deliveries. Barclay presented quality test reports between his gravel and Deweese (Superior) and Consolidated (Fairbury). Barclay was asked to bring in samples and demonstrate the sifting process to compare the types of gravel. This will be set up at a later date.

Finkbiner presented his weekly report.

- 1) Finkbiner presented the Notice of Public Rights under Title VI regarding the Republic County Transportation for approval and signing. Chairperson Holl made a motion to sign the Public Rights document. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 2) The new JD Loader should be delivered this week.
- 3) The insurance check on the Broom damage in October for the amount of \$17,500 should be coming shortly.
- 4) No recycling trailers have been located yet.
- 5) There will be a meeting January 13, 2014 with the Cloud County Commissioners, Republic County Commissioners, Andy Asch and Finkbiner regarding the bridge on the county line between Cloud and Republic county.

At 10:38am, Chairperson Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Finkbiner. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:48 am taking no action.

At 11:37 am, Chairperson Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages with the Board and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:42. Chairperson Holl made a motion to accept the proposed wage increases for non-elected personnel. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The raises will be effective on the February paychecks.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Holl, Chairperson

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl moved to approve the January 6, 2014 minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Chairperson Holl made a motion for Commissioner Bergstrom to become the Chairman of the Board Republic County Commissioners for 2014. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission from the Board to close her office so all her employees could attend a pending funeral. The consensus of the Board was to give Coons permission to close her office at that time.

Commissioner Holl moved to approve the following resolutions for 2014. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Resolution 2014-02, Raymond Raney, half-time Emergency Manager  
Resolution 2014-03, Scott Finkbiner, Director of Republic County Solid Waste  
Resolution 2014-04, Steve Zukowske, Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer  
Resolution 2014-05, Paul Haase, Volunteer Assistant Emergency Management  
Resolution 2014-06, Marcia Hansen, Director of the Health Department  
Resolution 2014-07, Mike Nondorf, Director of Weed Department  
Resolution 2014-08, Scott Finkbiner, Director of Transportation  
Resolution 2014-09, Scott Finkbiner, Highway Administrator  
Resolution 2014-10, Raymond Raney, half-time Director of Communications Department  
Resolution 2014-11, Blaine VanMeter, Director of Emergency Medical Services  
Resolution 2014-12, Randy Ainsworth, Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services  
Resolution 2014-13, Raymond Raney, County Hazardous Materials Advisor  
Resolution 2014-14, Raymond Raney, County Flood Plain Manager  
Resolution 2014-15, Raymond Raney, Safety Officer  
Resolution 2014-16, Raymond Raney, 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Resolution 2014-17, Raymond Raney, Radiological Officer

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-18, urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, presented a letter from the RCD committee recommending 7 months of interest only payments, beginning December, 2013 and ending June, 2014, for Chris and Christi Janssen of C&C High Tunnel Farms. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the recommendation. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to give a \$400 increase to the treasurer of RCD. Bergstrom second, agreed 3-0.

Raymond Raney, 9-1-1 Director, presented the Board with the Memorandum of Understanding between Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council and Republic County Communications Center. The Kansas 9-1-1 will be updating their systems and there will be a Geographic Information System gap analysis performed in Republic County to increase services available in the county. Currently, Republic County receives \$50,000 per year in funding from the state to update equipment and services.

Raney stated there were 2057 calls to 9-1-1 during 2013 of which 213 were made from landlines and 1844 from cell phones. Other incoming phone calls to the courthouse totaled 12,239. There were 5800 calls to report non-emergency situations.

At 11:35am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes with the Board, County Attorney Marlea James and Clerk Marsicek to discuss legal matters of the county. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:40 am, an additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl, seconded by Rytych, agreed 3-0.

At 11:45 am, an additional 5 minutes was requested by Bergstrom, seconded by Holl, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:50 am. The consensus of the Board is to have Sheriff Blad, Marcia Hansen and Scott Finkbiner attend next weeks' Board meeting. Clerk Marsicek will set up meeting times.

Due the absence of Scott Finkbiner, the meeting with the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was postponed until January 20, 2014.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Holl, Chairperson

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl moved to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

A/P vouchers were approved totaling \$444,511.23.

Republic County Sheriff, Ron Blad, stated all of the employees in his department should remain in the random drug test procedure. Blad stated he would like to update vehicles so he will be getting bids to replace older vehicles.

Health Administrator, Marcia Hansen, stated all of the employees in her department should remain in the random drug test procedure. There are times the clerks are needed to aid the nurses so they should not be exempt. Hansen shared she will be in Wichita on Wednesday and Thursday explaining rural Kansas views on health issues and making a presentation?

Emergency Preparedness Director, Raymond Raney, presented his final written report for 2013 stats.

At 8:50 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session with the Board and Raney for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Rytych 2<sup>nd</sup> agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:55 am taking no action.

Courthouse custodian, Kevin Calkins, explained the window project is completed. However, there is one window that has drawn moisture and Glass Services will be fixing that when the weather is warmer.

Several county employees expressed their gratitude to the Commissioners for their increases in wages for 2014.

County Attorney, Marlea James, informed the Board, the county will be receiving a lease agreement from the Nebraska RFD #6 allowing RFD#1 Byron to store equipment in the new building at the Byron location.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) The work has begun on the 23<sup>rd</sup> street Bridge by King Construction.
- 2) The broom damaged last October has been turned over to KCAMP and they will pay \$20,000 minus deductible of \$500. KCAMP will then follow-up with the other party involved in the accident.
- 3) Finkbiner was requested to contact our County Attorney regarding the reimbursement of \$9,587.21 for the Hardy River Bridge damage.
- 4) The balance of the Federal Exchange Funding from 2013 was received totaling \$236,795.89.
- 5) Road and Bridge wants to update their computers and there are some computers in the courthouse that need updated also so Clerk Marsicek will develop a list of departments needing computers and research bids.
- 6) Four job applications have been received for the Operator 1 position at the Road and Bridge Department. Finkbiner will start interviews this week.
- 7) Finkbiner presented a quote from Murphy Tractor to purchase a 770G John Deere grader. Foley will present a quote for a 12M-c Cat grader at a later date.

The Board asked Clerk Marsicek to make plans for the annual employee appreciation supper to be held in March at the 4-H building on the Fair Grounds.

The Board signed the agreements between Republic County and the cities of Munden, Cuba and Scandia regarding solid waste fees.

At noon, the Board took a recess until 1:00 pm for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1:00 pm to travel to Concordia and met with the Cloud County Board of Commissioners. Attending the meeting in Concordia from Republic County, Commissioners Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych, Linda Holl, Clerk Marsicek and Road and Bridge Administrator Scott Finkbiner; from Cloud County, Commissioners Johnita Crawford, Gail Engle, Gary Casper; Clerk Linda Bogart, public works director Andy Asch.

Commissioner Holl requested an explanation why the Cloud County Board feels the bridge located between 200 Road and 210 Road on the Republic County/Cloud County line needs to be replaced? Holl asked how many people drive that road daily since it is a dirt road. What is the estimated cost to Republic County if the bridge is replaced? Has the Cloud County Board driven out to see the bridge in question? Cloud Chairperson Crawford said, "No, the Board has not taken a road trip to view the bridge but Cloud County Board will visit the bridge in question". She asked Asch to answer the other questions. Asch explained the bridge was inspected as a fractured critical bridge that needs replaced or close the bridge and vacate the road. They prefer not to vacate roads unless the landowners request it. Asch explained, he submitted a grant application with KDOT for funding and the estimate to replace the bridge would be \$381,000. The normal share on KDOT grants is 80/20 meaning the county would need to pay \$132,200 which should be shared by the two counties when the bridge lies on the boundary. Each county's share could be \$66,100. The size of the new bridge would be 120 feet long and 28 feet wide, increasing the current size from 80 feet long and 14.8 feet wide.

Chairperson Crawford announced next week their Board would take a road trip and review the bridge and report back to Republic County Commissioners before any final decisions will be decided.

Finkbiner shared, if the bridge is still necessary, it is possible the bridge crew from Republic County could build a steel bridge more cost effective than the contracting another company. Asch would take that into consideration.

Commissioner Rytych asked the status of the asphalt mixing plant Cloud County purchased? When will it be up and running? Republic County would be interested in supporting the plant. Asch stated, "We are still working on it. There were more repairs needed than anticipated when we purchased it".

Chairperson Bergstrom asked what employees Cloud County random drug tests. Crawford explained only pre-employment and public works with persons that have a CDL license.

Chairperson Crawford asked how Republic County was handling the conceal carry laws and Judge Cudney mandate. Bergstrom stated the courthouse is open to conceal carry except on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where the sheriff's office and the District courtroom and District offices are located. Republic County hired 1 ½ persons to monitor a security walk through system on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Commissioner Rytych asked how soon the Cloud County jail will be in operation and Crawford shared "Hopefully soon".

The Republic County Board drove by the bridge in question on their return to Belleville. The consensus of the Board remains the same as before the meeting. They feel it would be not be a wise use of county money to replace the discussed bridge.

At 3:04 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Clerk Marsicek explained corrections needed to the minutes per concerned citizen stating the fire district was not Chester but Nebraska RFD #6 and equipment would be stored at the Byron location. Commissioner Holl moved to approve the January 20, 2014 minutes with said changes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl informed the Board the flag that was purchased for the Republic County Centennial has been located at the Republic County Museum. The Board would like to request permission to fly the flag on special days throughout the year. Clerk Marsicek will contact the museum for this permission. Specifically, the Board would like to fly it on Kansas Day and the week of the North Central Kansas Free Fair. If this is not possible, pricing for a duplicate flag will be researched.

Clerk Marsicek presented a request for funding from North Central CASA for \$5,000. In June, CASA director, Carol Miller asked the board for funding and the Board agreed to discuss it when setting the budget for 2014. Since the line item was omitted from the proposed budget, Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$5,000 from County General to CASA. Rytych 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agreed 3-0.

Deputy Eric Brunner presented an Affidavit-Existing Participant for signature. This affidavit states Republic County is in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of their Department of Justice.

The Board appointed Jim Blecha of Munden, KS to serve on the Republic County Development (RCD) Committee for a two year term. This term was effective on January 1, 2014, and will expire December 31, 2015.

The Board sent a letter to Kenneth Nelson, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District, strongly endorsing the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District's efforts to bury open laterals to pipe within the District.

At 9:15 am, commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Deputy Clerk Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:20 am taking no action.

Permission to travel was granted to Barry Porter to attend a Legislative reception in Topeka on January 29.

County Appraiser, Barry Porter, recommended the Board cancel the request for tax exemption on the land swapped with the Economic Development located on Section 34, TWP 2, RNG 3 stating the land is rented for farming and not used as a mixing strip as of 2013. The consensus of the Board was to cancel the application for tax exemption until such time as the land is not being rented.

Clerk Marsicek announced there is now WIFI in the courthouse. Each floor has a router and users may log in under guest.

Commissioner Holl asked to be excused at 10:30 am to attend an appointment.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Permission to travel was granted for Scott Finkbiner, Lisa Jones and Rhonda Jochim to attend a Transportation Meeting in Minneapolis, KS on January 28.

- 2) Finkbiner presented a proposal for purchasing an AMI Hydraulic Thumb to fit the current JCB Backhoe from Sellers Equipment for \$5544.00 and a Dymax Refuse Grapple Rake. After discussion of each piece of equipment, Commissioner Rytych made a motion to purchase the Hydraulic Thumb for \$5544.00. Bergstrom second.
- 3) Finkbiner presented two quotes for road graders.
  - A) Foley Equipment- CAT 12M2 Motor Grader-\$223,867.12 (minus \$5000 credit and minus \$7000 filters for 60 months)=\$212,867.12
  - B) Murphy Tractor & Equipment- JD 770G Motor Grader-\$199,000.00 (minus discount \$3,000) = \$196,000

Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the JD 770G from Murphy Tractor for \$196,000. Rytych second.

- 4) Finkbiner presented a review list of 2014 Fracture Critical Bridges. Nine bridges are still open and in use but Finkbiner would like to propose closing 6 bridges and replacing the other three. There are six bridges that are currently closed. The road and bridge employees have installed a double tube on a minimum low maintenance road and it will be reopened with maximum weight limits. The Republic River Bridge is still awaiting replacement.

Commissioner Rytych requested all the commissioners inspect each bridge before proceeding with closing the other 6 bridges.

- 5) Finkbiner will be fully staffed as of February 3.
- 6) All road and bridge employees will be attending forklift training on March 6.
- 7) Received \$19,500.00 from Kcamp insurance for the wrecked road broom.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Commissioner Rytych will be the only commissioner attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon today.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member



REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

Charlie Smies from Crossroads Economic RCD invited the Board to the NCK Fairgrounds Improvements and Grant Workshop on February 20 at Concordia. Smies asked Republic County to consider donating to the Crossroads RCD. Smies is requesting \$700.00. The Board will make a decision at the next commissioners meeting.

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, asked permission to change the heating system in his office from propane to natural gas. The Board granted him permission to contact the gas company and present prices for converting the heating system.

The Board signed Lease Agreement between Republic County and Joe Strnad to use the antenna tower located on the NE1/4 of Section 1, Township 2, and Range 3.

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

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Tom Grover as assistant custodian of the courthouse.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for new computers throughout the courthouse, health department and road and bridge department.

- 1) Computer Solutions Inc. - \$1,086 each
- 2) Professional Computers - \$1,124 each
- 3) Dell computer - \$1,309.99 each

Prices do not include installation and antivirus which is contracted with Computer solutions.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase the needed computers from Computer Solutions to be paid from the County equipment fund. Rytych 2<sup>nd</sup>, agreed 3-0.

Sherry Koster, LEPC-Sanitarian, present the July to December 2013 Itemized category reports. Koster shared information regarding GRAYWATER system as issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Graywater is defined as wastewater from sources within single family residences, including showers, bathtubs, clothes-washing machines, hand-washing lavatories and sinks that are not used for disposal of hazardous or toxic ingredients to be used as subsurface drip irrigation.

Marcie Hansen, Health Administrator, announced the Health Department received a \$1000 memorial from a Republic County family. Hansen invited the Board to attend the annual Republic County Home Health Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at noon at the Astra Bank Meeting room.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) R & B is preparing for the winter weather predicted this week.
- 2) The State will inspect the Fracture Critical Bridges in 2014.

- 3) Pat Damon from Cloud County Community College is seeking board planks for an animal shed. Finkbiner stated we have several planks and the county could spare 10 for the school if the Board agreed. It was the consensus of the board to donate 10 planks to the college.
- 4) A new operator 1 employee started on Monday February 3.
- 5) The new loader was received last week
- 6) The new grader should be delivered today February 3.
- 7) His department is building three sheds at the road and bridge location to store equipment.
- 8) Road and bridge employees will be attending APAC training on February 6.
- 9) Finkbiner is preparing his annual report to present to the Board next week.
- 10) Finkbiner request bids for the regular bridge inspections in 2014.
- 11) Republic County will buying back the damaged broom from the insurance company and fix it instead of purchasing a new broom.
- 12) Researching two new grapples for the loader, the first quote received was \$18,000 each.
- 13) Redesigning the grader districts for more efficient service. Currently there are 10 districts and will make 12. No additional persons or equipment will be needed.
- 14) Only 26 surveys have been received from the Republic City area regarding the funding for the Republican River Bridge. Finkbiner will be visiting the Republic area to stress the need for these to be returned.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, stated the new ambulance will be ready for pick up on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Columbia, Missouri. He must take the payment check with him.

Van Meter announced he received a grant to cover all his tuition, books and room and board while taking his Paramedic training at McCook. Van Meter asked if he would receive his full employee benefits and wages while he was taking the 3 month training. Commissioner Holl said, "We, the Board, requested the training, so the benefit status will not change during that time".

At 11:14 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, Van Meter, Ainsworth and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 10 minutes, Rytych seconded, agreed.

The board reconvened at 11:34 am taking no action.

Van Meter announced the hiring of a fulltime EMS person.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, requested permission to advertise for a part-time assistant custodian due to the resignation of Tom Grover. The Board approved this request and stated the starting wage should be \$10 per hour.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Assembly of God Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom second, agreed 2-0.

Marcie Hansen, Health Department Administrator, presented a grant application to the State of Kansas Department of Health & Environment requesting funding from State Formula-\$7,000, Maternal and Child Health-\$6,763 and Immunization Action Plan-\$1,872 for a total of grant funds \$15,635.00

Clerk Marsicek received a call from Glass Services of Salina requesting a partial payment on the balance due for the installation of windows in the courthouse. Per the Board, the final payment has been held until all work is completed. Marsicek explained there is one window that needs work; however, until the weather is warmer and the window can be replaced, the project will not be completed. It was the consensus of the Board to hold \$5,000 of the final payment but pay the balance \$8,167.93 on the next check run.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Finkbiner has sent letters for the inspection requirements for bi-annual inspection for 256 bridges in Republic County. Eight (8) Engineering firms will quote the inspection cost. The quotes will be opened May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Commissioners meeting.
  - BG Consultants
  - Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers
  - Campbell & Johnson Engineers
  - EEL Engineering
  - EES Elite Engineering
  - Kirkham Michael Engineers
  - Lochner
  - Schwab Eaton
- 2) Finkbiner has sent letters for the purpose of acquiring tire quotes for 2014 to be opened February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Commissioners meeting. The business with the lowest tire quote will get Republic County tire orders for the 2014 year.
  - Agenda Oil
  - Crouse Tire
  - Cuba Town and Country
  - Gile Alignment Service
  - Hoard Oil
  - Jensen Tire & Service
  - Reliable Auto
  - Shawn's Service & Tires
- 3) Road and Bridge employees helped clean the parking and sidewalks at the courthouse last week and will do so for future snows.
- 4) One of the three grader district storage buildings has been completed at the county shop.

- 5) Concrete work was planned to begin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge February 8<sup>th</sup> by King Construction.
- 6) Finkbiner has consulted with Hall Brothers to purchase hot mix/cold mix for 2014.
- 7) Finkbiner explained if the KDOT projects on 36 Hwy and 81 Hwy are mixing asphalt near Republic County, there is a possibility of a decrease in price if Republic County supplies the trucks and Hall Brothers supply the asphalt lay down machine and labor.
- 8) Finkbiner presented a sample print of proposed new county logo to be placed on Republic County equipment. Apple One Media is working with Lisa and Rhonda to design the new logo.
- 9) Kansas Historical Society has contacted Finkbiner to replace the current Pawnee Indian Museum signs on Fir Road, 40 Road, 50 Road and 90 Road. Board instructed Finkbiner to meet with the Historical Society for the exact signs needed, location and cost.
- 10) The Board asked for an update on the reimbursement for expenses on the Hardy Republican River Bridge damaged last summer. Finkbiner has not received any information from County Attorney Marlea James.

John Forshee, K-State Research and Extension Director, and Diane Kussman visited with the Board in regards to the county 4-H groups helping to raise money with other county organizations to make a donation to the State of Kansas for the REPUBLIC County portion of the Marble on the floor of the Capitol building in Topeka. The consensus of the Board was to table the discussion until next week when all commissioners should be available. John presented each commissioner with the January 2014 new letter explaining the 5 Ground Challenges: Global Food Systems, Water, Health, Developing Tomorrow's leaders and Community Vitality.

Forshee invited the commissioner to attend the North Central Kansas Fairgrounds Improvement Planning and Grant Workshop in Concordia on February 20.

Forshee reported the community garden project started in 2013 was a great success and plans for 2014 community garden will start with a meeting February 25 at the Mainstreet Tabernacle.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, stated a few applications have been received for the part-time custodian. Calkins asked permission to seek bids to re-seed the south side of the courthouse lawn due to the loss of grass last summer. The consensus of the board was to grant permission.

Don Danielson presented a bid from Apple One Media to make a duplicate County Flag. This matter was tabled until next week when all commissioners should be available.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to donate \$700.00 to the Crossroads RCD. The funds will be paid out of County General. Bergstrom second, agreed 2-0.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

The courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 17, President's Day.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom second, agreed 2-0.

Kevin Calkins, Custodian, informed the Board there were several applicants for the part time custodian position. Calkins has interviewed the applicants and will make an offer this week.

Calkins stated the window that was not sealed correctly has been fixed and Glass Services should receive their final installment on the window project.

Following discussion regarding the County Flag that is located at the Republic County Museum, the consensus of the Board is to purchase another Flag to be stored at the courthouse and flown on special occasions instead of borrowing the flag on display at the museum. Clerk Marsicek will contact Apple Media to place the order. The cost of the flag will be \$165.00 to be paid out of county general fund.

Permission to travel was granted to Clerk Marsicek to attend Sanborn Clerk Training Year Two at Wichita on April 13-18.

The Board discussed the request from the state to donate \$1000 to help with the marble inlay on the Capitol floor showing where Republic County is located. The Board has previously voted the matter down but because of persistence of the state through other organizations decided to reopen the topic. Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the State of Kansas for the "Republic County" section on the floor of the Capitol building. Bergstrom seconded the motion, agreed 3-0 with reservations.

Mikeal Hadachek visited with the Board about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Hadachek was approached by a resident that currently is enrolled in the NRP about applying for a second application for a separate improvement program. The Board will review this matter with Barry Porter the County Appraiser who handles all the NRP applications and rules and the Board will contact Hadachek with the requested information.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner, presented his weekly update.

- 1) Finkbiner presented a quote from Belleville Farm and Home for a snow blower attachment for the Snapper mower used at the courthouse for \$1,875. The Board will contact and discuss this snow blower and quote with custodian, Kevin Calkins.
- 2) The Board signed the Agreement between Republic County and the City of Courtland regarding solid waste fees for 2014.
- 3) Finkbiner presented a final draft of the new artwork designed by Lisa Jones and Rhonda Jochim to be placed on the equipment owned by Republic County. Permission was granted to order the decals.
- 4) Permission was granted to Scott Finkbiner, Beth Reed and Raymond Raney to attend the Debris Management Planning Course by the Kansas Emergency Management in Topeka on March 17-20, 2014.
- 5) Regarding the purchase of three signs for the Pawnee Indian Museum, the consensus of the Board will approve the purchase as long as the signs are standard size and not special ordered.

- 6) Finkbiner presented a quote for MAC BKT84 Grapple for the skid-steer loader from CTI in Concordia for \$3,600.00 and a Longford tree saw from Jerad Sasser for \$2,500.00. Rytych made a motion to purchase the grapple from CTI and the tree saw from Sasser. Bergstrom second, agreed 3-0.
- 7) Finkbiner stated the road and bridge department has been using the Bobcat owned by the solid waste department more than the solid waste department and would like permission to purchase the Bobcat from the solid waste department for \$5500.00. Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the Bobcat from Solid waste for \$5500. Holl second, agreed 3-0.
- 8) The third equipment shed has been completed.
- 9) FEMA is to be in Republic County on Wednesday February 19 for the rescheduled visit from January.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Debbie Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Holl second, agreed 2-0.

None of the commissioners will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon today.

Blaine VanMeter, EMS Director, stated the new ambulance is here.

Van Meter requested permission to place the 1998 Unit #3 ambulance for sale. The Board requested ads to be put in the Belleville paper by sealed bids.

Van Meter informed the Board, with the expenses of additional equipment needed in all ambulances, he would like a resolution written to request additional mill levy for the Ambulance Department. Clerk Marsicek has contacted Randy Hofmeier, the auditor, and prepared the resolution as requested.

At 8:45am Commissioner Holl made a motion for executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, VanMeter, Ainsworth and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:55 taking no action.

Blaine VanMeter, EMS Director, along with Randy Ainsworth, Assistant EMS Director, presented the New 2014 Ambulance for the Board to tour and questions. VanMeter is very impressed with the quietness and smoothness of the ride in back. The ambulance has additional storage areas.

Gina Aurand, River Valley Extension Office, asked the Board to be opponents to SB411 which would remove the extension districts taxing authority. The Board agreed to write a letter to the Senate Committee stating Republic County Commissioners would be opponents of said bill SB411.

Randy West, Leland Tice and Jean Istes representing KDOT explained the construction plans on US 36 located east of the US 36 and US 81 exchange have been modified slightly. The plans are still for the four lane to be converting into 3 lane but would extend east past Belle Lane to Town and County Feed and Seed business. The town hall open house on January 15<sup>th</sup> was very beneficial to KDOT and their plans. The citizens of Republic County voiced their concerns about the turning lanes and driveway changes. West explained the driveway change that was planned for the east Dairy Queen driveway has been modified to include the existing driveway but it will be widened for better turning. Another change in the plans will be to make a turning lane at the intersection of US 36 and "S" street (school road). Tice estimates over a year to complete the construction.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner, presented his weekly update.

- 1) Notice was received from the Cloud County Commissioners not to replace the bridge on the Cloud County and Republic County road located between 200 Rd and 210 Rd.

2) Tires bids were received from two vendors prior to the deadline of February 21.

A. Agenda Oil-Agenda, KS - \$4642.25

B. Kansasland-Concordia, KS - \$4578.36

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the Agenda Oil bid even if it higher because it falls within the 10% overage allowed to purchase locally. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

3) The quote for the three signs for the Pawnee Indian Village was \$480.00. Finkbiner feels that is very high and the road and bridge department would be able to fix the current signs for much less. The Board agreed to let the road and bridge department repair the signs.

4) There will be an open operator 1 position after March 6 at the Road and Bridge Dept.

5) FEMA will be here this week to review storm damage and repairs completed from this last summer.

6) Finkbiner asked if the county was receiving any cash rent on Section 34, Township 2, Range 3 on the 23 acres traded to the Economic Development. The Board asked Finkbiner to contact the NRCS office for current cash rent prices.

7) Recycling reimbursements from Washington County will increase by an average of \$50 a month starting March 1. Washington County will pay .01 cent per pound for recycling materials delivered.

8) The contract with Cloud County Transfer station will be amended.

9) Finkbiner asked the Board to reconsider the denial of charges for snow removal from the courthouse. He stated he uses his employees and equipment that could be used in other parts of the county. Rytych stated it is simply county property just like the shop yard and there will not be any transfer of funds from one department to the other.

10) The price of grader blades has increased from \$102 each in 2013 to \$126 each in 2014.

At 10:40 am, Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Finkbiner. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 10:50 am, Holl requested an additional 10 minutes, Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:00. The consensus of the Board regarding any missing equipment and vandalism shall be reported to the sheriff's office, reports filed and an investigation completed.

The Board signed the invitations for the employees that retired from County positions during 2013 inviting them to the Employee Appreciation supper on March 24.

Rob Unruh from Kansas Wildlife and Parks presented a proposal for the Central Flyway Migration Corridor asking for support of \$500. The entire contribution is non-federal in origin and is not contingent upon any future fundraising effort. Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to accept the proposal to support the North American Wetlands program of Central Flyway Migration Corridor. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych stated he attended the Crossroads Economic RCD and NCK Fairgrounds Improvement and Grant workshop in Concordia on February 20, 2014. There was discussion about improvements needed to the Commercial Hall. Suggestions included access to the restrooms from inside the building and heating. Clerk Marsicek will contact KCAMP for information about the year of the building, current insurance regulation and use of building to the next meeting.

Micheal Hadachek, Republic County Economic Development, and Barry Porter, County Appraiser visited about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and how the county currently allows only one application per property. Republic County's program was patterned from Cloud County's with a few revisions. Clerk Marsicek will contact the state program manager for instructions to amend the application for Republic County.



At 11:43 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss financial trade secrets regarding the Republic County Hospital with the Board and Debbie Hadachek, Republic County Hospital Board member. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:48 am, Holl requested an additional 5 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:53 am taking no action.

Larry Rundus, Liberty Township trustee, called in regards to the needs of the county to rent ground to store equipment and fuel barrel. The Board suggested Rundus contact Scott Finkbiner at the county shop.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners signed accounts payable vouchers totaling \$171,847.42.

Clerk Marsicek stated the new computers have been installed. Marsicek asked how to dispose of the computer and parts. Can they be sold? If so, can they be placed for sale to individually or altogether? Permission to place an ad in the Belleville Telescope seeking sealed bids for the used computers, mouse and keyboards was given by consensus of the Board. The highest bidder(s) could buy one computer or more until all computers have been sold.

Kevin Calkins, Custodian, announced Teresa Frye started as part-time assistant custodian on March 1. Frye's starting wage per the consensus of the Board would be \$11.00 per hour.

Calkins stated since he has hired an assistant custodian, he would not be needing any help from the road and bridge department for snow removal on the front sidewalks or front steps. Road and Bridge employees would still be needed with the parking area and east sidewalks as normal.

Food bids for the annual employee appreciation supper were opened.

1. 2 Doors Down-Cuba submitted \$8.75 per plate
2. Aunt Chars Catering-Belleville submitted \$12 for Pork and \$11 for Chicken per plate
3. Business is Cooking-Republic submitted \$12.00 per plate
4. TAGS-Scandia submitted \$8.99

Commissioner Rytych moved to accept the bid from 2 Doors Down for \$8.75. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Marlea James, County Attorney, presented Resolution 2014-20 for a Tax Sale of delinquent property tax 2013. Since there was not a tax sale last year she will combine 2012 and 2013 into one sale. Commissioner Holl moved to adopt Resolution 2014-20. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Clerk Marsicek presented Charter Resolution 2014-19, revoking Charter Resolution dated June 16, 1997 limiting the tax levy of the ambulance service to 3 mills and adopt the suspension of levy limitations for the ambulance service established by K.S.A. 79-5040. Commissioner Holl moved to adopt Charter Resolution 2014-19. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Marsicek will submit Charter Resolution 2014-19 for publication as required.

Sheriff Blad delivered his summary of expense comparison between lodging prisoner in Republic County jail and Cloud County jail. The 2014 budget for operating the jail in Republic County is estimated \$193,900.00. His estimated cost for the same number of inmates, transporting to Concordia, Medical expenses, personal services and monthly charges for inmates could total \$221,475.00. Blad would highly recommend the commissioners retain all prisoners in Republic County facilities and Blad would continue to search for additional prisoners from surrounding counties in Kansas and Nebraska.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, announced there will not be a meeting March 5 since no applications have been received to review.

Brian Callaway, Luke Mahin and Barry Porter visited with the Board about the requirements listed on the application for Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Callaway is interested in making improvements to an existing business he is purchasing. Callaway is asking the Board to review the section stating construction cannot start before 30 days after filing for NRP. Callaway wants to start building, weather permitting, by the end of this week but would like to qualify for the tax incentive. The Board will be discussing some changes to the NRP requirements later this morning. It was suggested that all amendments to the NRP be updated at the same time if approved.

Commissioner Holl encourages all businesses and homeowners to apply for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. "We want the county to grow and we want to help as much as possible."

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Justin Murdock, Cloud County Landfill, presented a Supplemental Agreement for Solid Waste between Republic County and Cloud County for charges for depositing and handling Republic County solid waste, increasing the fee from \$60 per ton to \$60.50 per ton for 2014. There will be a 3% increase each year by contract agreement until 2019. The Board signed the agreement per consensus of the Board.
- 2) Larry Rundus asked for clarification of needed land for storing county grader equipment in Liberty Township at the excelsior Center located on US 81. Finkbiner explained the redistricting of 10 districts to 12 districts and patrol areas and Justin Novak suggested the old school yard as a possibility for a storage area. The county would cover all insurance on its equipment. The county would put up an electric pole for power and the county would pay all expenses of the power needed. Both parties will discuss this further before a final decision is made.
- 3) FEMA will be in Belleville on Wednesday March 5 to review the damaged bridge just east of Norway 2 miles and damaged areas and gather additional information on damage from last summer storm.
- 4) Finkbiner stated the average cash rent on non-irrigated land is \$75 per acre. Finkbiner will contact the farmer who is currently farming the County owned ground in question.
- 5) King Construction plans to start pouring concrete today March 3 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge.
- 6) The Road and Bridge department will be attending forklift training on March 6 from 8am-12 noon at the county shop.
- 7) Hall Brothers will meet with Finkbiner on Thursday to discuss the cost for hot and cold asphalt mix for 2014.
- 8) Republic County recycling will pick-up the bales of cardboard at Scott's Specialty and haul to Washington County recycling center.

At 11:03 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes with the Board and Finkbiner to discuss non-elected personnel. Rytch seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Bergstrom, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:13 am taking no action.

Blaine VanMeter, Director of EMS, wanted confirmation for placing an ad for the old ambulance would be sealed bids. The Board confirmed this information. VanMeter asked permission to discontinue the use of the bag cell phones furnished by the county in the ambulances since each ambulance is equipped with radios and each employee carries his/her personal cell phone. The Board agreed to discontinue the use of the old bag phone and will contact US Cellular to remove them from our contract.

VanMeter stated the employee that recently was released from their position has failed to return the county's equipment and what action is needed to have it returned. Clerk Marsicek will contact this person for an exit interview and request all property returned. If the person does not return property, authorities will be contacted.

Luke Mahin, Mikeal Hadachek and Barry Porter presented their recommendations to the Board concerning changes to the current Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).

1. Modify section dealing with Appraiser shall convene a meeting of a review committee if project is not completed within 18 months.
2. All persons must apply prior to starting construction not waiting 30 days after application has been submitted.
3. Remove statement that only one rebate application per property is allowed.

Following discussion about the proposed changes, Commissioner Holl made a motion to amend the following areas of the Republic County Neighborhood Revitalization Program:

1. Section 6, Criteria to be used, subsection D: Strike out- ~~The Appraiser shall convene a meeting of a review committee comprised of one representative from each: : the Board of County Commissioners, the USD school board from the district within which the subject property is located, if such USD has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County, and the Governing Body of the city if the subject property is located within the corporate limits of a city which has entered into an interlocal agreement with the County. The review committee shall conduct itself as a public agency and comply with the state's open meetings and open records laws. The representative of the County Commission shall chair the review committee.~~
2. Section 8, Procedure for submitting application, subsection B: Strike out- References to 30 days of waiting time. Now reading, the applicant shall file the NR Application form for a rebate with the Republic County Appraiser prior to beginning construction. A \$100 non-refundable application fee will be charged to cover administration costs.
3. Section 8, subsection E: removal of only one rebate application per property.

All changes be effective March 3, 2014 and in the best interest of the county. Rytych seconded the motion, agreed 3-0.

At 11:50 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes with the Board and Hadachek to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs of individual proprietorships. The Board reconvened at 11:55 am taking no action.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday March 10, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Courtland/Scandia United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom second, agreed 3-0.

Due to conflict in schedules, the road trip to survey the bridges with Scott Finkbiner has been postponed until March 24 at the same time.

Permission to travel was granted to Raymond Raney to attend Awareness, Recognition and Response to Home Explosives held in Topeka, on March 12-13.

Permission to travel was granted to Peggy Frint and Kathleen Marsicek to attend County Government Day in Topeka on March 18.

Beth Reed suggested James Hedstrom, US Cellular representative, review all cell phone accounts and current charges before the four phones from Ambulance are removed from active use.

Clerk Marsicek presented a picture from Kim Kolman's tire damaged by railroad spike. Marsicek explained to Kolman, the county will not pay for the damage because it is road hazard; however, the road department would be advised.

Doane Sells visited with the Board about the availability to inspect the ambulance the county has for sale. The Board suggested Sells contact Blaine VanMeter. Sells asked about the additional money promised to the Master Trails fund. The voucher for \$2500 will be processed next week.

Each Commissioner received an invitation to attend the K-State Research and Extension Annual Appreciation Dinner to be Held on Monday March 17. Due to other obligations, Clerk Marsicek will send regrets the commissioners will not be able to attend.

Clerk Marsicek relayed a message from Amy Hadachek, the curator of the Republic County Museum, inviting the Board to be honored guests at the Spring Gathering at the Museum on March 20.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) John Eickman presented an application for disposal of solid waste without a permit to bury buildings on an old farmstead he owns. The Board thanked Eickman for following protocol of paperwork before beginning clean up and signed the application.
- 2) Finkbiner filed a police report regarding three pieces of missing equipment from the Road and Bridge county shop valued at \$550.00. The sheriff's department will be investigating the incident..
- 3) Five applications have been received for the operator 1 position at road and bridge.
- 4) Finkbiner has contacted a caterer for the Region 2 2014 North Central Kansas County Highway Officials (NCKCHOA) spring meeting to be held at the 4-H building. The Board will be receiving an invitation.
- 5) Work will begin on the bridge replacement on Timber road between 20 RD and 30 RD this week. The road will be closed until completed.
- 6) FEMA was here last week to review one bridge on Xavier Road between 100 road and 110 road.
- 7) The road work for the detour around the Republican Valley Feedlot will begin this week at the intersections of Queen Road and 70 road west to 60 road then north to 36 highway.
- 8) Hall Brothers met with Finkbiner regarding the hot and cold mix we are requesting for 2014. Republic County will supply the employees and trucks if Hall Brothers can supply the laydown machine.

- 9) Plans to patch and repair the Narka and Munden blacktop roads are scheduled and sealing the asphalt roads from new 81 highway west to 90 road.
- 10) Finkbiner suggested the ambulance department invest in a snowblower to clear the sidewalks and parking lot at their location if there are 2 inches or less of snow. The County Commissioners will visit with the ambulance personnel on this matter.
- 11) The estimated Federal Exchange Program dollars for 2014 will be \$133,947.00 to the Road and Bridge Department.
- 12) There was a discussion on the 3 miles of old 81 highway asphalt road south of 148 highway to Cloud County line. The cost to maintain these 3 miles is very costly to the county. The old asphalt is in very poor condition. The County Commissioners will talk to the local residents for feedback on the issue before any work will be planned.
- 13) Request for bids on 80,000 gallons of CRS-1H road sealing oil have been sent out to 5 vendors.

Kelvin Blecha, Mick Valek, Kevin Jensen and Conrad Trost shared some updates they would like to have done on the fairgrounds; however, the funds are not available for all to be completed this year and would like the Board to consider increasing their funds for 2015. There have been several persons requesting the use of the commercial hall for functions but the outdoor restroom accessibility is not handy and there is not a kitchen area nor heat for winter events. The Board stated there was \$10,000 available last year for improvements but were not used and the 2014 budget allows for \$10,000. Blecha stated the improvements for 2013 were not achieved because the hot mix asphalt was not available so the funds were not used. The Board will contact the auditor to see if the funds could still be used and if a special improvement fund could be set up and unused funds each year added to it. If the Fair Board wants to rent the commercial hall, there needs to be a centrally located person to manage the scheduling and cleaning. The person using the hall needs to supply event insurance for the time it is used.

The fair board would like to see the plans for the sidewalk the Master Trails committee is planning to build on the fair grounds. Clerk Marsicek will contact the Master Trails committee and ask them to attend the March 17 board of commissioners meeting to explain the plans at 11:00 am.

The fair board requested the weed director spray the fairgrounds for weeds this summer. Per the consensus of the Board, Finkbiner will contact Mike Nondorf to spray the fairgrounds at no charge since it is county property.

Angela Sjogren visited with the board regarding the Republic County EMS department.

At 11:57 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 12:07 pm taking no action.

At 12:08 p.m., Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday March 17, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Fred Arnold Jr. monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Emily Meckley, Belleville United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Holl second, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners signed vouchers totaling \$218,196.97

Marcia Hansen, Director of Health Department, presented the sealed bid letter for county auto dealers seeking a vehicle for the Health Department. She will mail the letters with a requested opening date of April 14 during the commissioners meeting. Hansen is looking for either a new or used vehicle with low mileage.

Permission to travel was granted for Linda Wendt to attend a Billing meeting in Ellsworth on March 19.

The Republic County Commissioners received a letter from the Preparedness Program in the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) commending the Republic County Health Department on their tireless efforts to move preparedness forward in the State of Kansas.

County Appraiser, Barry Porter, approached the Board about hiring part-time person to aid in field evaluations of properties. Porter explained his budget will be very tight this year. Porter thanked the Board for the generous raises to his department; however, the planned budget for 2014 did not include funding for the raises and additional help. The Board advised Porter the work must be done.

Porter received a phone call from Representative Sharon Schwartz regarding the land evaluations from Republic County citizens. Schwartz inquired as to why the valuations were so high and was concerned about the mill levies for the county. Porter explained Republic County mill levies have actually gone down the past couple of years as the price of farm ground has risen. Land valuations are averaged on an eight year cycle and Porter's property evaluations are ranked in the 98% of selling value in the state.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, informed the Board that Paul Underwood from Mid-Continental Services will be here on Tuesday March 18 to quote repairing the front steps. The front steps were repaired by Mid-Continental Services in 2007 but are needing some repairs.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Commissioners signed the Agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka for solid waste fees for 2014.
- 2) Permission to travel was granted for Scott to attend KCHA Spring Conference in Dodge City on May 5-7.
- 3) Commissioners signed a Phone line agreement with Rural Telephone Service Company.
- 4) Summer hours at Road and Bridge will start April 7. Hours will be 7-5:30 Monday –Thursday.
- 5) Belleville Citywide cleanup is set for April 7.

- 6) Finkbiner asked the Commissioners if the transportation bus is allowed to drive out of the county to aid our citizens who use services elsewhere. The Board strongly stressed the buses are not to leave Republic County.
- 7) The 1998 bus has trouble with the chair lift. Finkbiner has not heard back from KDOT regarding the requested van to replace the bus sold.
- 8) There will be a FEMA conference call on Friday March 21 regarding the bridges inspected on the last visit and the roads damaged the summer of 2013.
- 9) Discussion regarding the 3 miles of asphalt from Hwy K148 to the Cloud County line on 180 Road has been put on hold until all the land owners and occupants have been surveyed for opinions on changing these miles from asphalt to gravel. Clerk Marsicek will prepare a letter to contact these persons.
- 10) The replacement bridge on 23<sup>rd</sup> street is underway and should be completed by May 1. The final payment for the bridge has been made.
- 11) The next bridge for replacement will be the Republican River Bridge at Republic. A special fund will be set up to fund Republic County's share of the expenses.
- 12) Hall Brothers announced they have a new machine and supplies to apply hot mix for the cost of \$38,000 per mile and the state will pay 50% since it is recycled asphalt.
- 13) The county will be picking up cold mix this week.
- 14) Interviews will begin later this week for the position of Operator 1 at Road and Bridge.

At 10:50 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes with the Board and Finkbiner to discuss non-elected personnel. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 11:00 pm taking no action.

Neil Lewis - City Manager, Sister Mary Savioe and Marcia Hansen all representing the Master Trails Committee submitted a Google city map of the current sidewalk leading to the North Central Fair Grounds. The proposed sidewalk leading to Rocky Pond from the Belleville City Park was discussed. No definite plans have been approved. The suggested route was to go into the fairgrounds from the west by the Methodist food stand then on east by the horse arena then south. Clerk Marsicek advised the committee there would be a check for \$500 available this week from the Parks and Recreation fund. As funds are available, the county will make contributions.

Beth Reed asked permission to remove the 4 bag phones and numbers associated with the phones from the US Cellular contract. The consensus of the Board was to delete the four phones from the billing contract with US Cellular.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday March 24, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Assembly of God, Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom second, agreed 3-0.

At 8:34 am, Commissioner Rytych requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Peggy Frint and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:39 am taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, expressed her appreciation for allowing her to testify against SB10 (allowing the first 24 copies of records or 1 hour of research to be free and anything additional at a set rate) in Topeka on March 19. Frint announced SB10 did not get out of committee.

Frint explained SB298 regarding Mortgage Registration fee was not defeated on the senate floor and advised the Board, our county will be losing over 1.5 mills of income due to the passing of SB298. Senator Elaine Bowers, district 36, voted for the passing of the bill. Frint encouraged the Board to write to Senator Bowers and explain what passing that bill means to the residents of Republic County. Frint suggested writing a letter to Representative Sharon Schwarz to encourage her to vote "NO" when SB298 comes to the house for voting.

Blaine Van Meter and Levi Whitley, EMS Department, presented the sealed bid received from the City of Belleville Fire Department for Ambulance #3 for \$4250.00. Commissioner Holl moved the bid of \$4,250 from the City of Belleville Fire Department be accepted. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Van Meter asked permission to put a Republic County EMS sign on the corner of the Ambulance property. Permission was granted.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, presented the final draw down for Tami Cakes. Shoemaker announced there will be a quarterly meeting on April 9, 2014 and there could be a new application to review.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, asked permission to purchase a carpet cleaner instead of renting a cleaner. The current charge to rent is \$24 for 3 hours and the equipment must be returned before the close of business that day. The consensus of the Board was to purchase a carpet cleaner that could be used anytime.

AT 9:10 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:15 am no actions taken.

Commissioner Rytych will represent the Board at the 2014 Spring District Highway meeting hosted by Republic County on April 2.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend a Budget Training Class in Salina on April 2.

Permission was granted for Mike Nondorf to attend the Salina Farm Show on behalf of the Republic County Weed Department on March 27.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-21 to create a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for the NCK Fair Grounds. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Luke Mahin and Jimmie Blecha, on behalf of Economic Development, asked the Board when the county would finish cleaning equipment and supplies from the land located at section 34, Township 2, Range 3. Mahin stated a business is very interested in developing part of the area in the industrial park. The Board called Scott Finkbiner to join the meeting ahead of his regular scheduled time to discuss the time frame of cleaning this area. Finkbiner explained cleanup was planned for this week.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Finkbiner submitted the Republic County Construction and Demolition Landfill Document Update Permit #136 for signing.
- 2) Finkbiner attended the emergency management training with Raymond Raney and Beth Reed. Finkbiner expressed a new awareness of needed training for other employees to be better prepared for disaster management.
- 3) Finkbiner received a call regarding a recycle trailer that would be available in the near future for the possibility of purchasing by Republic County.
- 4) The Road and Bridge department is running smoothly and preparing for spring cleanup of roadways and purchasing asphalt mix.

At 10:20 am, the Board, Clerk Marsicek and Finkbiner moved their meeting to a county pickup to survey 9 bridges on the fracture critical list to be closed or replaced. It was the consensus of the Board to close 6 bridges on the fracture critical list and replace 2 bridges and wait on the inspection informations on the other bridge in question.

01. 2-E, 3 ton (close it) 20<sup>th</sup> Road and Elm
02. 4-D.8, 3 ton (close it) 40<sup>th</sup> Road near Diamond
03. 16-F.5, 3 ton (replace it) 160 Road south of Fir
04. 19-Y.5, 3 ton (replace it) 190 Road and Young
05. 21-D.3, 3 ton (close it) 210 Road and Diamond
06. T-18.8, 3 ton (close it) between 180 Road and 190 Road on Timber
07. V-15.8, 4 ton (close it) between 150 Road and 160 Road on Valley
08. W-27.9, 3 ton (close it) between 270 Road and 280 Road on Willow
09. X-19.1, 6 ton waiting on more information. Between 190 Road and 200 Road on Xavier

The group toured other projects the road and bridge employees are working on to improve, including two new utility buildings, one for the new township grader storage location, the supplies located at Section 34, Township 2, Range 3 that need moved for new business construction and 3 miles of asphalt roads south of Hwy 148 on old 81 hwy.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday March 31, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Debbie Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

Carol Miller, Sherrie Danish, Diane Price, Richelle Kueker and Julie Snavelly from CASA presented a proclamation for the Board to sign, designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month for 2014. Miller explained, currently, there are no volunteers from Republic County on CASA but would encourage persons to become part of this group to help the youth in our County. CASA would provide the necessary training.

The Board received communications from Republic County Master Trails Planning Committee thanking the county for the donation to the sidewalk project and a letter of Authorization for Disposal of Solid waste permit for John Eickman from Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented letters for the Board to send to Senator Elaine Bowers and Representative Sharon Schwartz regarding SB298 Mortgage Registration Fee.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Luke Mahin and Mikeal Hadachek (Republic County Economic Development) asked Finkbiner and the Board when the waterway will be surveyed to identify the boundary on Section 34-2-3. Hadachek stated Campbell and Johnson were coming on Monday March 31 to complete the required survey. The two entry gates will need to be moved once the county has removed their equipment and material from this area.
- 2) The bridges that the Board inspected last week, March 24, will remain open until the annual inspection by KDOT of all Fracture Critical bridges are completed during 2014.
- 3) FEMA requested two quotes for the bridge damaged by excessive rains last summer. Finkbiner is seeking quotes from Reece Construction and King Construction.
- 4) The Federal Exchange funds for 2014 will be \$183,067.59.
- 5) The Board signed a phone line agreement with Mid Kansas Underground and AT&T and Republic County to complete the installation of a phone line at the 23 Street bridge.
- 6) Countywide cleanup was discussed but no date set.
- 7) The Road and Bridge employees will be attending forklift training on April 1.
- 8) In the older transportation bus, the lift does not work and the bus has been removed from service. It can still be used for hauling non-handicapped personnel such as children to story time. Republic County has applied for an additional bus the past two years but has been denied by KDOT. Finkbiner will request again this year but in the meantime, there will only be one bus to transport handicap persons for in town service.
- 9) County commissioners approved the purchase of a pup trailer for hauling gravel for \$7,000 and a 40 ton pintle hitch tilt trailer for \$9,100.

AT 11:10 am, the Board moved their meeting to the county pickup to review the cleanup and changes needed at Section 34, Township 2, Range 3 (land owned by Republic County Economic Development). The cleanup is progressing well and should be completed soon.

At 11:40 am, the Board returned to the commissioner's board room to finish the daily agenda.

AT 11:54 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Debbie Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 2-0.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Bergstrom, Commissioner Holl nominated County Treasurer Cindy Coons appointed to the canvass board to canvass the Belleville City election. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0. Beth Ball Deputy Election Clerk presented one ballot for canvass and it was disqualified because they were not a registered voter in the city of Belleville. Canvassing board signed necessary forms for the Secretary of State.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the Republic County Hospital sales tax summary for the first quarter of 2014 totaling \$139,913.98. The balance in the savings account for Hospital sales tax equals \$1,169,243.86. The Hospital bond balance of \$2,035,000.00 plus interest will be paid off June 1, 2017.

Coons delivered the final list of 89 delinquent parcels totaling \$299,091.58 to the Board and the Republic County Attorney Marlea James for tax sale in 2014.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, reminded the Board the quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday April 9 but there will not be any new RCD applications to review.

Shoemaker explained, due to bank statements not being received from the bank until several days after the close of the month, it is delaying the posting of payroll. Shoemaker asked permission for the clerk's office to date payroll checks/deposits on the last day of the prior month if payroll checks are due the first week of the month. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to allow the payroll to be processed on the last day of the prior month if necessary on all payroll in the future. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass from The Assembly of God requested permission to use the courthouse lawn for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to grant permission to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Wesley Rathbun from Nex-Tech in Hays, KS presented information regarding wireless service available for Republic County. He understands Republic County currently uses US Cellular as a provider but would like to present a quote from Nex-Tech. The Board will review the information Rathbun presented with Bergstrom next week. Commissioner Holl suggested Rathbun set an appointment with the Board in a couple of weeks for further discussion.

Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update.

- 1) Permission to travel was granted for Randy Alkire and Lonnie Craig to pick up the trailer purchased at Oakgrove, MO this week.

- 2) Republic County will buy back the damaged broom from KCAMP for \$3501.00. The broom has been fixed and is ready to use.
- 3) Republic County's county-wide cleanup will be May 5-11. City locations for delivering and dumping material as follows:
  - a. Agenda: South end of Rail Road Street across from Dale's Repair
  - b. Cuba: Main Street West of elevator on North side of the old Rail Road tracks.
  - c. Narka: South end of Main Street by park restrooms.
  - d. Munden: South of County lot on the South west corner of Munden.
  - e. Belleville: From County Road Department office on 702 K Street deliver to the West county yard straight across 81 Hwy to the West.
  - f. Wayne/Talmo: West end of Main Street on North side of road in Wayne.
  - g. Scandia: 90 Road at Tree Dump.
  - h. Norway/Kackley: 148 Hwy and Old school in Norway.
  - i. Courtland: Corner of Pershing and Freedom.
  - j. Republic: South Street and Washington Street at old school.

**\*\*Special note that tires will not be accepted during the County Wide Cleanup at any city location. If tires are dumped at the identified location that city will be responsible for disposing of them.\*\***

- 4) Republic County received the renewal permit from Department of Health and Environment to operate a construction and demolition landfill for 2014.
- 5) Discussion to allow the transportation bus to travel out of county to Concordia or Salina was tabled until all commissioners are available to make the decision. There have been several requests to transport Republic County residents to doctors' appointments and treatment centers in Concordia and Salina. Finkbiner presented preliminary costs of round trip to Concordia-\$4 and to Salina \$14. There is a bus that transports persons to Salina for treatment through OCCK and we could connect with it.
- 6) Finkbiner presented the cost to operate the out of town bus, approximately \$16,603.37 yearly.
- 7) 70 Road south of US Hwy 36 for 500 feet will be closed for the rest of this week for reconstruction.
- 8) The road crew has been working on the fairgrounds; putting down millings on the roadways and parking areas.
- 9) Finkbiner expressed his appreciation to the City of Belleville employees who helped with the cleanup on Section 34, Township 2, and Range 3. Their help made it possible to complete the job more rapidly.
- 10) FEMA stated they wouldn't replace the bridge on Xavier between 110 road and 120 road. FEMA will only allow \$23,500 to repair the bridge deck.
- 11) Finkbiner explained there was a nice turnout of people at the Regional 2 Spring Meeting held at the 4-H Building on April 2. Commissioner Rytych welcomed everyone to Belleville and Republic County.
- 12) Finkbiner announced with only one bus for the transportation services, scheduling may change for Belleville City services to accommodate the out of town needs. Finkbiner will work out the scheduling to meet all regular riders' needs if possible.

At 11:10 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Finkbiner. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:15 am taking no action.

Mikeal Hadachek, Neil Lewis, and Melinda Pierson from the Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet voiced their support for the county to pursue the improvements needed to the Commercial building at the NCK Fairgrounds so the building could be used for social events. Their group agreed to organize a plan for developing the needed

improvements and management of the activities for the commercial hall not during fair time. The commissioners will assist this group any way possible and thanked them for stepping forward.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

## **REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. Linda Holl was absent. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Kathleen Marsicek, County Clerk.

Marvin Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Roger Walls of the Republic United Methodist Church offered the Morning Prayer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Rytych and seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom, the County offices will be closed from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. so that County employees may attend Good Friday Services. The secretary pro tem was instructed to place this information on KREP.

The formal Minutes from the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting were signed. Frank Rytych made a motion that the minutes of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved. As Commissioner Bergstrom was absent from that meeting, he was unable to second that motion. As Commissioner Holl is absent this meeting and unable to second the motion, signing of the April 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes will be taken up at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

A draft of a Procurement Resolution was presented with no action taken until all three Commissioners have input into the Resolution. This will be discussed at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad expressed his concerns on the new bids presented for the County cell phones. He wanted to make certain that whichever vendor is chosen, that cell phone coverage reaches all places within the county. At this time, there are three vendors all expressing an interest in selling cell phones to the County: NexTech, AT&T and US Cellular. Representatives from these three companies will make presentations to the Commissioners within the next few weeks.

Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope came in to monitor a portion of the meeting. Blaine Miller representing the Republic County Hospital and Ms. Hadachek met with the Commissioners to advise that the Hospital Board will meet on April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibility of asking the Commission to place a question on the August ballot that would increase the hospital mill levy from the current six mills.

Mr. Miller explained even with cutting back on staff, approving no over-time, and watching carefully the inventory purchased, the hospital is struggling. The main reason given was that, due to the Sequester, Medicare only covers 90% of the costs needed per day per patient on Medicare.

Mr. Miller suggested that the mill levy increase for the hospital would be for only two to three years. After that, the Board would request the Commission to place the question on the ballot asking the voters to endorse a sales tax designated especially for hospital operations.

At the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hospital Board, this will be discussed more thoroughly and a formal Resolution will possibly be drawn to submit to the Commission with the numbers of what they propose will be needed to efficiently operate the hospital per year, as well as asking the Commissioners to place the question of a mill levy increase on the August ballot.



Road and Bridge Administrator, Scott Finkbiner, presented his weekly update.

- 1) Blaine Miller inquired if the County would have a place to dispose of materials from the tearing down of buildings on the west side of "M" Street north of 18<sup>th</sup> Street. This was not a statement that the buildings will be torn down, but was only an inquiry in the event that this would need to happen. Mr. Finkbiner advised that some of the materials (rock, etc.) could be used as fillers at some projects, but that all of the rest of the materials would need to be separated prior to placing anything at the landfill. He expressed that the County would work with the City, not in the tearing down, but in finding a location for the disposal of the materials from the buildings.
- 2) Jim Hurley and Allen Hurley of Republic met with Mr. Finkbiner and the Commissioners concerning the planned removal next year of bridge number 4-D.8 in Big Bend Township at 40 Road and Diamond Road. They advised that removing the bridge would create a hardship for the landowners in that area who travel it daily in their farm operations. Mr. Finkbiner advised that until the bridge could be inspected by the State, he was not in a position to make that decision. The County should know by the end of 2014 if saving the bridge will be feasible. He went on to advise that the state inspects the bridges annually at a cost ranging from \$3,000 to \$30,000, which can sometimes be prohibitive to keeping the fracture critical bridges. The usual cost for a standard bridge inspection is around \$60.00 per bridge. Mr. Finkbiner thanked the Hurleys for their comments and that the County was wanting public comments prior to the removal of any of the bridges that are on the removal list.
- 3) Allen Hurley, also, advised that Fir Road, from Highway 81 east to Munden, has some soft spots that need attention. Mr. Finkbiner said, he would have this issue looked at.
- 4) Mr. Finkbiner said that we have nine fractured critical bridges within the county and three have been determined to be replaced.
- 5) A Field check meeting is scheduled for 11:00 A. M. on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the South end of the Republican River Bridge with KDOT, Kirkham & Michael Engineering and Republic County. The deck has been poured on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge replacement project. The forms have to stay in place for twenty-one days.
- 6) Mr. Finkbiner reported that FEMA has closed out all of the road and bridge projects in Republic County from the 2013 storms that damaged several roads and one bridge and we will be receiving a total of \$72,748.50, less 15% = \$61,836.23. Instead of hiring a contractor to repair the storm damage, the County Highway Department will do the required work which will result in a significant savings for the County.
- 7) Mr. Finkbiner requested that there be a change in the Employees Policy and Procedures Handbook to cover when an employee who was injured is returning to work with a written doctor release letter. The policy should provide for a physical capacity retesting to determine if that employee is still physically able to adequately perform his/her duties for safety sensitive position
- 8) A meeting was held in Salina between KDOT, OCK and county transportation providers concerning establishing a bus route for Republic County residents to ride to and from Concordia and Salina for doctors' and other appointments. OCK will meet with Republic County to discuss the options to establish this route if there is enough interest. At the present time Republic County has only one transportation bus, and until we have purchased the second bus, we would not be in a position to make the connecting routes. Mr. Finkbiner is waiting on information concerning costs information on another bus. Buses will usually sell for around \$20,000.00.
- 9) On Tuesday, KDOT will close 70 Road south from Highway 36 for road construction. The closing will be approximately one week.
- 10) Estelle Edwards of Narka met with Mr. Finkbiner and the Commissioners to request help from the County on sealing the asphalt streets on four city blocks. She was informed that when the County is working in that area, that they would help with this project. The City of Narka will pay for the materials needed, but the County will seal the asphalt streets.
- 11) On the motion of Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Rytch, a five-minute Executive Session was called with Mr. Finkbiner to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular meeting was resumed with no action taken.

At 11:00 am, Marcia Hansen, Health Department Director, submitted two vehicle bids for opening and review. As the two bids submitted were not comparable in the way they were written, Ms. Hansen was instructed to study the bids and return next week at which time a decision will be made.

At 11:26 Luke Mahin with Economic Development, Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager and Mikel Hadachek, and Scott Finkbiner, Highway Administrator, met with the Commissioners. Commissioner Bergstrom moved that the meeting go into Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss various matters. Seconded by Commissioner Rytych. The meeting resumed at 11:36 am with no action taken by the Board.

Mikel Hadachek and RCD Secretary, Kay Shoemaker, met with the Board to advice of a possible restructure of a program loan. Also, Mr. Hadachek advised that the RCD Committee has \$515,689.33 to loan for business applications. The Telescope will run a story in the local newspaper raising awareness that this money is available.

The Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable sheet for bills that were paid on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The next regular Commission meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' room in the Courthouse.

At 12:00 noon, Commissioner Rytych moved, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom, that the meeting be adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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Marvin Bergstrom – Chairperson

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Linda Holl – Member

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Frank Rytych - Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Courtland/Scandia United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom second, agreed 2-0.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved totaling \$381,260.77.

Commissioner Rytych reported Republic County's share of the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention costs for the first quarter of 2014 will be less than \$3000.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend his training throughout 2014 including:

- 1) Kansas Property Tax Law in Wichita on May 7.
- 2) IAAO Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal in Wichita July 20-25.
- 3) IAAO Income Approach to Valuation in Wichita August 17-22.
- 4) Uniform Standards of Mass Appraisal Update in Topeka October 19-20.
- 5) Kansas Standards of Mass Appraisal in Topeka on October 21.

Chairperson Bergstrom signed a letter acknowledging the in-kind donation to the Republic County Headstart program for the use of the transportation bus.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend training in Salina on April 29, 2014.

Blaine Miller, administrator from the Republic County Hospital, presented to the Board the 2013 Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Gross charges for the Long Term Care located at the hospital to support the need for additional funding for the Republic County Hospital. For some time, this area of the hospital budget has had a negative cash flow. The staff has reviewed cost saving measures, however, with additional cuts in medical funding and regulations there was a loss of \$446,649 in 2013. The hospital board has reviewed the department budgets in the main hospital to offset this type of loss each year. Miller stated the hospital is requesting additional mill levies to cover these operating expenses. Miller stated Republic County is just one of many hospitals in Rural Kansas finding fund shortages according to Kansas Hospital Association report with more Medicare cuts to come in the next 10 years.

Miller stated the funds from the sales tax bond should be completed by 2016. Miller asked, since the provisions of the bond state it cannot be paid off until 2017, can the additional sale tax collected be used to fund needed expenses at the hospital? The Board will contact our treasurer, Cindy Coons and our auditor, for the answer and report back to Miller.

Miller will prepare a resolution to request a vote of the citizens of Republic County to raise the mill levy for the hospital and process all needed information before the Primary Election in August. Because budgets for 2015 are due by August, the hospital will prepare two budgets, one with the requested new mill levy and one with the current mill levy. If the voters approve the increase in mill levy during the election, that budget will be presented to the county for final budget hearing.

Wes Rathbun, Nex-Tech representative, presented the Board with several types of wireless phones for demonstration. Commissioner Holl explained to Rathbun, the sheriff and ambulance departments have voiced a concern for cell phone coverage in the outer parts of the county. Rathbun agreed to bring some loaner phones for trial basis the deputies to use in these areas of the county. The Board stated other wireless companies will be presenting quotes so no action will be taken until all quotes have been reviewed.

Allan Carlson and Betty Bouray, from the Republic Fire department, inquired about the used ambulance located at the county shop. The Republic Fire Department is needing a utility vehicle. The Board stated, that the ambulance was bought by the city of Belleville Fire Department. It was placed for sealed bids in the Belleville Telescope back in February/March.

Beth Reed asked permission to research conference calling with our phone and internet providers. The Republic County Attorney Marlea James has requested this capability.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, stated the delinquent properties for tax sale have been given to the county attorney to process. There are 89 properties.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, presented her reviewed sealed bids.

- 1) Melton Motor Company for New 2013 Malibu LS Sedan for \$20,289.60-\$2700 (trade-in on two vehicles)= \$17,589.60
- 2) Sells Enterprise for new 2014 Ford Focus for \$19,589-\$500(trade-in on two vehicles) = \$19,089

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motors for \$17,589.60 including the trade in of two vehicles. One fourth of cost from the Health Department capital outlay and three fourths of the cost from County Equipment fund. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted for Sue Swanson and Bev Lapo to attend the Governors Public Health Conference in Wichita on April 28-May 1. Attendance is required for MCH & FP Grant funding.

Hansen presented a grant application to Duclos for an office printer and office chairs for a total grant application of \$2000.

At 12:02 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek, Senator Elaine Bowers, Mikel Hadachek, Layne Hoops, Jane Couture, Randy Wise, Luke Hubert and Carolyn Simms monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor, Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

All commissioners will be attending the Republic County hospital board meeting at noon.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of "changing hospital will create two budgets" to "County Board will create two budgets." Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

Ellen Anderson from Juvenile Justice presented their proposed budget for 2015 for approval. Anderson explained there is an increasing need for additional employees due to increase of cases. The consensus of the board was to accept the proposed budget with the increase of \$36,000 for total budget of \$192,586 for 2015.

Sheriff Ron Blad shared two of his deputies have used the two test phones from Nex-Tech throughout the county. The deputies were very satisfied with the service-incoming calls and outgoing calls. There were a couple of areas that signal was weak but with their current phone the signal was weak in those areas also.

Permission to travel was granted to Cindy Coons to attend the KCTA Spring Conference in Manhattan June 11-13. Coons was granted permission to use her own vehicle.

Coons presented an email from Steven Brunkan at KDOR regarding any excess revenue collected from the sales tax on the Hospital Bond. This fund needs to be monitored closely as the funds reach the bond amount collected. K.S.A 12-189 states "Revenue that is received from the imposition of a local retailers' sales tax which exceeds the amount of revenue required to pay the costs of the special project for which such revenue was pledged shall be credited to the city or county general fund, as the case requires."

Permission to travel was granted to Beth Ball to attend the HAVA training during the KCCEOA Spring Conference in Wichita on May 8.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

1) Countywide cleanup will start on May 5 at 8:00 a.m. and ends May 11 at 5:00p.m. NO TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANY CITY LOCATIONS. Agenda City has opted out of the clean-up.

2) Bids received for hydraulic survey of two bridges to be replaced this year:

- A. Schwab Eaton- Manhattan, KS: \$9,400
- B. Campbell & Johnson-Concordia, KS: \$7,320
- C. CFS Engineers-Topeka, KS: \$9,700
- D. Kirkham Michael-Ellsworth, KS: \$4,950

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Kirkham Michael for \$4,950 to proceed with the survey of two bridges. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

3) Two sealed bids were received for to purchase 80,000 gallons of CRS-1H Oil:

- A. Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, INC-Kansas City KS: \$2.09133 per gallon delivered
- B. Vance Brothers-Kansas City MO: \$2.40 per gallon delivered.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the bid from Ergon Asphalt for \$2.09133 per gallon. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 4) Finkbiner presented an agreement with H.W. Lochner, INC to perform professional services to survey and engineer services to complete a facility operating Plan to open a new cell at the Republic County landfill.
- 5) Finkbiner presented the annual inspection reports on two cranes.
- 6) Finkbiner purchased two pre-fabricated metal culverts to replace a box culvert on King Road between 190 Road and 200 Road.
- 7) The transportation department has been researching new and used buses to purchase.
- 8) Finkbiner will be in Dodge City the week of May 5 to the 7<sup>th</sup> for Kansas County Association meeting and training.
- 9) Finkbiner plans to pick up 3000 gallons of CRS-1H on Monday April 28 from Ergon Oil.
- 10) The sealed bids for 2014 bridge inspection on 255 bridgesP surveys will be opened on May 5.

James Hedstrom, US Cellular, presented a quote for the current wireless phone we have. The Board explained there have been some changes in requested phones for a new contract. Hedstrom will provide a new quote for the requested types of phones and will present it on May 19. Hedstrom will quote 13 SMART phones and 8 regular phones. The Board requested Clerk Marsicek supply this same information of phone types to be quoted from the two other vendors wishing to submit bids.

Senator Elaine Bowers, District 36, presented state program information regarding Republic County.

- 1) Republic County ROZ: The ROZ program has helped 11 participants move to the county. There has been 19 applicants and 11 have been approved and 3 are sponsored by employers.
- 2) With the recently passed school finance bill, USD #109 Republic County could see an estimated \$25,326 more into the classroom through the increase in base state aid per pupil amount of \$4,490 used for LOB calculations. USD#426 Pike Valley could see an additional \$18,586 into the classroom.
- 3) Commercial Motor Vehicle Office will be offering a training class in July for counties that did not sign up originally to process commercial tags processing. If Republic County's treasurer's office wants to opt in they must attend the training.
- 4) Senator Bowers appreciated the information she received last November from Republic County Register of Deeds, Peggy Frint, regarding the SB 298 Mortgage Registration Tax. Frint explained the amount of revenue Republic County would not acquire if SB398 passes legislation.
  - a. SB 298 would eliminate fees collected from banks and non-federal lending institutions when a purchase has a mortgage attached to the deed. Federal lending institutions are not required to collect these fees.
  - b. Senator Bowers explained, much research was prepared before the bill went before the senate. Senator Bowers was not in agreement with the original bill and requested amendments to help counties offset the loss of revenue.
  - c. SB 298 did pass the senate but is now being reviewed by the House of Representatives with the amendments and supplemental notes to include a phase out over a five year period and increase in filing fees when a deed is recorded. If this bill does not pass this year it will most likely be brought up again next year but the amendments and supplements may all be dropped and counties may have a more difficult time recovering the losses.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Assembly of God, Belleville, KS, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:32 am, Commissioner Rytych made a motion for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Sheriff Ron Blad and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:37 taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek explained the audit of Republic County has been completed. Randy Hofmeier proposed a few corrections but overall he said the information supplied was well done. Hofmeier stated there are overage funds that can be transferred to special accounts by approval of the Board. He will be back in August for budget finalization.

Clerk Marsicek presented artwork from Apple Media for the duplicate County Flag for approval. This art work is the same as the flag created for the 125 Anniversary of Republic County.

Permission to travel was granted for Beth Reed and Raymond Raney to attend Local Emergency Planning Committee Annual Conference in Junction City May 6-8.

Melinda Pierson from Belleville Chamber and Main Street asked permission to use the parking area on the west side of the courthouse square for Farmers Market each Saturday morning from 8-11 from May 24 to September 27. Permission was granted. Pierson also requested permission to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Agricultural Festival on July 5 using the courthouse lawn and parking around the north, west and south of the courthouse. The parking area will be blocked off to all traffic. The parade of tractors will start the event at 10 am.

Kay Shoemaker announced there would not be a RCD meeting May 7 as no applications for loans have been received.

Blaine Miller, Hospital Administrator, explained the hospital board voted at the April meeting to remove the island between the Medical Clinic and hospital and would like the county road department to present a bid to remove and replace the area with asphalt. Scott Finkbiner will be advised of this request and will follow-up with the hospital board.

Miller presented a certified copy of a resolution from the Republic County Hospital Board to request the increase of up to 12 mills for the next three (3) years be put on the ballot for the primary election in August.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Rob Unruh from Kansas Wildlife and Parks submitted applications for Stream Obstruction Permit, Application for Approval of Plans for Floodplain Fills and environmental permit for wetlands for the Board to sign through Schwab Eaton.
- 2) Unruh presented a list of Talmo Marsh improvements and Republic County responsibilities.
- 3) Sealed bids for inspection of 256 bridge in Republic County
  - A) Kirkham Micheal declined to submit bid.
  - B) Lockner declined to submit bid.
  - C) Campbell and Johnson: 256 bridges @ \$57.53 = \$14,727.00
  - D) CFS: 256 bridges @ \$72.00 = \$18,242.00
  - E) Schwab-Eaton: 256 @ \$90.00 = \$23,040.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Campbell and Johnson for \$14,727.00 to inspect the bridges. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 4) The Board signed a phone agreement with JBN to construct and operate an underground utility on certain public road right of way.
- 5) Finkbiner received information about 3 possible used recycling trailers from Kyle Virnig at ProTainer.
- 6) KDOT has submitted the Field Check report on the Republican River Bridge at Republic totaling \$1,675,360.00.
- 7) Finkbiner expressed his thanks to Dennis Erkenbrack and his helpers for their assistance collecting the needed KDOT surveys needed to qualify for the KDOT funding.

Sharon Segerhammer, Pawnee Mental Health, presented a Proclamation to designate May as Mental Health Month. Segerhammer stated several persons in Republic County benefit from Pawnee Mental Health services.

Randy Ainsworth and Blaine Van Meter, EMS, stated the 60 days of protest of the increase of mills for Ambulance department has been completed so, depending on the assessment of Republic County, the budget for 2015 will include the increase requested to purchase additional equipment for the ambulances.

Van Meter will leave May 11 for McCook to start the Paramedic training. Van Meter will be gone through August for classes and starting in September, Van Meter will be receiving hands on ride time and participating in hospital rotations for four (4) months to complete his training.

Deb Hadachek stated the annual Radio-a-thon will be held on Thursday May 8 and she invited Blaine VanMeter to attend and explain the need for EMS personnel and possible funding for training someone to become an EMT.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners approved A/P vouchers totaling \$259,912.39.

The Board discussed the annual audit regarding the NCK Fair board with Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka.

Blecha asked the Board if a special account could be set up for 2015 budget to build funds for the improvements planned for the Commercial building. Commissioner Holl explained a special equipment fund has been set up for this purpose.

Clerk Marsicek asked the Board for clarification on which departments can be invoiced for postage and which departments' postage is part of Courthouse General. The Boards' understanding is Health, Ambulance and Road and Bridge are to be invoiced if they use the postage machine at the courthouse. These three departments are stand alone and postage is a budget item.

Wes Rathbun, Nex Tech Executive, presented a quote for all wireless communication for Republic County. Rathbun will be unavailable on May 19 so he requested to present his companies quote on May 12. The Board will compare all quotes before making any decisions.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) At 10:05 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, Finkbiner and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 10:15 am taking no action.
- 2) Countywide cleanup has been completed.
- 3) The 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge should be completed in a couple of weeks. Commissioner Rytych suggested a Grand Opening when it is complete.
- 4) Finkbiner will be meeting with Kirkham & Micheal regarding the additional Right-Of-Way and work space needed to proceed with the Republican River Bridge and removal of current bridge. The beams from the old bridge could be used on other projects but the rest of the materials will be sold.
- 5) Hall Brothers plan to start mixing cold mix for Republic County and the City of Belleville this week.
- 6) Finkbiner will be sending bid requests for aluminized culverts and bridge material.
- 7) There have been 70 loads of asphalt millings have been delivered to the NCK Fairgrounds and placed on roads and parking areas.
- 8) The Board signed an agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone Company to construct and operate an underground phone line.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Mainstreet, stated the Republic County Museum will be open during the Ag-fest on July 5 and asked if the transportation bus would be available to transport people from the fairgrounds and courthouse square to the museum. Finkbiner will check with our insurance carrier before committing approval.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2014-25, Approval to participate in and adoption of the comprehensive Economic Development strategy for the region of North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC). Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-25, Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, presented a quote from Hood Plumbing and Heating for 2 electrical units on the south side of the courthouse lawn to accommodate the Christmas lawn decorations. The Board requested additional quotes to follow purchasing procedures.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission was granted for Levi Whitney to attend CEVO Ambulance Class in Kansas City, MO on May 21.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the annual Register of Deeds Seminar in McPherson on June 3-6.

At 8:40 am, Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to hold executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Rytych requested an extension of 5 minutes, Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 am taking no action.

Rob Kasl visited with the Board about the flag poles around the west sidewalk of the courthouse. Kasl has located the flag poles and asked permission to fly a parade of flags during Memorial Day. The consensus of the Board is to allow the VFW and Kasl to fly the flags in honor of Memorial Day. Since 2019 will be Republic County's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and NCK Free Fair's 100 anniversary, are there any plans started for a special celebration. The Board granted Kasl permission to begin plans.

Clerk Marsicek presented three resolutions for review regarding transferring unused funds per results of the annual audit of 2013 reports suggested by auditor Randy Hofmeier. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept Resolutions 2014-26 transferring \$30,000 from the Ambulance Fund to Special Ambulance and Medical Equipment Fund, Resolution 2014-27 transferring \$65,000 from County General to the Equipment Reserve Fund, and Resolution 2014-28 transferring \$500,000 from Road and Bridge Fund to Special Equipment Fund for Road and Bridge. Bergstrom seconded the motion, agreed 3-0.

At 9:30 am, Bergstrom made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Marcie Hansen and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 10 minutes, Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:50 taking no action.

Hansen discussed the health departments' budget concerns and asked permission to raise the contract rates with the schools from \$8 per pupil to \$10 per pupil. The consensus of the Board is to support Hansen's proposal to raise the contract rates for USD #426 and USD #109.

At 9:55 am, Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Hansen and Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 taking so action.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented the KDOT master agreement for bridge Federal aid for statewide bridge inspection for the commissioners' signature.

- 2) Finkbiner announced Republic County has met the 51% return rate on the surveys from Republic City and the surrounding rural area of Republic to qualify for the NCK Planning grant funding. Thank you to Dennis Erkenbrack and concerned citizens of Republic County for your help.
- 3) Three 2007 recycle trailers have been located in Ohio from Pro-Trainer with a total purchase price of \$26,760 delivered. Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase these trailers. Bergstrom 2<sup>nd</sup>, agreed 3-0.
- 4) The solid waste pickup was damaged in a hit and run accident at Casey. Three bids were submitted to KCAMP. Dan's Auto Body was the lowest at \$1090.47.
- 5) Finkbiner stated tires will be accepted at the transfer station if they are cut into thirds.
- 6) The county cleanup was a success as in the past but Finkbiner wants to remind citizens there are only certain items that will be picked up during this cleanup, not general everyday trash or tires.
- 7) The public transportation bus can be used for the AgFest in July to transport persons from the fairgrounds either down town or to the museum. There will be a set route, location and times for pick-up so advertising could be arranged.
- 8) Benesch Engineering will be conducting an audit on 10% or 25 bridges in Republic County for KDOT this week.

James Hedstrom, US Cellular, presented a quote for wireless coverage for 20 phones.

- 1) #1 New phones, unlimited minutes and texting and photo, 30GB, 24 month contract = \$897.50 per month
- 2) #2 New phones financed through US Cellular but updated phones every 12 months, unlimited minutes and texting and photo, 30GB, 24 month contract = \$871. If we use our current phones, the finance charge would be reduced.
- 3) A two month discount would apply to either contract. The first month and the thirteenth month would be free of charge.

Suzy Kormanik, AT&T representative, presented via phone conference and email a quote for wireless coverage for 20 phones.

- 1) #1 Phones extra, 400 voice minutes, unlimited data/unlimited text, limited data = \$734.20 per month.
- 2) #2 New phones, unlimited voice, text discounted and 10 GB shared data = \$905.00 per month
- 3) #3 New phones, unlimited voice, unlimited text, and 2 x 10 GB shared data = \$830.00 per month

Wes Rathburn, Nex-Tech representative, left quote for 20 phones.

- 1) New phones and accessories, unlimited voice and text and data use, 10 GB shared data and carry over data = \$740.00 per month.

The Board will review all details of each wireless bid and make a decision in a couple of weeks.

Retha Blecha updated the commissioners on the search for part-time help for the appraiser's office. Blecha stated there have been 4 applicants but no decision to hire anyone.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented a Tax Sale Update showing 18 parcels have been removed from the original tax sale list and there are still two weeks until the deadline (May 30, 2014) for taxpayers to pay their taxes before the tax sale.

Clerk Marsicek informed the Board, Blaine VanMeter will withdraw from the Paramedic classes in McCook, NE and pursue training at Barton County College or Cloud County Community College.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board approved vouchers totaling \$169,460.76.

Dave White, COP Consulting, advised the commissioners our current phone plexar system through AT&T could be non-existent in the near future and has quoted the PRI system through Nex Tech and Cunningham Phone companies.

- 1) AT&T did not submit a quote (current monthly use non-PRI = \$933)
- 2) Nex-Tech quote for monthly use = \$1,065
- 3) Cunningham Cable quote for monthly use = \$944.92

Commissioner Holl made a motion to change the landline phone service from AT&T to Cunningham PRI system and requested Dave White proceed with the necessary updating. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

White discussed the possibility of increasing the internet speed at the courthouse from 10 mbps to 20 mbps at a cost of an additional \$60 per month. Clerk Marsicek will review the need of increased internet speed with departments and report to Board next week. This change can be made at any time with the carrier if the Board requests the change.

The appraiser department has hired a part time employee to aid with appraising properties.

Clerk Marsicek requested the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-24 be recorded in the official minutes. On May 5, 2014, Commissioner Rytych motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-24 allowing the Republic County Hospital mill levy be an additional item on the Primary Election Ballot. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0; however, Clerk Marsicek overlooked this motion for the formal minutes.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, stated the Belleville City Library asked if he could mow the grass around the library when he mowed the courthouse lawn. Calkins figured it would take an additional 30 minutes to complete the job. The consensus of the Board gave Calkins permission to mow the library grounds whenever he was mowing the courthouse lawn. Calkins received a bid from Steve Skocny to replace damaged sidewalks and remove tree roots causing the sidewalk damage. The Board approved the bid from Skocny and requested the work completed as soon as possible.

Kay Shoemaker, RCDC treasurer, presented a release of mortgage for Robert Webber & Debra Filipi-Webber, dba Crossroads Floral & Antique Villa as their obligation to the County was paid in full.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to change wireless phone carriers from US Cellular to Nex-Tech using existing phone numbers. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Clerk Marsicek will work with Wes Rathbun from Nex-Tech to implement the transition as soon as new phones and contract information is available.

At 9:35 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:40 am taking no action.

Blain Van Meter, EMS Director, was requested to attend the commissioners meeting

At 9:45 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Bergstrom, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:55 am taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented three quotes for new copiers for her office. Her lease agreement will be complete in November and a new copier is needed. Frint stated the copier must be used as her PC printer, fax, copier and email.

- 1) Xerox quote= \$7,175
- 2) Computer Solutions = \$7,488
- 3) Central Office Supply = \$6,932

The Board gave Frint permission to purchase the copier she feels will best serve her needs.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Joan Grover and Beth Ball representing the Republic County Council on Aging discussed donating funds to the transportation department to offset Republic County citizens on fixed income that need transportation to Belleville or other cities within Republic County. A voucher system will be set up by Grover and Ball. Persons needing assistance with transportation can contact the Republic County transportation department. Grover stated volunteers for the Council on Aging are needed from each city in the county to help coordinate activities in the county.
- 2) The sealed culvert bids were opened.
  - a. Metal Culverts = \$38,878.90
  - b. J&J Products = \$36,394.60
  - c. Welborn Sales = \$33,955.10
  - d. Ace/Eaton Metals Irrigation = \$63,759.40

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Welborn Sales for \$33,955.10. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 3) Three recycling trailers from Pro-Tainer have been purchased for \$22,500 and Republic County will arrange delivery with-in 30 days.
- 4) Plans for the new storm shelter at the road and bridge location were reviewed.
- 5) Inspection of 10% of all the bridges in Republic County by KDOT has been completed.
- 6) Solomon Valley Transportation from Beloit has a van and bus for sale, Finkbiner will set up a time to assess these items for possible purchase.
- 7) The City of Cuba is requesting use of county personnel and equipment to patch and clean streets in Cuba. The Board granted permission for county employees to be hired outside of regular working hours to aid the City of Cuba.
- 8) Finkbiner has located the stock trailer for the recycling program for \$850.

Frank Spurney informed the Board that Republic County businesses and individuals will receive over \$21,000 from the Duclos Foundation in 2014.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP Representative, discussed the county's property and casualty insurance premium as part of Sharp's annual visit to the commissioners. The premium has increased slightly for 2014 but our loss ratio is 14% which is very good. The average loss ratio for counties in Kansas was 40% in 2013. Republic County's 5 year loss ratio is 29%. Sharp encouraged the commissioners to develop a safety committee made of an employee from each department. If the county developed a safety committee and it meets KCAMP's standards it could save the county up to 3% in premium.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Mary Simmons monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Rytych called the meeting order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, United Methodist Church Scandia/Courtland, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych will be attending the Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, presented his 2015 proposed budget. Porter explained because of legislation changes, the county could be responsible for the costs of appraisals performed by others and he planned for these costs in his proposed budget.

Porter explained he is still looking for a part time person to assist in field work for his department.

Clerk Marsicek presented two resolutions for discussion and approval. Marsicek explained, per Auditor Randy Hofmeier, Resolution 2014-28, transfer of funds from Road and Bridge to Special Equipment Fund was incorrect and must be rescinded. The correct fund should be Special Highway Improvements.

- 1) Resolution 2014-29, requests Resolution 2014-28 be rescinded.
- 2) Resolution 2014-30, requests the transfer of excess funds from Road and Bridge Fund to Special Highway Improvements in the amount of \$500,000.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-29. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-30. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Blaine Van Meter and Brian Schultze, representing the NCK Pride, updated the Board on the programs presented during the 2013-2014 school year to Republic County School and Pike Valley School. They thanked the Board for the funding last year and would like the Board to consider donating to the program this year. NCK Pride will set up a booth at the NCK Free Fair in July. They are planning presentations for each school again during 2014-2015. NCK Pride will present a program at the Blaire Theater for the public but the date has not been set.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to donate \$3000 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund to NCK Pride. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Scott Finkbinder presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Two summer employees have started June 2.
- 2) Finkbinder thanked the Board for the new cell phones.
- 3) An agreement between Republic County and Pat Knox to install an underground electrical line was approved and signed.
- 4) The Board signed the Maintenance and Procedure to establish a Sign Maintenance Plan to be in compliance with federal standards set forth in the Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
- 5) The purchase of a power washer for the county shop was discussed and approved, however, the Board requested local bids along with the internet bids presented by Finkbinder if local vendors can meet the 10% requirement the power washer will be purchased locally.
- 6) Finkbinder received two bids for steel for the construction of 3 bridges.
  - a) Oden Enterprise - \$35,691.36
  - b) Salina Steel - \$36,686.60

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the bid from Oden Enterprise for \$35,691.36. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 7) Finkbiner and Marsicek stated the empty lot southwest of the Belleville swimming pool still belongs to the county. This property is just east of the city shop and could be used by the city to store equipment. The city currently maintains the property. Marsicek will contact the county attorney to draw up documents to give this property to the city.
- 8) Some of the 1500 tons of cold mix asphalt for the City of Belleville and Republic County has been delivered.
- 9) The Board asked Finkbiner if any reimbursement or settlement has been received on the Hardy bridge repairs. Finkbiner stated no. The County attorney will be contacted and request a solution by July 1.
- 10) KDOT informed Finkbiner Hwy K-148 east of the Cuba exit will be closed for bridge replacement starting this week.
- 11) With the purchase of the three recycling trailers and stock trailer, the cities should be responsible for delivering the recycled items to the recycling center. Finkbiner will inform the city mayors when the transition will officially start.
- 12) Finkbiner announced senior persons wanting free vouchers to ride the Republic County transportation bus should contact Beth Ball or Joan Grover from the Republic County Aging Council.

At 10:30 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discussion non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, Finkbiner, Clerk Marsicek and Simmons. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 am taking so action.

Commissioner Rytych announced the proposed 2015 budget for North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention will be \$850,000. Republic County's share will be around \$3,000, possibly a little more if Republic County exceeds the allotted days of service.

The Board visited with Raymond Raney, Communication Director, regarding the overtime in the communication department. Raney stated many people have been on vacation and he does not have part-time persons to fill in so full-time staff work the extra hours.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, explained to the Board the reason the treasurer office hours have remained 7:30 to 4:00, is to save the county overtime. Her department uses the time from 4:00 to 4:30 for required daily balancing of reports.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

The Board approved A/P vouchers totaling \$106,850.48.

Kevin Calkins, Custodian, presented two bids for the two additional electrical units in the courthouse lawn.

- 1) Hood Plumbing and Heating - \$3045
- 2) Rizek Plumbing - \$3018

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Rizek Plumbing for \$3018. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Calkins stated the broken sidewalk slabs have been replaced on the south and east of courthouse. Calkins suggested replacing the broken slabs on the front sidewalks in the future.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced there will be a meeting June 11 to review two applications for loans from RCD.

Permission to travel was granted for Mike Nondorf to attend District Weeds meeting in Cheyenne Bottoms on June 12, 2014.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2014-31, GAAP waiver for 2014 and Resolution 2014-32, GAAP waiver for 2014, determining that the financial statements and financial report for the year ending 2013 and 2014 to be in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Republic County Commissioners or the members of the general public of Republic County. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-31 for Year 2013 and Resolution 2014-32 for Year 2014. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Robbin Cole, Director of Pawnee Mental Health, presented her annual report and request for funding for next year. Pawnee is asking Republic County to increase their giving by \$500 to \$25,500. The consensus of the Board is to include the recommended amount of \$25,500 to Pawnee Mental Health in the 2015 budget. Cole shared 191 Republic County residents have benefited from the Pawnee services in 2013, which is up 4% from 2012. Pawnee Mental health offers both mental health and substance abuse counseling. Sharon Segerhammer, Republic County Board of Director, appreciates the support of Republic County to these programs. Mental Health First Aid is a program that is offered to the public to help identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders. Cole and Segerhammer would highly recommend this training to anyone dealing with the public.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Richard Wolzen visited with the Board regarding the new bridge on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Wolzen says it is a great bridge. Wolzen's concern is the road leading from the highway to the bridge and his driveway that was destroyed with the road work. Currently it is dirt/gravel. Finkbiner stated the road and bridge crew has put in the railroad rock base and the gravel will be added on top today in anticipation of the opening of the bridge in the near future. There has been discussion about putting asphalt millings or asphalt mix on the road but a good base is needed first. The Board will be visiting the bridge later this morning and will review the road conditions.

- 2) An Agreement between Republic County and Jay Carlgren granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way was signed.
- 3) The City of Cuba requested equipment and county employees to remove several large stumps. Finkbiner has given permission for these employees to aid the City of Cuba during non-working hours.
- 4) Finkbiner will meet with the hospital board and the City of Belleville on Tuesday to discuss removing the island between the clinic and the hospital parking lot.
- 5) The bridge steel will be delivered on June 10.
- 6) The grand opening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge has been set for Monday, June 16, 2014 at 1:00 pm.
- 7) The new 28 foot bridge deck will be installed this week on Xavier Road between 110 Road and 120 Road.
- 8) Republic County will be hauling 300 ton of cold asphalt mix this week from Hall Bros.

Representatives from the Republic County Conservation District-John Robison, Lori Siemsen, Richard Sandell, Jerome Kieffer, and Wayne Pacht, presented a request for 2015 Budget for review. Discussion included 2013 projects completed and proposed 2014 projects. The District is asking for \$35,000 from Republic County. This is the same as 2014 budget amount.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to include \$35,500 in the 2015 Republic County budget for Republic County Conservation. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the current list of names released from the tax sale. There are forty-two parcels removed totaling \$52,277.71.

With the agenda items completed, at 11:20 am, the Board moved the meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge. After reviewing the bridge and road improvements the grand opening was set for Monday June 16, 2014 at 1 pm.

Upon returning to courthouse at 12:10 p.m., Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission was granted for Doane Sells to use the west and north sides of the courthouse lawn during the Mid America Cruise-In Car Show on June 14, 2014.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented her 2015 proposed budget and explained the requested increase in wages. Frint stated wages for Republic County Register of Deeds is the second from the lowest in the 105 counties in Kansas. The Board will consider her request when preparing the 2015 budget but explained with the increase request from the hospital mill levy and other mill levy increases, funds will be tight.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, RCD committee, reported there were two applications presented at the RCD meeting June 11. The RCD loan committee recommends both applications for approval. Before any motion to accept either application, Hadachek explained additional information and forms could be needed to approve one application and would suggest the Board contact Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, for clarification of forms and releases.

Deb Ohlde, via conference call in the commissioner office, explained one of the commissioners may show a conflict of interest, who is a close relative to one of the applicants. Hadachek and Shoemaker stated Commissioner Holl was not present at the June 11 RCD meeting to avoid this conflict of interest and Commissioner Holl will not be present when the Board votes on the application regarding this issue today. Ohlde explained the RCD needs to place a notice in the local paper explaining the conflict of interest, wait the appropriate waiting time for protests, declare a public hearing, present an attorney's opinion letter from our County Attorney, then apply for approval from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The Board will proceed with these steps to expedite these applications. Ohlde suggested the Board could approve the applications with a stipulation on the one pending CDGB/KDOC Conflict of Interest requirements must be met.

- 1) High Banks Hall of Fame, Inc, AKA Belleville High Banks Museum for \$70,000 to construction an additional room to the current museum.
- 2) Daniel & Monica Douglas requested \$420,000 to purchase an existing business in Belleville. Action on this application will be delayed until additional stipulations as requested by Kansas Department of Commerce can be added to the contract.

Chairman Bergstrom made a motion to accept the application from High Banks Hall of Fame, Inc. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) The grand opening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge will be at 1:00 pm today (June 16, 2014).
- 2) Finkbiner presented the Agreement with the Federal Fund Exchange (KDOT) Project No. 79C4662-14 for signatures.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the agreement with KDOT totaling \$183,067.59 funds returned back to Republic County Highway Department for 2014. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 3) Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the Agreement for Professional Engineering Services for the C&D landfill requirements from H.W. Lochner. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 4) Finkbiner presented the 2014 Agreement with Michael S. King Secretary of Transportation for KDOT, Project No. 79C461801 Regarding Bridge replacement for signatures.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the agreement with KDOT. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 5) The Board asked Finkbiner if one landfill cell would be large enough to hold the debris from the block of brick buildings on Main Street of Belleville once demolition starts. Finkbiner will need the contractors' estimate of debris being removed first

before any research can be done on the amount of materials that could be delivered to fill one or two cells at the C&D landfill.

- 6) The Final estimate for the Republican River Bridge at Republic through completion in 2016 could total \$2,000,000. Republic County's share could be \$500,000. Republic County share of the cost is being presented to the North Central Kansas Planning Commission for extra funding help on the bridge project.
- 7) Two or three of the recycle trailers should be delivered this week from Ohio.
- 8) The deck for the bridge located between 110 Road and 120 Road on Xavier Road has been completed.
- 9) Asphalt work should be on 90 Road and then on the road through Norway this week.
- 10) Five applications have been received for the operator 1 position open. Finkbiner will start interviewing in the near future.

Sheila White, Lorraine Harris and Patrick Wallerius from OCCK in Salina presented the 2013 annual report and their 2015 budget request. OCCK has been serving Kansas for 44 years and employs 240 employees and served 177 Republic County residents during 2013. The request for 2015 budget remains the same as 2014 at \$23,307.00.

Marcia Hansen-Health Department Administrator, presented the contracts for Pike Valley and Republic County Schools for 2014-2015 school year, increasing the per student fee from \$8 to \$10.

Brent Scott presented a check for the Republic County Health Department for \$500 from NCK Health Care and Kansas Health fund for the development of community health assessment and wellness groups organized by Marcia Hansen and Sister Mary Savoie.

Permission to travel was granted to Marcia to attend the Kansas Association of local Health in Wichita on Tuesday June 17.

Permission to travel was granted to Karen Henke to attend a 1 day training on Home Health Care in Junction City on July 8.

Hansen would like permission to purchase a portable generator for the refrigerator that stores the vaccines. The Board advised Hansen to obtain 2-3 quotes from local businesses and present them for approval. There are funds available in the Health Memorial Fund for this purchase.

Commissioner Holl left the meeting 11:45 am.

At 11:50 am, Kay Shoemaker returned to the meeting with the updated contract application for Daniel and Monica Douglas. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the RCD loan application for \$420,000 for Daniel and Monica Douglas, as long as all the stipulations are met. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

At 12 noon, the Board dismissed for lunch and will reconvene at 12:50 to drive to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge for the grand opening to be held at 1:00 pm.

At 1:00 pm. Chairperson Bergstrom proudly cut the ribbon to open the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge as commissioners Holl and Rytych held ribbon. After the ribbon was cut, the commissioners assisted the road and bridge personnel in removing the barricades from both ends of the bridge.

Upon returning to courthouse at 1:25 p.m., Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected removing Edwin Splichal from attendance. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board signed vouchers totaling \$224,737.28.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, presented her budget request for 2015, noting a decrease of \$36,000 due to reduced staff and contractor labor services. Hansen explained she has contacted several businesses in Republic County regarding a generator for the Health Department but does not have any bids to present.

Ron Blad, Sheriff, presented his 2015 budgets for the sheriff's office and jail. The requested increases are in insurance, wages and fuel.

Blad announced he has offered a deputy position pending the pre-employment testing.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented her 2015 budget stating increase includes suggested wage increases. Coons shared, it was brought to her attention there are extra cases of copy paper at county shop office and the treasurers' office and clerk's office would buy some but would not pay full price since it has been in storage for a few years.

Clerk Marsicek presented the clerk, election and employee benefit proposed 2015 budgets. The increases include changes in the benefit programs, wages and trainings. The Election budget will decrease since it is not a general election year.

Clerk Marsicek reported several employees would be interested in attending the Mental Health First Aid class offered by Pawnee Mental Health. The registration fees could be covered by Drug and Alcohol funds. The consensus of the Board is to contact Pawnee Mental Health to schedule a seminar in Belleville during the fall.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented the annual Land Owner/Tenant solid waste delinquent letter templates for signature.
- 2) The Board signed an Agreement between Republic County and Dean Koch granting permission to construct and operate an underground electric line.
- 3) Finkbiner will be meeting with Hall Brothers at Marshall County on Wednesday to observe the 50/50 blend of hot mix used on roads in Marshall County.
- 4) The street in Norway has been patched with asphalt.
- 5) The island in the hospital parking lot has been removed by the city of Belleville and the area will be backfilled with railroad rock and asphalted by the county.
- 6) Road and Bridge employees will be attending a reflective sign training this week.
- 7) Clerk Marsicek, after being advised by Republic County's auditor regarding the cell phone usage changes in IRS regulations, explained the Board has the final decision about how much a county owned cell phone can be used for personal use. The road and bridge supervisors currently carry both the county issued phone and their personal phone because they are on call 24/7. By using the county phone, they would only need to carry one. The Board agreed to allow the county phone to be used as a personal phone however, the minutes will be monitored so no abusive time would be allowed.
- 8) Commissioner Holl asked Finkbiner about the extra cases of paper in the shop office. The treasurer/clerk's offices would buy some of it but they would not expect to pay more than ½ price, since the paper has been there for a while.

At 10:35am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Finkbinder and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The board reconvened at 10:45am taking no action.

- 9) Because the Road and Bridge department does not work on Fridays and July 4<sup>th</sup> is on Friday, the consensus of the Board regarding Holiday pay is to pay 8 hours of regular time to each employee even though they will have 48 hours for the week there will be no overtime unless it was during the first 40 hours.
- 10) Finkbinder presented his 2015 budget requests for road and bridge and solid waste.

Nancy Holt, Chairman of the Republic County Museum, presented the 2015 Budget request which is the same as 2014 for \$16,000. Holt explained income for the museum comes from donations, admissions, memberships, fund raisers, grants and county tax revenue.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented 2015 budget requests for each of his departments-Wireless 911, Emergency Management, and Communications. Raney's increased requests were wages.

Mike Hadachek, RCD Chairperson, and Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, present the official loan papers for Belleville High Bank Museum for the commissioners' signatures. Shoemaker also presented a mortgage release for Chris Morris d/b/a Morris Garage as the loan has been paid in full.

At 11:50 am, Chairperson Bergstrom requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs of the RCD committee with Rytych, Hadachek, Shoemaker and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl excused herself from the meeting. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:55 am taking no action.

Commissioner Holl rejoined the meeting.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Blaine Van Meter and Randy Ainsworth, EMS, presented their 2015 proposed budget, explaining the increases are due to increase cost of supplies and equipment needed for the ambulances.

Van Meter presented an application for part-time EMS employee which is Melissa Van Meter. The Board agreed to sponsor Mrs. VanMeter to be trained as an EMT and she is now licensed to practice. The Policy handbook states, "one family member may not supervise another", the Board appointed Randy Ainsworth as Melissa's direct supervisor and she will not be scheduled to work with Blaine Van Meter. Any issues arising with this employment, Ainsworth is to contact the Board directly.

Van Meter stated an EMT class will be offered at Republic County ambulance station starting in August lasting 4 months. He already has several persons interested in attending.

Deb Hadachek reminded the commissioners the hospital will host town hall meetings during July to discuss the increased Hospital mill levy request on the Primary election.

Raymond Raney, Communication Director, announced two computers in the 911 department need replaced because they are out of compliance by running XP programs. Raney will purchase the new computers from Computer Solutions Inc., who services the current computers. The cost will be \$1,686 total plus some set up fees.

Deb Ohlde, NCRPC, explained the process for Conflict of Interest approval. The commissioners need to present a letter requesting a conflict of Interest Waiver including an opinion letter from our attorney, copy of minutes from the date of the public hearing and proof of advertising regarding the public hearing.

Commissioner Holl excused herself from the meeting at 9:30 a.m. as is the Board's custom if a Commissioner is involved in an issue.

At 9:32 a.m. Chairman Bergstrom called the RCD Public Hearing to order. Those in attendance were Commissioner Bergstrom and Commissioner Rytych, Deb Hadachek-Belleville Telescope, Mikel Hadachek-RCD Chairperson, Kay Shoemaker-RCD Secretary, Deb Ohlde-NCRPC and Kathleen Marsicek-County Clerk. County attorney Marlea James joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Ohlde explained the process for the KDOC program's requirements regarding the Hearing. County Attorney James explained her letter of opinion would be ready later today and could be mailed with the other required paperwork. Commissioner Bergstrom asked if there were any additional comments. Hearing none, the Hearing was closed at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Holl rejoined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Presented his 2015 budgets for R & B and Solid Waste.
- 2) Announce Wes Hitchcock will be retiring August 1 and his retirement party will be July 31
- 3) Finkbiner asked the commissioners if Mike Nondorf could have a County cell phone for the Weeds department. He currently is using his personal phone for work. The Board advised Clerk Marsicek to contact Nex-Tech to set up a phone for the Weeds department.

- 4) Two interviews have been setup for the open operator 1 positions. With Wes retiring, Finkbiner will run an ad for another open position.
- 5) Two of the recycle trailers from Ohio have been delivered.
- 6) Tom Thompson located 3-20' rock-bed trailers at High Plains in Kanopolis, KS for \$500 each. Republic County purchased all three.
- 7) Republic County received an additional \$450 from KCAMP as reimbursement of overpayment on the broom purchased for salvage.
- 8) KDOT agreed to give Republic County 25% of the millings from US Hwy 36 construction for hot mix for the county asphalt roads.
- 9) Finkbiner discussed the tax issue of commuting to work in a county owned vehicle regarding his supervisors. Clerk Marsicek will research the information. Currently, a daily trip report is required for employees using county vehicles for 24/7 emergency response.

Peggy Frint, Register of deeds, presented a request to upgrade receiving deeds through E-Recording by Simplifile. Frint explained the submitter sends the deeds and money through them. Simplifile uploads payment to our bank account and the deeds upload to our computer instead of being mailed. The Board suggested Frint research this company for more details and involve all the departments that would be affected with this change before any approval.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board approved vouchers totaling \$175,044.41.

Permission to travel was granted to Mike Nondorf to attend the monthly Noxious Weed District meeting in Haddam on July 10.

Permission to travel was granted to Beth Ball to attend Poll Pad Election Training in Topeka on July 8, 2014.

Carol Miller and Don Bates from North Central Kansas CASA, presented their 2015 Budget request for \$5,000. This is the same amount as 2014. Eleven children have been served by NCK CASA or CAC in Republic County in 2013. Miller and Bates appreciated all the support from Republic County in the past and look forward to serving Republic County in 2015.

Arlene Clayton visited the Board during public forum.

Rob Kasl, Ag Fest committee person, thanked the Board for the use of the courthouse lawn and the fairgrounds for the American Ag Fest held on July 5 and would like to reserve the same areas for the 2015 Ag Fest being planned for the first weekend of July. Kasl said there were several persons in attendance. There were 35-40 entries in the parade.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Gary Smith, Representative for Schwab Eaton, introduced himself and the fact he was from the Narka/Mahaska area originally and now works for Schwab Eaton as a Client Development representative. Smith thanked the Board for the work Republic County has allowed Schwab Eaton to do in the past and hopes to continue to provide services to the county. Smith explained KDOT has announced the state has released a program for funding for qualifying deficient bridges and Republic County has a few bridges that would qualify. Finkbiner will file the necessary application for requesting reimbursement for repairing or replacing a bridge. The County would be responsible for total construction once the application is approved and would submit a request for reimbursement up to \$120,000. If another county bridge is closed the reimbursement will be \$160,000. Republic County's share would be 10% of the cost of the bridge.
- 2) Finkbiner observed a demonstration of a "Road Runner" by Jet Plain road maintainer that is pulled behind a tractor.
- 3) There was a report of a truck damaged when it fell through a culvert between 60 Road and 70 Road over the weekend. The supervisor of that area is inspecting the damaged culvert.
- 4) The island at the hospital has been removed. The hole has been filled in with rock and covered with asphalt.
- 5) Clerk Marsicek explained the policy of county provided vehicles remains the same. If a supervisor uses the county vehicle to commute to and from work daily they will be assessed the amount as taxable income and must maintain a travel log.
- 6) County will start stock piling CMB cover material for sealing the Munden Road and Fir Road west of 81 Hwy to 90 Road this year and overlay and patch work continues on 100 Road and 90 Road north of US Hwy148.

At 10:58 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Finkbiner for 2 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 2 minutes was requested by Rytych and seconded by Holl, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:02 am taking no action.

Peggy Frint-Register of Deeds, Cindy Coons-County Treasurer, Kay Shoemaker-Deputy Treasurer, Kathleen Marsicek-County Clerk, presented additional information regarding Simplifile (E-Recording). The Board would like Frint to gather information from other

counties in Kansas that use this system. In addition, the Board wants our auditors' opinion of this process before making a commitment. The auditor will be in Republic County later in July to discuss the 2015 budget.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented 2014 Bi-annual Program Income Report of Economic Development and a Grant/Local Collection Report and Supplemental Sheet for signatures.

Clerk Marsicek announced the Mental Health First Aid class will be held September 11 at the Astra Bank.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek with the aid of Beth Reed during a brief absence of the Clerk were present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes. Holl second, agreed 3-0.

The Board signed letters of Annual Claims for Tax Exemption for Country Place Living and Nesika Energy, LLC.

The Board signed the contract agreement with Security Benefit implementing the "carry over" option allowing employees to carry over \$500 of unused benefits in the Flex Spending Accounts into the following plan year.

Doug McKinney, NCK Planning Commission, updated the Board on projects around Republic County.

Permission to travel was granted for Lori Benyshek to attend Healthy Start training in Hays July 21-24.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, shared an apology letter she had written to a Republic County resident regarding the form letter that is sent to all persons who have not paid their taxes by the deadline of May 10. The resident had paid their taxes except one back in December and this one was accidentally overlooked by the Treasurer department at that time. The penalty was removed due to the oversight. Coons told the commissioners she is looking into training opportunities regarding the renewal of commercial tags.

Ron Blad, County Sheriff, explained his dissatisfaction with working with Pawnee Mental Health regarding evaluating prisoners prior to transferring to other facilities. It seems, that not only on weekends is there a delay, but during the week it takes several hours to process evaluations.

Scott Finkbinder presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Several Republic County residents are requesting review of roads, Frankie Sis, Paul Freeman and Glenn Loring.
- 2) The Transportation department received a "Thank You" from the AG Fest committee for the bus service during the Festival.
- 3) Permission to travel was granted to Scott Finkbinder to MINK meeting at St. Joseph, MO during September 24-25.
- 4) Commissioners signed an agreement between Republic County and McGilton Construction to construct and operate an underground Electric Line located on Section 2, Township 3, and Range 5.
- 5) Commissioners signed an agreement between Republic County and the City of Courtland concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees.
- 6) Several roads are being worked on.
  - a. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) mile of Old 81 south of US 36 will be closed for complete re-grade this week.
  - b. 90<sup>th</sup> Road and 100<sup>th</sup> Road north of US Hwy 148 to Scandia is receiving repairs and overlay.
  - c. A new box culvert is being installed on Ash Road between 60 Road and 70 Road (on the stateline).
- 7) Finkbinder has received many calls about how bad the Narka road is.
- 8) With the retirement of Wes Hitchcock, the total employees needed for Road and Bridge department will be three persons. Finkbinder has received several applications and will start interviewing qualified applicants.
- 9) 1,600 feet of pipe piling has been ordered from J&A Sales for \$18,000 or \$11.25 per foot. A quote from Alpha Steel was \$18,624 or \$11.64 per foot.

Charles Westin presented a newspaper article regarding recycling grants in Nebraska. He wanted to know if Kansas has any grants available. Finkbiner will research the possibilities of grants.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, stated the State of Kansas has agreed there is no conflict of interest regarding the RCD loan, however, a letter from the environmental review board should be received by the end of the week.

Judge Starla Nelson explained her department is very satisfied with the security on the second floor of the courthouse. Sheriff Blad is conforming to the executive order handed down from Judge Kim Cudney. Judge Nelson stated new mandates as of July 1 could affect the rest of the courthouse. She suggested that the clerk contact our insurance attorney with our current practices and Judge Cudney's request to see if all matters are within the law.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Following adjournment, the commissioners and courthouse employees were treated to BBQ by Rick Cleveland in celebration of a belated birthday.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes. Rytych second, agreed 3-0.

The commissioners approved vouchers totaling \$261,103.96.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner announced Daniel Snyder will be working part-time in the road and bridge department as roadside mower when he is not driving the transportation bus.
- 2) A waterline agreement was signed between Republic County and Wayne Gardner to construct and operate an underground waterline in Section 2, T4S, R5W.
- 3) Finkbiner presented grant information regarding waste reduction and public education.
- 4) Once the new recycle trailer's titles are received, the trailers can be delivered to each city and the cities can start their own recycling programs. Finkbiner hopes these programs will be functioning by August.
- 5) Asphalt patching on Kackley road and the road south of Courtland will occur this week.
- 6) Finkbiner is interviewing for the open positions.
- 7) The retirement party for Wes Hitchcock will be July 31, 3-5 pm at the office of Road and Bridge department.
- 8) The commissioners signed the solid waste agreement between Republic County and the City of Cuba for waste fees for 2014.

Alisha Bond, Group Benefits Specialists, present her annual review of the county employee benefit package. Bond explained Republic County is in complete compliance with the Affordable Healthcare Act. Bond recommended, the definition of full-time benefit eligibility in the Republic County Policy and Procedure Handbook should be clarified. Since payroll staff will be required to maintain all hours worked by each employee both full time and part-time in compliance to the Affordable HealthCare Act, the board requested that Beth Ball research implementing time clocks to calculate hours worked.

Bond stated the health insurance rates for the first half of 2015 will remain flat with little increase but will not know about the second half of 2015 until February.

Marcia Hansen and Kathy Zach, Health Department, asked for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

At 11:45 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go in to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, Hansen and Zach. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:55 am taking no action.

The Board will meet on Tuesday July 22 at 8:30 for 2015 Budget planning with Randy Hofmeier.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**OF BUDGET PLANNING MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the preliminary budget for 2015 as prepared by Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chtd represented by Randy Hofmeier.

After reviewing each county department's requests, requests from outside agencies and the County General Fund proposed expenses, a proposed 2015 Budget was approved pending the vote for mill levy increase for the Republic County Hospital. The mill levy without the increase of 6 mills for the hospital would be 102.824 or a decrease of .76 mill from the 2014 budget. The mill levy with the increase of 6 mills for the hospital would be 108.824 or an increase of 5.247 mills.

Commission Rytych made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 am. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioners Holl and Rytych will be attending the Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Belleville Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 21 regular meeting and July 22 budget planning meeting. Rytych seconded both, agreed 3-0.

Rob Unruh from Kansas Wildlife and Parks presented a NPDES Permit to be signed to allow project improvements to County Road 200 near the Talmo Marsh.

The Board granted permission for the Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet to use the courthouse lawn for the Poker Walk on August 1.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Richard and Mary Larson, Scandia, requested the county grade 90 Road south of Scandia because it has washboards. Finkbiner said they were finished with the asphalt work on the blacktop south of Scandia and the maintainer would work on County Road 90.
- 2) Solid waste agreements between the county and Scandia, Agenda and Munden were signed for 2014.
- 3) Finkbiner addressed a request from the county employees that suggested the county purchase green or orange t-shirts for the road and bridge crews to wear during the summer time work. The county employees would be seen while working on the job sites making it much safer for the workers. The consensus of the board was it would be an unnecessary use of county funds. If the employees want to purchase matching shirts, they could on their own.
- 4) Finkbiner stated many of his employees expressed the desire to have an extra day off for the holiday that falls on a Friday during the summer working hours instead of receiving the paid holiday. Currently, employees work Monday thru Thursday for 40 hours and are closed on Fridays during the summer hours. When the (paid) holiday falls on Friday, the rest of the county offices are closed and receive regular holiday pay. The road and bridge department employees receive 8 hours of regular pay for a day they get off anyway. They would like to have the Thursday before the holiday instead of being paid 8 hours for the Friday holiday. The employees would be paid for 38 hours regular time plus 2 hours vacation instead of 48 hours, if this changes next year. The county would benefit from this change by not paying 28 employees for the extra 8 hours each. On the other side of the change the county would lose one day of work. The Board tabled the discussion regarding this until June of 2015 the next time it will occur.
- 5) Finkbiner stated it would be two more weeks before Republic County receives any more cold asphalt mix from Hall Bros.



- 6) Commissioner Holl explained to Finkbiner, no employee will be paid overtime if the employee does not physically work more than 40 hours in a week. Federal law states holiday, sick leave and vacation hours are not worked time when figuring overtime to be paid.
- 7) Finkbiner explained that the current engineering construction cost estimate has increased since the first estimate about 2 years ago to replace the bridge at Republic from 1.8 million to an estimated 2.2 million. Finkbiner stated these were just estimates and the actual bids will be requested during October 2015, when the contractors will bid the bridge construction. Finkbiner stated, Republic County signed an agreement with KDOT on the original cost estimate. The engineering service will contact KDOT about the estimated cost changes.
- 8) The new recycling trailers are here and being inspected and will be delivered to the cities this week. The cities will be responsible for taking care of their own recycle products. Finkbiner wants to thank each city for stepping up and working with Republic County to make this happen.
- 9) One part time employee and one full time employee has been hired and will start as soon as the pre-employment testing is complete.
- 10) Finkbiner explained his concern about the budget cuts made to his department's 2015 budget request. Finkbiner felt the majority of expenses for roads and bridges comes in the fall now because of the land exchange just west of the county office with the ergonomic development. When calculating the usage by multiplying the first six months use by two does not give an accurate forecast of funding needed. The Board explained they looked at past history of expenses along with current usage when they made their decision. There were other departments that had cut backs also. Finkbiner stated he would like to see the wages raised to match other businesses' pay scale so the County can be competitive even though the county benefits are excellent for the area. The Board explained requests for increase in payroll were the first thoughts to cut back and decided our employees are very important to Republic County and the work they accomplish has been outstanding and wanted to retain that area in the budgets. The County Commissioners said if the budgets cuts that were made to the 2015 budget were actually needed, the budget could be amended during 2015.
- 11) This fall, Hall Brothers will be laying a hot mix of asphalt on the 3-5 miles heading north out of Scandia on 90 Road for a cost of \$40,000 per mile. The mix will be approximately 1" thick. This is a trial area. If this is successful, other areas will have the hot mix applied as the budget allows.
- 12) Wes Hitchcock's retirement party will be at the road and bridge office on July 31 from 3-5 pm.

At 11:00 am, Chairperson Bergstrom called the Solid Waste hearing to order. Those present were the commissioners, Finkbiner, reporter Hadachek and Clerk Marsicek. Finkbiner presented an eleven page listing of delinquent solid waste owners. Larry Walter presented his statement for clarification and stated he would rather pay the solid waste on his property taxes this year. The Board stated he could pay it that way. Other options are to pay for a year all at once in January then you don't have to worry about forgetting to pay.

At 11:30 am, with no other persons contesting, Chairperson Bergstrom closed the Solid Waste hearing.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker from RCD presented the first draw down request check for the Belleville High Banks Museum for concrete work for the additional room being added to the museum.

Shoemaker announced all the stipulations have been satisfied to loan funds to Daniel Douglas to purchase the George Hays Company in Belleville from the RCD revolving fund. The closing on the purchase is planned for August 1.

Deb Hadachek, Hospital Board member, presented for discussion the possibility of Republic County hiring a part-time janitor for the Prairie Ridge Estates which is an extension of the hospital. The facility is not authorized to hire a janitor but could reimburse the county for the salary. The Board will review this with the auditor before making any final decision.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Rytych called the meeting order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 28 meeting. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, discussed the possibility of hiring a fulltime janitor to clean the courthouse part time and part time at Prairie Ridge. Since Calkins' 2015 budget did not include a second fulltime staff, the board can review this matter when planning the 2016 budget.

Clerk Marsicek, election officer, stated election board worker training was held on July 30 and 31. The board workers were excited about the IPAD registration for the primary election. During the NCK Free Fair, July 29 to August 2, both the Republican and Democratic booths had demonstrations on the IPAD each evening.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced the regular RCD meeting for August will not be held on Wednesday August 6 since no applications for loans have been received.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the Register of Deeds Training in Wichita September 9-12.

Kelvin Blecha, NCK Fair Board President, requested the balance of funds available for the fair grounds. Blecha stated the 2014 NCK Free Fair was over and there was a crowd each day and night.

Emergency Planning Director Raymond Raney presented the Promulgations for the County Emergency Operations Plan for signing by the commissioners. The plan as rewritten includes new recommendations from the State.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) The bid for steel bridge planks was opened. Welborn Sales from Salina, KS bid \$58,750.  
Bids were requested from ODEN Enterprise, Railroad Yard and J-A Sales with no response.  
-Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Welborn Sales for \$58,750. Rytych seconded.
- 2) Finkbiner is bidding on a 1993 Trail King Belly dump Trailer on Purple Wave. The auction will close on August 19. The County commissioners recommended we inspect the trailer before purchasing it.
- 3) All the recycling trailers have been delivered to the individual cities and they will now be responsible for the transporting of the recycled items to the recycling centers. For questions about your city recycling program, please contact your city clerk.
- 4) KDOT auditor will be here on Wednesday to double check the bridge audit findings from earlier this year.
- 5) Finkbiner would like clarification on what hours can be used when figuring weekly hours - actual worked, call-outs, holiday, vacation, sick time and overtime hours. Clerk Marsicek will present the FSLA regulations at the next meeting.
- 6) Since the vendor that supplies our fuel cards has a large waiting time, Lisa Jones is researching to purchase a coder to code in-house fuel cards for all county departments.

- 7) Finkbiner stated time clocks would work better in the courthouse than in the road and bridge department. Many of his employees do not come to the Belleville office before starting to work so they notify the office secretary of their starting and ending times each day by county radio or cell-phone. Finkbiner asked if each employee will be paid to the exact minute worked per day when clocked by the new time clocks. This will cost the county more overtime, because now the call in time is always 10 hour days or 8 hour days even if the call in times is a few minutes different. Marsicek stated most clocks can be set to figure by the minute or quarter hour depending on what the commissioners want. Finkbiner suggested there should be one time clock at the courthouse, where all county employees would clock in. This focal point would allow for more accuracy and control of times for audit purposes. This also would keep the cost down on purchasing additional time clocks. Finkbiner doesn't want to add any more work at the road and bridge department. We have several employees that take time off unexpectedly and to try to punch a time clock each time would be a lot of extra work. The Board explained if time clocks are installed the secretary could continue to clock in and out road and bridge employees. The time clocks would save time figuring hours for payroll. The clerk's staff is just beginning the research and there would be a department head meeting before any implementing of time clocks would be started.
- 8) Commissioner Holl explained to Finkbiner, no permanent part time employee can work over an average of 29 hours a week, otherwise, by law we must offer full time benefits. Part time employees working Republic County must not exceed 29 hours per week. The summer time help can work 40 hours per week but cannot exceed 1040 hours per year. The Board voted in June of 2013 to limit all part time employees to 20 hours except EMS and Sheriff's departments where they work 12- or 24- hour shifts. This policy will be reviewed when all commissioners are available for discussion.
- 9) There was a short discussion on Human Resource responsibilities, where the workman's comp contact person is located and where drug testing supplies and files should be located. This matter will be discussed further when all commissioners are in session.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded. Agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED:

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Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 8:00 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from August 4. Rytych second, agreed 2-0.

At 8:00 am, the commissioners canvassed the ballots from the August 5 Primary Election. After the provisional ballots were counted, the unofficial results from the Primary are now the official results.

Commissioners signed A/P vouchers totaling \$409,865.92.

Commissioner Bergstrom requested a report from Clerk Marsicek regarding calculating overtime. Marsicek stated from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) the definition of "WORKED TIME" means "ACTUAL HOURS" worked by an employee and overtime is time actually worked exceeding forty hours in a work week. Republic County offers vacation, sick leave and holiday pay to all full time employees but these hours are benefits and do not have to count toward hours worked when calculating overtime hours.

Commissioner Holl attend the Emergency Preparedness meeting at the Republic County Hospital. Holl stated Republic County Health Department needs to purchase a generator in the event of a loss of electricity at the health department. Marcia Hansen, Health Department Administrator, has been researching generators and will be encouraged to purchase one as soon as possible.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, asked permission for David Strnad and himself to attend an 8 day session on "Rope Rescue Training" offered in Concordia by KU starting August 20. This training includes rescue from places where only ropes can reach the person such as grain bins or off bridges. The Board granted permission.

Van Meter asked for additional information about time clocks. Commissioner Holl stated, the Board is just looking into time clocks and nothing has been purchased. There will be a department head meeting when a decision to purchase the time clocks is reached.

Rob Kasl, representing the Republic County Veterans Day Project, presented the plans to replace the 12 smaller flag poles on the west side of the courthouse with new poles by Veterans Day 2014. This group is raising monies to purchase a total of 62 flag poles to place along the sidewalk and north and south of the west side of the courthouse square to fly flags of each branch of service. Kasl said this could be a five-phase project as money is available. The total estimated expense is \$20,000. American Legion members from Scandia, Republic, Belleville and Cuba along with the Belleville VFW and Ladies Auxiliaries in the area make up members of this group. Individuals, groups or families could purchase a flag and plaque dedicated to someone who served in the armed forces by contacting Rob or a member of the group.

Permission to travel was granted to Beth Reed to attend the KEMA Board Meeting in Junction City on August 12.

Permission to travel was granted to Beth Reed and Raymond Raney to attend the G300 Class (Incident Command Series) in Wichita from August 26-28 and the KEMA Annual Conference in Junction City from September 8-12.

Scott Finkbinder presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) The Board signed a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Belleville and Republic County for Solid Waste fees for 2014.
- 2) The Board signed a Phone Line Agreement with AT&T granting permission to construct and operate an underground copper cable on 180 Rd.
- 3) Finkbinder presented a recommendation stating Republic County will clean the debris from the ditch if the utility poles can be moved into fields and out of the drainage area of the Bostwick Irrigation District. Commissioners want a confirmation from the Irrigation District before signing the recommendation.
- 4) Finkbinder stated the large air compressor at the shop needs replaced. Finkbinder has three bids from internet companies and will be requesting local bids. Finkbinder would like to add an additional air tank.
- 5) The need for updated dump trucks was discussed. Finkbinder has located several trucks on the internet from dealers across the United States. The Board gave permission to purchase needed dump trucks but cautions Finkbinder to figure delivery as part of the cost of the trucks.
- 6) Three land owners near the Republican River Bridge at Republic have agreed to give necessary land near the bridge to the county as the replacement bridge will be expanded onto their land.
- 7) Finkbinder asked if a decision regarding how overtime is calculated. Commissioner Holl stated, overtime will be paid to employees when an employee has "Worked hours" of over forty hours a week. If an employee uses sick leave, vacation or holiday hours during the week, overtime will not begin until forty (40) worked hours have been completed. Finkbinder requested if someone gets called out during non-scheduled hours but does not have the necessary forty worked hours could they receive overtime pay? The consensus of the Board was to allow that exception to allow overtime if an employee gets called out during non-scheduled hours.
- 8) Finkbinder made a request that if Clerk Marsicek changes any information Finkbinder supplies for the minutes that she notify Finkbinder prior to publishing for his approval. Clerk Marsicek agreed to contact Finkbinder of any changes she makes to his information regarding the minutes.
- 9) Finkbinder has a quote of \$21,128.99 from ODEN Enterprise for a single span precast concrete 30 foot X 25.6 foot bridge deck instead of the black metal, rock or asphalt deck that has been used in the past. The cost will be \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 higher delivered on-site. The concrete deck will last longer with less maintenance and less time to install.
- 10) Republic will share a recycle trailer with Courtland instead of having their own. The stock trailer from Republic will be placed at the Republic County Hospital for cardboard use.

Blaine Miller, Republic County Hospital Administrator, discussed the possibility of hiring a part time maintenance person for the Prairie Ridge Estate. Miller stated, Prairie Ridge is needing to fill a position but the hospital is not allowed to hire someone who does not work in or on the hospital grounds. They hoped the county will agree to work with them by hiring the employee; the hospital would reimburse the county. This person would be needed 20-40 hours for a week or two in the beginning, then 2-4 hours weekly after that time. This discussion was tabled until more information could be presented.

Miller thanked the commissioners for their support regarding the mill levy vote. The request for the increased mill levy on the ballot during the primary election was approved by the citizens of Republic County.

Ellen Anderson, Juvenile Detention of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, presented the 2015 Carryover Reimbursement Budget Summary for signing. There is \$3,656.04 in carryover to be distributed between Personnel, Operations and Contract Services.

Mikel Hadachek, Luke Mahin and Neil Lewis announced, Loves Truck Stop and Food Franchise has signed a contract to purchase 12 acres of land from the NCK Industrial Committee to build a truck stop in the industrial area on the northwest edge of Belleville. The truck stop could take up to 12 months to start building and an additional 18 months to be completed. There has been discussion about creating an access road from 14th Street north to the new business so customers do not have to cross US 81. This business will hire 20-25 employees including 3 supervisors.

Hadachek presented the closing papers on the RCD revolving loan between Republic County and Daniel Douglas, who purchased the Geo. Hays business effective August 1, 2014.

Mahin explained, if the funding for the Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) could be filtered through the county, several hundred dollars could be saved and refunded to applicants rather than paying banking fees to the foundation. The county would just see an in/out and no expense to the county. The donations would be deposited and one check written in October to the State of Kansas reimbursing the qualifying persons.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from August 11. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted to Beth Ball to attend Poll Pad Training in Manhattan on August 22.

Sheriff Ron Blad visited with the Board regarding the increasing number of Republic County residents passing away with little or no means to pay for funeral expenses. The Board appointed Clerk Marsicek to research the Kansas Statutes and surrounding counties as to their procedures regarding indigent burials. Sheriff Blad discussed the recent storm damage in Republic County and stated there were tree limbs and trees uprooted but no serious damage.

A county employee asked the Board to reconsider the decision made on August 11 regarding paying overtime wages to employees in the Road and Bridge department when they are "called out" during non-scheduled hours, regardless if they have actually worked their required 40 hours per week. If the commissioners allow it in one department, it should apply to all the departments and this would put a heavy burden on the budgets. The Board thanked the employee for their information and would give serious thought to this matter.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented a probable construction cost from Kirkham Michael for any 50' single Oden beam bridge. The cost could be \$198,000 to \$222,860. KDOT funding would be available through the new project program for approximately \$120,000 to \$160,000. All the bridges are the same design but could be different lengths. The stipulation to the program is when one bridge is replaced another bridge may be closed to receive the \$160,000 funding. The bridge the county is wanting to replace is located on 160 Road just south of Fir Road. This bridge is under review by the Historical Society at this time.
- 2) An agreement with Terracon for the Proposal for Exploratory Drilling and Geotechnical Engineering Services through Kirkham Micheal was received for review. This agreement was for information purposes, the actual contract and agreement will be signed at a later date.
- 3) The balance of the asphalt (1500 tons) is ready for pickup from Hall Bros.
- 4) The dump trucks discussed last week had already been sold when Finkbiner contacted the businesses. Finkbiner will research other trucks to purchase.
- 5) As of August 18, Republic County was the highest bidder on Purple Wave for the belly dump trailer. The auction for the belly trailer will end August 19 at 10 am.
- 6) Finkbiner will place another help wanted ad in the paper this week. There are still three positions to fill at the road and bridge department. Finkbiner feels the county's wages are too low and if we raise the wages, more people would apply. If we want quality people to apply we need to offer higher wages. In the past employees have been trained by the county and passed their CDL class A drivers' license, then they use that training and experience to get a better job. The three positions and wages will be offered on experience and knowledge.
- 7) Commissioner Bergstrom asked Finkbiner to review some roadways that need spraying for bindweed with weed director Mike Nondorf.
- 8) The test area for the recycle asphalt will be 4 miles on 90 Road north of Scandia.



- 9) Plans are to repair and seal the Munden road this fall. Finkbiner suggested the one half mile north of asphalt outside the city limits north of Munden be considered for converting to gravel instead of repairing the asphalt. There are no residents that live on that short stretch of asphalt and the cost is much lower to maintain with gravel than asphalt. The Board would like this stretch of asphalt left and road repaired at the current time but would review this request in the future.
- 10) Following additional discussion regarding the "called out" overtime wages, Chairperson Bergstrom requested a change of consensus of the Board from the prior week. The Board's consensus regarding overtime wages shall only be paid when a person actually "works" over the regular 40 hours in a week. Any person that is "called out" during non-scheduled work hours must complete the regular 40 hours prior to receiving any overtime wage.
- 11) The Irrigation District Board will meet and discuss the written agreement between Republic County and the local landowners and add their responsibilities for future maintenance on the irrigation drainage ditches.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, and Sherry Koster from NCKLEPG, presented the semi-annual reports regarding services and expenses for Republic County during January to June 2014.

Hansen informed the Board bids for a generator for the Health Department should be available by September 2.

Hansen stated the parking lot at the health department needs some repair work. Finkbiner will be contacted to schedule these repairs.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from August 18. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners approved A/P vouchers totaling \$349,559.14.

Clerk Marsicek presented benefit wage information. The per hour average of employee benefit added to each employees wages monthly is \$6.96. The average per hour wage plus benefits is \$20.66.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, informed the commissioners the firewall maintenance contract will expire in September. Republic County needs to either extend the contract for another year or purchase a new updated firewall. The consensus of the board was to allow Porter to purchase a new firewall with a three year warranty from Computer Solutions for \$1,449.00.

The Appraisers office is still searching for a part time employee to do onsite evaluations of property.

Porter would like to purchase an updated Geographical Information System (GIS) program including maintenance agreement for \$2500. The Board approved the purchase from the county equipment fund.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness, presented a letter from the Kansas Adjutant General's Department regarding the 2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant for \$10,762.00 stating Republic County has met all the requirements to receive the total amount.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Sixteen Republic County residents that live on 170 Road just south of US HWY 36 attended the commissioners meeting to discuss their dissatisfaction with the road condition of the first three miles of 170 Road south of US HWY 36. Wade Jensik, spokesman for the group, stated there are 17 homes on the first mile and 5 more homes in the next two miles and there are 10 school age children that ride the school bus on that road. A large container with metal debris and large rocks found on the road was presented as hazardous materials to vehicles and residents. Finkbiner will have 170 Road graded every week and will request it to be drug with the magnet each time to remove additional debris. Finkbiner suggested adding more dirt and gravel to the road. Jensik asked what it would cost to asphalt the first mile. Finkbiner estimated \$45,000 per ½ mile to put down a two inch thick asphalt cover over the rock base but would research an actual quote for the group. Commissioner Holl stated if the road was converted to asphalt the expense would be assessed to the land owners along the road. The residents were in agreement with paying the extra assessment if the additional grading did not improve the road conditions. The group would like a road sign put up at the intersection of US HWY 36 and 170 Road. The commissioners assured there once was one but it had been stolen and not replaced but they would notify Raymond Raney to replace the missing sign.
- 2) An agreement between Republic County and RWD #2 to construct and operate an underground waterline crossing Queen Road was signed.

- 3) An agreement between Republic County and Marvin Bergstrom to construct and operate an underground waterline at the intersection of King and 20<sup>th</sup> Road was signed.
- 4) The official contract Proposal for Exploratory Drilling and Geotechnical Engineering Services between Terracon and Republic County c/o Kirkham Micheal for the proposed replacement of Bridge #370 over the Republican River at Republic was signed.
- 5) Finkbiner announced that Republic County purchased the belly dump truck trailer from Purple Wave auction for the price of \$15,500.
- 6) Road crews are working on the repair and sealing of the Munden road and work should be completed this week.
- 7) There will be a KDOT meeting on Thursday in Salina. Finkbiner will be attending.
- 8) Commissioner Rytych asked Finkbiner if Republic County allowed any equipment to be rented by another county. Washington County was requesting some equipment but Finkbiner said his crews would be using all they had for several weeks. Finkbiner will contact Washington County works department regarding their needs.
- 9) A large compressor was purchased from Love's for \$2600.00.
- 10) All the landowners around the Republican River at Republic have donated the ROW land for the new bridge.
- 11) Purchased a 2006 Freightliner Dump Truck from J & J Sales for \$59,000.00.

At 11:00 am, Chairperson Bergstrom called to order the Solid Waste Hearing for landowners.

AT 11:30 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the Solid Waste hearing. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to designate Clerk Marsicek to represent Republic County at the annual KAC meeting in Wichita during November 10-12. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board discussed with the sheriff's deputy, Eric Brunner, the concern of speeding vehicles on 170 Road just south of US HWY 36. Brunner will have someone monitor the area.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Since Monday, September 1, 2014 is Labor Day, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from August 25. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted to Mike Nondorf to attend the Kansas State Fair to work in the weed director's booth from September 10-11.

The consensus of the board is to send a letter to Ms. Sheila Beeson in support of the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). It is understood DVACK's Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program will provide a direct local benefit and that funding this program with Justice Assistance Grant funds is in the best interest of the local units of government.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented a mortgage release for Belleville Farm and Home as the loan has been paid in full. Shoemaker requested signatures on vouchers for draw downs on new loans. Shoemaker stated if no applications were received by Friday September 5, there would not be a meeting on September 10.

Chase Brown, agent for Liberty National, presented his company's request to offer coverages to Republic County employees. These insurance coverages would be in addition to Republic County's offered insurance coverages for Life Insurance, Accident, Cancer and intensive care policies. These policies would be payroll deductions and no expense to the county. The consensus of the board is to allow Mr. Brown to visit with each department at an arranged time. Mr. Brown will then work with the payroll department on the deductions of each employee that enrolls.

At 10:00 am, Chairperson Bergstrom called the Republic County Budget Hearing to order. Attending the hearing, Commissioner Bergstrom, Commissioner Holl, Commissioner Rytych, Deb Hadachek, Peggy Frint, Scott Finkbiner, Cindy Coons and Clerk Marsicek.

At 10:30 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed 2015 Republic County Budget. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 10: 32 am, Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to close the public hearing. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) An agreement between Republic County and AT&T of Kansas to construct and operate an underground phone line was signed.
- 2) Finkbiner presented two quotes from Hall Brothers, Inc. for asphaltting the first 2/3 of a mile on 170 Road south of US Hwy 36.
  - A. Applying 2" of asphalt would cost \$88,283.25
  - B. Applying 3" of asphalt would cost \$129,225.80
  - C. The Board has tabled any asphalt work on 170 Rd.
- 3) Commissioner Holl and Bergstrom stated, since 170 Rd has been graded last week the road is in very good condition and many of the concerned residents called to thank the county for the work on 170 RD.
- 4) Finkbiner presented a list of qualifications for Republic County to be eligible to receive the 10% county-90%program funding (\$120,000 to \$160,000) on Bridge replacement funds from the State of Kansas. Finkbiner feels we meet each

of these qualifications and would like to apply for the funding for one bridge. The deadline for filing the application is September 15, 2014.

- 5) Hall Brothers will be applying the 1" overlay of hot mix asphalt to 90 RD this week to 2-3 miles. Republic County will furnish 2 flaggers and 2 dump trucks to help haul hot mix.
- 6) Finkbiner will be meeting with Deb Ohlde, NCRPC, and Kirkham Micheal Engineering to discuss additional funding for the Republican River Bridge at Republic.
- 7) On September 10, KDOT will audit the bridge files at the Republic County Road and Bridge office.
- 8) A contractor from Jewell County has inquired about delivering 20 thousand railroad ties to the Republic County landfill. This will be reviewed by Finkbiner and KDHE before any agreement is signed.
- 9) Finkbiner has purchased two dump trucks. One will be delivered and the other truck he will send someone to drive back.
- 10) The transmission in the county pickup Finkbiner drives is being replaced by the county mechanic. Finkbiner feels it is time to update the vehicle however, the old pickup will be kept and used by others in the road and bridge department. Finkbiner will contact Melton Motors and other dealerships in the area for a price on a replacement truck.
- 11) Finkbiner presented his request for 2015 employee wage increases for his department for review. The Board will review his recommendations in making decisions at the end of 2014.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, presented four (4) quotes for the new generator for the Health Department.

Joe Gerber attended the meeting to deliver his quotes and answer any questions.

- 1) Joe Gerber-Joe's Electric, Belleville, KS
  - a. Single Phase, 16 KW generator - \$10,079.12
  - b. Single Phase, 22KW generator - \$11,579.46
  - c. Three Phase, 36KW generator - \$18,513.79
- 2) Henry & Kim Pierce, Mankato, KS
  - a. Single Phase, 11KW generator - \$7,571.60
  - b. Three Phase, 25KW generator - \$16,653.00
- 3) Bee Cool Enterprises, Munden, KS
  - a. Single Phase, 22KW generator - \$19,485.00
  - b. Three Phase, 30KW generator - \$20 355.00
- 4) Hood Plumbing and Heating, Concordia, KS
  - a. Single Phase, 10KW generator - \$8,663.00

Chairperson Bergstrom made a motion to accept the second quote from Joe's Electric for \$11,579.46. The Health Memorial Fund along with the County Equipment Fund will be used to cover the purchase of the generator. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Since there has been several storms in the area recently, Hansen requested that Gerber start as soon as possible on the wiring of the generator.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from September 2. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Michael Gritten from Pike Valley schools requested \$750.00 from the Drug and Alcohol Fund for a program being held at the Pike Valley Schools during Red Ribbon Week in October. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to grant the funding from the Drug and Alcohol funds. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Clerk Marsicek presented a Disclosure Compliance Service Proposal from Gilmore and Bell for signing.

Clerk Marsicek presented bids from treasurer Cindy Coons regarding title searches for properties listed on the county delinquent tax sale.

- 1) Scott R. Condray, Chartered - \$4,510.00
- 2) Spurney and Spurney - \$5,410.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Mr. Condray's bid of \$4,510.00 because Mr. Condray started researching all the properties listed for the 2013 tax sale that was not finalized in 2013 but added to the 2014 tax sale. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented RCD paperwork for signature and informed the Board there will be no meeting on September 10.

After discussion regarding indigent burial expenses, Commission Holl moved to accept Resolution 2014-33, determining Republic County will pay up to \$500.00 from County General funds to a funeral home for an indigent burial providing the conditions listed on the resolution are met by the deceased. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

It was the consensus of the Board to pay \$500.00 to Bachelor, Faulkner, Dart, Surber Funeral Home for the request of an indigent burial.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Commissioner Holl and Bergstrom relayed concerns about the roughness of 30 Rd north of Courtland and too much sand on 290 Rd north of K148 Hwy. Finkbiner will contact the supervisor in that area to review the road conditions.
- 2) The first three miles of 90 road north of Scandia have the new 1" overlay of hot mix asphalt.
- 3) Finkbiner suggested closing a bridge on Valley road between New US 81 and 160 Rd. Finkbiner will work with Clerk Marsicek and County Attorney James to get process started.
- 4) Finkbiner asked if all the paperwork for the road closure on Queen Road between 170 Rd and 180 Rd had been processed. Clerk Marsicek stated the road closure was complete and the bridge and road now belong to the land owners on Queen Road between 170 Rd and 180 Rd. Commissioners asked if Republic County had received any payment for the damages to the Republican River Bridge at Hardy from 2013. Finkbiner said, not to his knowledge and wanted to know if there was a limitation on filing for damage? Clerk Marsicek will check and report back to the commissioners next week.

- 5) Finkbiner stated the utility poles belonging to Rolling Hills between 70 Rd and 80 Rd on Lincoln Road need to be moved since they are interfering with Bostwick Irrigation water drainage. The responsibility for the cost to move the poles will be discussed between the Water District, Rolling Hills and Republic County.
- 6) The Policy and Procedure book for Republic County Land fill is complete and ready to submit to KDHE/State of Kansas for final approval.
- 7) Road and bridge department will be mixing sand and salt for winter stock pile.
- 8) Plans are to seal the Munden asphalt road the week of September 22 with the help of Belleville city workers, then Road and Bridge will help the City of Belleville to seal 40 city blocks during the week of September 29.
- 9) Finkbiner inspected the parking lot of the health department and reported the parking area needs holes patched and an overlay applied before the holes get any deeper.
- 10) The belly dump trailer will be picked up this week at Garden City, Kansas.
- 11) One dump truck purchased from J&J Sales will be delivered on Wednesday, September 10.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, asked permission to close the health department the afternoon of Friday, September 26, so Joe Gerber can install the new generator. The Board granted permission.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Roger Walls, United Methodist Church of Republic, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from September 8. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, announced plans to start advertising for the 2014 Christmas displays on the courthouse lawn.

Blaine Van Meter, Director of EMS, stated since ambulance #4 is having alternator trouble, currently there are only three ambulances available.

Van Meter announced the EMT class has been in process for a few weeks but instead of Cloud County Community College leading the classes, Republic County EMT's are teaching the class. There are six persons taking the training.

Mayor of Munden, Jimmie Blecha and Munden Clerk, Terry Jelinek thanked the county for the repairs to the Munden road and look forward to the sealing of the road for winter. Blecha stated he delivered the first load of recycling to Washington recycle center and the process went very smoothly.

Blecha and Jelinek asked for advice regarding a nuisance issue in the City of Munden. The Board will present the information to the County Attorney for further action. Blecha asked when the tax sale would be held. The Board stated the bid for title research and tax preparation was decided at the meeting last week. Condray Chartered will be completing the process as soon as possible.

Rob Kasl, representing the Patriot group, has pledges for 35 flag poles. Kasl wondered if the county had received any bids on repairing the flower bed around the Veterans Memorial. He noticed it has several cracks and feels it should be fixed.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, is concerned when employees use space heaters in courthouse offices. Whenever a space heater is turned on, a power outage occurs and the computer system takes a long time to reboot. Due to cooler temperatures this week, the custodian has switched the air conditioning system to heat. The consensus of the Board is to send a memo to all departments of the courthouse stating NO Space heaters are to be used at any time.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Commissioner Bergstrom stated gravel needs to be added to four miles of Rock Road just east of the Courtland road.
- 2) Discussion about missing bridge weight limit signs and other roads signs. The cost of replacing these signs is expensive, time consuming and leaves the county responsible if something happens on those bridges or intersections.
- 3) There will be a meeting on Wednesday September 17 at 1pm at 80 Road and Lincoln to discuss the utility poles that need to be moved out of the center of the Republic County and Bostwick Irrigation drainage ditch.
- 4) The last purchased dump truck needs to be picked up in Virginia. Finkbiner will send an employee one way and he will drive the truck back to Belleville.
- 5) Republic County has received the permits to work on the roads near the wetlands project by Talmo.



- 6) Larry Rundus asked about the bridge listed in the Belleville Telescope on "170 Rd" that the county wanted to close. Finkbiner assured Rundus the bridge was not on 170 RD but on 160 RD. Hadachek stated she listed the incorrect bridge in the paper.
- 7) Finkbiner will be attending a Transportation meeting in Salina on Tuesday with hopes of gathering information regarding a new bus for Republic County.
- 8) Patch work is continuing on 90 RD to Fir Rd. Once completed, the Narka road repair will begin.
- 9) Finkbiner presented a bid from Melton Motors for a 2013 used pickup with 30,000 miles along with other similar and comparable truck prices from the internet. The Board approved the purchase from Melton Motor, if after inspecting the pickup, it is what Finkbiner believes will meet the needs of the county. Finkbiner will review the purchase price and accessories with the seller.
- 10) The Munden asphalt road will be sealed starting September 22 if weather permits.
- 11) Finkbiner has filled one of the operator positions. The new employee will start September 29 pending pre-employment testing.
- 12) Part of the Federal Exchange Funding dollars received by Republic County during 2014 will be used to fund the inspection of the fracture critical bridges in the county.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, September 29, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Churches, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from September 22. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, updated the Board on the tax sale. The title searches are about complete on the 43 parcels listed on the delinquent list. Once the searches are complete the County Attorney will set the court date for the sale.

County Appraiser Barry Porter stated the courthouse computer server is still not functioning correctly but the service tech is working on the situation. The Board applauded Porter and his department for work with the compliance review for Republic County and the Property Valuation Division. For the last 25 years the county has successfully achieved a substantial compliance report.

Jeff Sothers, owner of C&W Farm Supply, discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) application he wanted to file but was instructed since he did not file prior to starting any construction, he was ineligible. Sothers stated the only process that was made prior to contacting the appraiser office was leveling the ground and setting up forms for concrete. The concrete had not been poured before he called. Sothers had contacted Commissioner Bergstrom about the procedure of filing for NRP after he had called the appraisers office. Sothers explained he had not planned on starting the project this soon but the concrete contractors had other cancelations in their schedule and wanted to start three weeks early. The Board agreed to discuss the matter further with Appraiser Porter and contact Sothers of any decision made. The Board encourages all persons wanting to build or make improvements to existing buildings to apply for NRP early so there will not be any delays in approving the NRP.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner asked who was responsible for writing the legal descriptions for the vacating of roads and closing of bridges. The Board requested County Attorney Marlea James to attend the meeting and answer Finkbiners' question. James stated, "if Finkbiner, Peggy Frint-Register of Deeds or Clerk Marsicek bring her the general location description she will write the legal description and process the paperwork needed to proceed with the road closings and bridge closings".
- 2) The Board asked James for an update on the reimbursement for repairs to the Hardy Bridge. James will investigate why Republic County has not received any reimbursement.
- 3) Finkbiner was approached about selling the old bridge parts replaced with newer ones. The Board said the old bridges would need to be advertised by sealed bids and a minimum bid must be over scrap iron value.
- 4) The area meeting Finkbiner attended in St. Joseph was very beneficial.
- 5) Finkbiner will be taking Max Wickstrum to Kansas City on Tuesday so he can fly to Virginia to drive the purchased dump truck back to Republic County.
- 6) Another shop truck has been disabled with a faulty transmission.
- 7) A 2013 Chevy pickup has been purchased from Melton Motor for \$30,000 plus four new tires for Finkbiner to replace the one Finkbiner was driving.
- 8) Finkbiner reminded the Board the LEPC fall meeting will be held in Belleville on Tuesday however, Finkbiner and Rytych will not attending due to conflicts.

9) A new hire started today and one full time employee terminated his employment today.

10) This week the road department will be helping the City of Belleville seal 30 blocks.

The Board reviewed a contract from KCAMP insurance requesting a three year contract that maintains a level premium increase for the next three years providing our loss ratio remains stable and below 65%.

Appraiser Barry Porter rejoined the Board for discussion regarding the application for NRP for C&W Farm Supply. Since Sothers did contact the appraisers' office about the project prior to actual construction starting, even though it was a short time, the consensus of the Board is to approve the NRP for C&W Farm Supply.

The Board expressed interest in making sure all residents are aware of the NRP. If each banking facility in the county had a copy of the NRP Plan and application, residents, when they discussed loans, could be encouraged to apply for the NRP. Clerk Marsicek was instructed to mail a copy of the NRP Plan and application to each bank in the county.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assemble of God, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from September 29. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, voiced his concern about added work to trim around the proposed new flag poles around the courtyard planned to be erected by the Patriot Group. Calkins would like more information on the size of the pole stands. The marker flags placed by the Patriot Group need to be removed so Calkins can mow the grass. Clerk Marsicek suggested Calkins take photographs of the flags then remove them for mowing. The Board would like more information from Rob Kasl about the exact location of each flag pole and holder. Marsicek stated the Patriot group will be meeting on Wednesday October 8 and she will get this information or have Kasl attend the next Commissioner meeting and explain the layout.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, presented a draw down voucher and check for Belleville High Banks Hall of Fame Museum. Shoemaker invited the commissioners to the quarterly meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bel-Villa. Currently there are no applications to review however, the board needs to meet quarterly for reports.

Sheriff Ron Blad relayed a suggestion from a Republic County resident regarding naming a county road in honor of Jimmie Shepek. The commissioners will discuss this possibility when Commissioner Holl returns.

Neil Lewis, Belleville City manager, informed the Board that the Councilmen of the City of Belleville are proposing to sign an exemption to the "In Lieu of Tax" currently paid to the city and county by Grandview Apartments. Since this building is owned by the City of Belleville, it is tax exempt and these taxes could be exempted starting 2015. The County Board of Commissioners tabled this discussion until all commissioners could be present to make a discussion.

Lewis and Luke Mahin will be meeting with KDOT about reducing the speed limit through Belleville on US Hwy 36 and US Hwy 81 when construction work begins. Annexation and utility work has been completed for the Loves' Truck Stop within the city limits of Belleville.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Garry Montre-Welborn Sales, Bill Strait-Kirkham Micheal, and Debbie Ohlde-NCRPC joined the meeting to discuss the road and bridge matters.
- 2) The sealed bid for standard and carbide blades for the graders was opened.  
Welborn Sales bid was \$8,627.48.  
Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the bid from Welborn Sales. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.
- 3) Finkbiner stated his department would be changing back to 5 days a week at 8 hours on November 10.
- 4) The road crew should finish sealing the streets in the City of Belleville today and will start on Fir Road.

- 5) The concrete floors have been poured in the two work bays west of the sign shop at the county shop location.
- 6) Max Wickstrum returned on Friday with the dump truck purchased in Virginia.
- 7) Cold mix, 300 to 350 tons, should be received this week to patch the Narka Road.
- 8) Deb Ohlde presented an overview of the Bridge Grant application. Ohlde explained there are three methods of funding available for the bridge located in Republic on the Republican River.
  - a. KDOT
  - b. 20% matching funds from Republic County
  - c. Block Grant

The application process for this Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) includes an application, a Public Hearing and the approval by KDOC.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom called to order the Public Hearing for the Funding of the Republican River Bridge at Republic.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing because no residents appeared to protest. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0.

- 9) The Board tabled signing the contracts and CDBG papers until Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> when all commissioners should be present. Ohlde will return Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to complete the paperwork regarding the grant for funds.
- 10) October, 2015 is the letting date. The proposed starting time for the new bridge at Republic is November, 2015 and it should be completed in 2016.

Permission was granted for Raymond Raney to attend APCO training in Wichita between October 12 and 14.

Concerned Republic County resident, Steve Scofield, asked the Board to put up signs on non-asphalt county roads discouraging drivers from causing muddy ruts and include hefty fines if caught. The Board will review this issue with the road and bridge administrator.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek and Beth Reed were present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deputy County Clerk, Beth Ball was present to sign documents on behalf of Clerk Marsicek. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bob Frasier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from October 6. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Commissioners approved A/P vouchers totaling \$271,173.91.

Following discussion regarding accepting the exemption for the "In Lieu of Tax" for the City of Belleville, Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the exemption starting in 2016. The 2015 proposed budgets for County funds has already been approved therefore, the Board asked the City of Belleville to allow the "In Lieu of Tax" to be collected through 2015. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Clerk Marsicek will notify the City of Belleville of the decision.

Rob Kasl from the Patriot Project and Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, attended to discuss the new flagpoles and concrete holders. Kasl explained 65 poles will be placed around the inside edge of the courthouse yard starting with the flagpoles in front of the Memorial Marker. Currently there are 20 flagpoles in front on the Memorial marker and they will be replaced with 14. The other flagpoles will be placed in 20" x 28" concrete pads, placed 24" onto the grass along both sides of the front sidewalk and along the front curb and back east on the outside edges of the yard. The pads will be above ground 1"-1 ½". Calkins said he should be able to mow over and around them without difficulty.

Clerk Marsicek left the meeting at 9:22 am and Beth Reed recorded the minutes for the rest of the meeting.

Kasl stated the Celebration on November 11, Veteran's Day, will begin with the flag raising prior to the Eleven-Eleven speeches. Following the speeches there will be a lunch served at "After Five" in honor of all who have served our county in service. The parade will start at 2:00 pm.

Calkins asked permission to post "No Parking on the Grass" signs around the courthouse square. During several events held on the square people have driven and parked on the grass and have damaged the sprinkler system.

At 9:35 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested two additional extensions of 5 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board resumed at 9:50 am, taking no action.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) County Attorney, Marlea James joined the meeting at 10:00 am as requested by Scott Finkbiner to review the grant agreement. The Grant amount requested is \$365,000 for the Republican River Bridge located at Republic, Kansas. James approved the agreement as written by NCRPC.
- 2) There will be a meeting at TAG'S on Tuesday, October 14, with the landowners from Republic that have agreed to sign agreements to donate land along the new bridge project. The Board wants to thank Steve Howley, Frank Birrell, Dennis Erkenbrack and Raymond Aurand for agreeing to donate this land.
- 3) Kyle Brown will start as Operator 1 on October 27.
- 4) Deb Ohlde joined the meeting at 10:28 to finalize the CDBG grant application. Finkbiner requested the start date on the bridge project be changed from January 2014 to January 2015 and the projected completion date be changed from December 2016 to December 2017. Commissioner Rytych made a motion to change these dates on the agreement. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 5) Commission Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-34, Certifying Legal Authority to apply for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and agreeing that Republic County will dedicate \$108,846 from County Road and Bridge fund toward this project. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 6) Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-35, Assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce, funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the Road and Bridge system estimating \$950.00 annually. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 7) Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan as part of the CDBG application. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 8) The Board signed the Determination of Level of Review agreeing to an Environmental Assessment (EA) to be performed.
- 9) The Board signed the Statement of Assurances and Certifications preventing any CDBG funds to be used for the conduct of official business.
- 10) Finkbiner explained there were 27 structurally deficient bridges inspected in 2013 by Campbell & Johnson and Finkbiner is recommending seven of these fractural critical bridges be closed because of the cost to inspect and all these bridges have 3 ton load limits.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. Commissioner Frank Rytych was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Belleville Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from October 13. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Clerk Marsicek announced advance voting starts today October 20 in the clerk's office.

Rob Kasl representing NCK Patriot Project stated work will begin this week on the concrete holders for the flagpoles. Kasl asked if the two old light poles on the west side of the courtyard had electrical power going to them. If not, could the Patriot workers with the aid of city workers remove the poles? Kevin Calkins, custodian, stated there was no electricity going to the light poles. Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow the removal of the two unused light poles. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner has received notice from the Federal Exchange Fund that Republic County will be receiving \$164,760.83 in October. This will be the only money received in 2014 from the Federal Exchange Funds.
- 2) Finkbiner announced that Republic County was one of 77 applications for the bridge funding in Kansas and was selected to receive \$160,000 for one bridge replacement.
- 3) Republic County received clearance notifications from the State of Projects Environmental Concerns noting all projects have been cleared for approval on the Republican River Bridge south and west of Republic.
- 4) Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-36, entering an agreement with BSB Leasing, Inc. regarding leasing a 2014 Bobcat Model T770 Compact Track Loader for \$2454.00 per year for 2015. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.
- 5) There will be 2 or 3 loads of salt picked up this week to mix with gravel.
- 6) The patching of the Narka blacktop will be completed this week.
- 7) Murphy Tractor will replace the tires on the new John Deere grader. The six tires were not round and were unusable.
- 8) Finkbiner and Lisa Jones will attend the transportation meeting in Minneapolis on October 21.
- 9) Finkbiner thanked Clerk Marsicek for working on Saturday with Kirkham Michael to complete and notarize documentation for the Republican River Bridge project.

At 9:50 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Finkbiner and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes with Bergstrom seconding. Holl requested another 5 minutes, seconded by Bergstrom.



At 10:10 am, the Board reconvened taking no action.

10) Finkbiner stated two calls were received over the weekend to repair damage to road signs and road.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to re-appoint Ruth Rahe to the Area Agency on Aging from Republic County starting January 1, 2015 and running to December 31, 2016. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0. Beth Reed will notify Ruth Rahe.

Discussion regarding an outstanding AT&T billing and problems canceling the contract with AT&T were explained by Beth Reed, communications secretary, and Clerk Marsicek. David White is researching Republic County options. White has contacted AT&T for explanation of billing. Republic County signed a contract for one year, beginning May 2013 and this billing is for after May 2014. White, Reed and Marsicek will work with AT&T to get this matter settled.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Roger Walls, Republic United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from October 20. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Rytych requested an executive session with the Board and Clerk Marsicek for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. taking no action.

At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Present were the Board, Cindy Coons-County treasurer, and Clerk Marsicek.

The Board reconvened at 9:06 a.m. The Board gave Coons permission to hire temporary help to assist with preparing tax statements.

Discussion regarding the holiday hours lead to the following changes in the Republic County holiday closings. Commissioner Holl made a motion that all Republic County offices will close on Wednesday, December 24 at noon and will remain closed until Monday, December 29 in observance of Christmas and all Republic County offices will close on Wednesday, December 31 at noon and will remain closed until Monday, January 5, 2015. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board granted permission for Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet to block off the north, west and south sides of the inside square on November 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual Christmas on the Square. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Luke Mahin, Economic Development and Michael Hadachek from North Central Kansas Industrial Development Corp and Neil Lewis, Belleville City Manager joined the meeting to discuss piles of concrete and asphalt that need to be removed from land traded to Republic County Economic Development in Section 32-3-4. There are several truckloads needing to be moved before construction can begin for the new Loves Convenience station. Finkbiner agrees it needs to be moved but the question is where to move it. Commissioner Holl stated it might cost the county some time and labor to clean up the area but in the long run the county will be receiving money in property taxes on the land.

At 10:20 a.m., the commissioner meeting was moved from the courthouse to the area needing cleaned up. After surveying the area, it was decided to move the concrete and asphalt further back in Section 32-3-4

onto land owned by the county until it can be used. Finkbiner and Lewis will work together to move these materials so the area will be available for the new construction next spring.

At 11:00 a.m., the meeting returned to the courthouse. If the county land west of the new construction area is purchased, the consensus of the board is that the concrete and asphalt debris will belong to the owner of the property.

- 2) Mahin asked how soon the 15 steel beams will be moved from the east side of the property. Finkbiner explained the beams will be moved this winter to build a new bridge on 220 Rd.
- 3) Commissioner Bergstrom asked Hadachek if North Central Kansas Industrial Development Corp would have any interest in the 23 acres of farm ground in Section 32-3-4. The county has discussed selling the property to purchase other land for an asphalt mixing station. If the county decides to sell, Hadachek said North Central Kansas Industrial Development Corp will be interested in placing a bid on the farm ground.
- 4) Finkbiner is researching the cost to widen 150 Rd from Timber Road to the Nebraska border. Many farmers have complained the road is too narrow for wide equipment. Also, road grader operators suggest the road should be wider. Finkbiner is working with Kirkham Michael for a quote.
- 5) Finkbiner presented the KDOT Fracture Critical inspection dates for 2015-2016. There will be four bridges in 2015 and five bridges in 2016.
- 6) Finkbiner stated, Oscar Sheetz, the new owner of Bel-Con Refuse, is researching the feasibility of a transfer station or recycling center in Republic County.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Finkbiner and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes with Rytych seconding.

At 11:45 a.m., the Board reconvened taking no action.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Lay Pastor, Deb Hadachek, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from October 27 as corrected. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, presented a quote from Rizek for additional wiring in the clerk's office. The Board suggested that Calkins contact other service persons in Republic County for bids before any decisions will be made.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend Fall Telenet Class Training in Salina November 7.

Kay Shoemaker presented two Collateral Assignment releases on RCD closed loans.

Rob Kasl and Don Slagle visited with the Board about the Patriot Project. Kasl expressed a concern the for courthouse lawn. He explained, while digging the holes for the flag pole bases, his group noticed several grubs that need to be destroyed in order to maintain the beautiful grass we have.

Deb Hadachek shared that the Memorial Flame Monument was built in 1970 and the planter was built as part of the monument.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) His department will work on the FEMA box culvert Project on 170 RD between Rock Road and Shady Road this week.
- 2) A few Republic County residents have asked about using some of the debris that needs removed from Section 32-3-4. The County will gladly load the residents trucks with debris but the county will not use our trucks to deliver.
- 3) Starting November 10, the working hours for employees from road and bridge will be 7:30 to 4:00, five days a week.
- 4) The 2014 Bobcat has been delivered.
- 5) The Federal Exchange Funds should be received next week totaling \$164,607.00.
- 6) Campbell and Johnson have completed the bridge inspections and we should receive the inspection results in two weeks.
- 7) On behalf of his department, Finkbiner thanked the Board for the additional holiday days.
- 8) County Attorney Marlea James joined the meeting to discuss the status of the deed transfer of the county owned lot to the City of Belleville. Clerk Marsicek will supply the legal description to James so the deed can be written.

- 9) Finkbiner will be contacting Hall Brothers about the condition of the road material on 90 Rd north of Scandia.
- 10) The City of Republic is requesting a recycling trailer that is not shared with the City of Courtland. Finkbiner will be looking in to this request.
- 11) Finkbiner announced KWORCC will present a one hour demonstration on following policy, procedures and safety on December 11 at 8:00 am.
- 12) There are still two Operator 1 positions that need to be filled at the road and bridge department.
- 13) The narrative for the Republican River Bridge Project has been completed and submitted by the North Central Regional Planning Commission.

At 10:49 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive meeting to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Finkbiner and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Rytych.

The Board reconvened at 10:59 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 11:20 a.m., taking no action.

Mike Hake, Concordia Transfer Station, presented the proposed contract rates for services during 2015. Currently, Republic County pays \$60.50 in tonnage. Hake explained the trucking company has greatly increased their rates of delivery to Topeka. Hake has researched other trucking companies but the current company is the lowest. The proposed rate for 2015 will be \$65.00 in tonnage. The Board tabled the discussion until further review of the breakdown of charges could be assessed.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2014, starting at 8:00 am in order to canvas ballots from the November 4 election, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. to canvas ballots from the 2014 General Election. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from November 3. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Vouchers totaling \$109,928.80 were approved.

Deputy Election Clerk, Beth Ball presented 53 provisional ballots for canvas. Of the 53 ballots, 10 ballots were unacceptable and 43 ballots were tallied by the Board. Republic County's percentage of voters that voted was 54%.

Mike Nondorf was granted permission was to attend the KAC conference in Wichita on November 13.

Deb Hadachek, on behalf of the Republic County Hospital, requested Clerk Marsicek and Treasurer Coons review the Sales Tax collections and contact the hospital when the money has been secured to pay off the bond. Hadachek understands the bond cannot be paid off early, however, the sooner the hospital board knows the bond funds, are available the sooner the request for new sales tax bond can be created for general expenses of the hospital.

Kevin Calkins stated he contacted three additional businesses for quotes on the additional wiring in the courthouse.

Calkins has mowed the courthouse lawn for the last time this year so the grounds would be presentable for the flag raising on Veterans Day by the Republic County Patriot Group.

Rob Kasl and Bob Doctor presented their update on the Patriot Project. Currently there are 69 plaques and flagpoles displayed and 13 additional plaques and poles will be added in the near future. Kasl explained the time of events for the Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 9:50 am.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented the bridge inspection report by Campbell & Johnson.
- 2) Commissioner Rytych explained Jewell County hired Hams Services from Topeka to pick up their solid waste at Mankato instead of hiring a private carrier to deliver to Hams location like Cloud County. Rytych asked Finkbiner to contact the solid waste director of Jewell County for details to contact Hams directly.
- 3) Finkbiner will contact Deb Ohlde regarding policy and regulations to establish a transfer station in Republic County.
- 4) The grader blade will be delivered on Wednesday, November 12.
- 5) Finkbiner will be purchasing steel beams for the bridges at the price of \$.52 per pound.

- 1) It should take three weeks to finish the box culvert FEMA project located on 170 Road between Rock Road and Shady Road in which that section of road will be closed.
- 2) County Attorney, Marlea James was asked to join the meeting to update on the status of four projects-
  - a. Reimbursement for damages on Republican River Bridge at Hardy
  - b. Vacating of Rock Road between 130 and 140 Road.
  - c. Transfer of land within the City of Belleville
  - d. Tax Sale

James stated all projects have been started and would report back to the Board when all details were ready to be presented.

- 3) Since it was difficult to purchase asphalt in 2014, Finkbiner wants to purchase a new grader with the funds that were not used to purchase asphalt.
- 4) Hall Brothers will return and overlay the necessary asphalt on 90 Road to make sure there is 1" of asphalt.
- 5) Edwin Splichal asked by concerned citizens if the county was planning on mowing 170 Road south of Fir Road. Finkbiner stated due to equipment problems several miles of mowing have not been completed yet but are still scheduled as weather permits.
- 6) Discussion regarding the 23 acres of land on the north end the county property in Section 32-3-4, ended with the Board asking Finkbiner to contact Neil Lewis, Belleville City manager about annexing the balance of the industrial area into city limits.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Finkbiner, Splichal and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:10 a.m., the Board reconvened taking no action.

The Board went to view the Patriot Project. The Board was very impressed with the flag poles and plaques. It will greatly enhance the looks of the courtyard.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from November 10. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Clerk Marsicek presented seven township election results which had ties for the township clerk position to be settled by drawing of names.

Clerk Marsicek announced KAC will hold a training session for the new commissioners in Topeka on January 15-16, 2015 and will supply the necessary registration forms to Commissioner Elect Splichal.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, requested permission to order aluminum scoop stretchers (Combicarrier II) to replace the 34 year old stretchers. These stretchers are priced at \$860 each from Emergency Medical Products (EMP). Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the quote of EMP for \$860 each for 4 stretchers. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Van Meter is applying for a grant to partially fund new monitors for each ambulance through ZOL medical supply. Four new monitors would cost \$112,000; however, the grant would cover up to 65% leaving the balance of 35% to be paid from Special Ambulance Equipment Fund. Van Meter will receive acknowledgement of funding by February or March of 2015 and will order the monitors at that time.

Van Meter stated he will be using several part-time EMS persons during the short term medical leave of a full time employee.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner explained that all the bridges in Republic County are inspected during even number years and fracture critical bridges and other bridges that meet certain criteria are re-evaluated in the odd number years. Five bridges will be closed in early 2015 because of the inspection cost. Cook, Flatt and Strobel have recommended closing the bridge on 40 Road and Diamond because of vertical support failure.
  - a. Timber Road and 180 Road
  - b. Young Road and 190 Road
  - c. Elm Road and 20 Road
  - d. Diamond Road and 40 Road
  - e. Diamond Road and 210 Road

The cost to inspect fracture critical bridges is between \$1,000 and \$18,000 per bridge. The average price for engineering bridge inspection is \$80.00 per bridge.

- 2) Finkbiner has contacted Neil Lewis, city manager, regarding the annexing of north "K" St and north "M" St from county property to city property along with the land north and west of the new Loves Convenience Station. Lewis will discuss it with the City Council of Belleville and report back to Finkbiner.



- 3) Finkbiner is researching additional land to build and expand the asphalt mixing strip. The Riteway Lumber yard was discussed but Finkbiner wants more than four acres.
- 4) Finkbiner contacted Hake from Cloud County transfer station regarding bids from Ham disposal trucking. Hake stated he would review the possibility and report back to Finkbiner. Cloud transfer has already signed a contract for 2015 with the current trucking company; however, the possibility of changing carriers in 2016 could be possible.
- 5) Beams, 21" tall x 40' long and weigh 48# per foot, have been ordered from J & A Sales for bridge number 19-Y.5 for \$0.48 per pound delivered.
- 6) Two, 9 foot x 36 foot tank culverts have been purchased from Rail Road Yard Inc.
- 7) Finkbiner has scheduled two interviews for the Operator 1 positions at the road and bridge department.
- 8) Finkbiner will be receiving quotes for the new grader from Berry Tractor, Cat and Murphy Tractor by November 24, 2014.

At 10:28 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Finkbiner, Splichal and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 10:38 a.m., the Board reconvened. Commissioner Holl made a motion to amend the Republic County Handbook to include, "New employees must present a current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) for review by Republic County's insurance carrier prior to be starting work." Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker from RCD presented a loan application for approval. Doug Parks from the Bel-Villa Restaurant is requesting \$10,000 to build a storage building on his property. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the loan application for \$10,000. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Finkbiner asked Hadachek if the new Loves Convenience Station had decided which direction they were expanding. Hadachek stated the additional two acres would be to the north of the original land discussed, therefore, Republic County road and bridge and City of Belleville would have extra time to move the debris from the west edge of the property.

Selling the 23.3 acres on the north edge of Republic County property in Section 34-3-4 has been tabled.

The Board will be processing the employee evaluations in the near future and ask Clerk Marsicek to notify all department heads to submit the evaluations as soon as possible.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson  
  
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Linda Holl, Member  
  
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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Authorized Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from November 17. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners Holl and Rytych will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$167,862.70 were approved.

Darrell Klima expressed his opinion on the bridge closure scheduled for February 2015 located on Timber Road between 180 Road and 190 Road. His family uses that road frequently since the nearest crossing is one and one half miles away and would like it kept open if possible. Klima understands there are costs to update and maintain bridges but there are bridges that have been closed but not removed and the steel from those bridges could be sold for scrap price to purchase supplies to repair/replace other bridges. Klima stated he pays a large amount of property taxes and would like to see the bridges and roads in better shape. Klima shared that years ago, the Board of commissioners approached many rural residents for funding to gravel and maintain those roads in their area but many of these roads have been turned back to dirt roads. Finkbiner explained the inspection fees for fracture critical bridges is very expensive to the county. The three ton weight limit on these fracture critical bridges will only allow small vehicle crossings. After further discussion the County Commissioners agreed to stay with the original plan to close these fracture critical bridges when inspection dates are due.

Commissioner Rytych and Commissioner elect Splichal attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting in Junction City. Splichal will be replacing Rytych on this committee. Rytych shared KCAMP will be the new insurance carrier for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, presented two bids for additional wiring in the courthouse.

- 1) Hood Plumbing and Heating for \$647.00.
- 2) Rizek Plumbing for \$1744.00.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Hood Plumbing and Heating for \$647.00. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad stated his department will be requesting bids for two new patrol vehicles.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept and post the 2015 Holiday schedule. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner explained the beams that were originally going to be purchased from J & A Materials fell through but will now be purchased through Welborn Steel for \$.50 per pound delivered.
- 2) Finkbiner asked when the new MVR requests for new hires is supposed to start. The consensus of the board is the MVR requests are to be effective November 24. It is the responsibility of each department to request and pay for a MVR prior to the official first day of work of new employees.
- 3) The tractor attached to a mower operating near Agenda was damaged when the front end fell in a culvert breaking the front axle. No one was hurt in the incident. The accident and damages will be reported to KCAMP insurance company.

- 4) Finkbiner suggested the handbook be reviewed regarding the accruing of vacation time by salaried employees. The Commissioners tabled this until after a review of other counties policies on this matter.
- 5) Finkbiner suggested the handbook be reviewed regarding the accruing of vacation time for employees based on years of service. Currently, the Policy and Procedure Handbook states every 10 years of service the vacation hours increase and Finkbiner is requesting increase every five years. The Commissioners tabled this until after a review of other counties policies on this matter.
- 6) Finkbiner requested permission to seek bids for two pickup trucks to replace two older trucks.
- 7) Currently, there are still Operator 1 positions available. Three interviews were held last week but only one offer for employment was extended for one position.
- 8) The road supervisors have been scouting the county for available land close to Belleville for a new asphalt mixing strip. Finkbiner will be contacting the landowners to discuss possible purchasing 20 to 40 acres.
- 9) Finkbiner presented his employee evaluations for wage review. He explained his employees need to have competitive wages to those in surrounding counties. Commissioner Holl agreed, his employees along with all Republic County employees, need to have competitive wages; however, Republic County pays all the health insurance premiums for employees and their families and other counties pay only the employee share or just a portion of the family premiums. Republic County employees will receive increases but probably not as large as Finkbiner requests.
- 10) Mike Hake from Cloud County Transfer station apologized for an error in rates for the 2015 contract. Republic County only delivers one-third of the tonnage refuse to the transfer station instead of one-half, the rate should be \$62.52 instead of \$65.00 per ton as originally proposed. This amount will be close to the annual three percent increase. Hake will send an updated contract sent to Clerk Marsicek. The Commissioners agreed to the increase in tonnage rate for 2015 with Cloud County.
- 11) Finkbiner will review the approval application from the Kansas Department of Agriculture and Division of Water Resources for the Talmo Marsh Wildlife Area Project and give his comments to the County Commissioners on 12-1.

At 11:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Finkbiner, Splichal and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m. taking no action.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Splichal and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:40 a.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 11:50 so Holl and Rytych to attend the Hospital board meeting. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Frank Rytych. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek and Beth Reed were present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek and Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mark Imel, Central Christian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from November 24. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client information with Sheriff Blad, Marlea James, Splichal and Clerk Marsicek. Rytych seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 a.m. taking no action.

Frank Spurney announced DUCLOS foundation approved over \$23,000 in funds distributed to Republic County businesses including Blair Theater, Belleville City Library, Belleville High Banks Museum, Cuba Booster Club, City of Munden and Republic County Resource Council.

Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal will be sworn in on January 5, 2015 at noon in the District Courtroom with a reception from 1-3 p.m.

Clerk Marsicek left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. to attend the funeral of Marilyn Sothers. Beth Reed stepped in to take Minutes during her absence.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Correspondence was received from Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources granting approval for a permit and plans relating to the placement of fill material to raise a county roadway in the Talmo Wildlife Area. The work is to be completed on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- 2) Letting on Bridge No. 16-F.5 will begin in March or April of 2015. An amount of \$160,000.00 will be received for this project, which is the maximum allowable amount by KDOT. Republic County will remove the structure and complete the final grading in an effort to minimize costs.
- 3) Motor Grader bids were let at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Present was Chadd Blackwood from Murphy Tractor and Casey Fraser from Foley Equipment. A bid was also received from Ron Kearns on behalf of Berry Tractor.

The bids presented were as follows:

Berry Tractor – Komatsu GD655-5 Motor Grader - \$234,867.00  
Foley Equipment – 140M2 Motor Grader - \$259,229.25  
Murphy Tractor – 770G Motor Grader - \$199,000.00  
Foley Equipment – 12M2 - \$224,980

The Commissioners tabled a decision until more study of the bids received could be compared. A decision will be made at the Commissioner meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

- 4) A copy of a letter from KDHE was received showing the permit renewal of the Composting site for the City of Belleville for the period January 11, 2015 through January 10, 2016.
- 5) Culvert bids will be let at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Invoice for the culvert bids chosen will need to be invoiced in this year's Budget.
- 6) Mr. Finkbiner requested that prior to the end of his session with the Commission each week, the topics discussed and recorded for the Commission Minutes be reviewed for accuracy and approved in their entirety before being given to the radio and newspapers. The Commissioners were agreeable to this request.

Marcia Hansen, Republic County Health Department Director presented the annual Employee Evaluations to the Commissioners.

At 11:35 a.m., Clerk Marsicek returned and continued with taking Minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:00. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Frank Rytych and Linda Holl. Commissioner-elect Edwin Splichal was in attendance and Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting. Also, present was Beth Reed to record the Minutes in the absence of County Clerk, Kathleen Marsicek.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the Minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Bergstrom seconded the motion. As Commissioner Holl was absent from that meeting, she did not vote on the validity of the Minutes taken on December 1st.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were signed in the amount of \$99,745.15

The Commission approved and signed Resolution No. 2014-23, "A Resolution Establishing a Republic County Purchasing Policy," effective as of December 8, 2014.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons met to ask that as all prospective new County hires are required to now have a current motor vehicle driving report on file prior to be hired, if it would be acceptable that the prospective new hire pay for the report up-front, and then if hired, would be reimbursed by the County for this expense. In this way, the fund that covers the costs of the report will not be in arrears. The Board was in agreement that this was a legitimate request and gave Ms. Coons permission to begin collecting \$11.00 from each prospective new hire to cover their pre-employment motor vehicle driving record.

Several Tax Abatements were signed by the Board on personal property that had either been sold or disposed of and had not earlier been reported to the Appraiser's Office.

Blaine VanMeter, EMS Director, reported that he had received a letter from Jeff Woodward stating that he would no longer be offering lawn care. Mr. VanMeter advised the Board that he would like to purchase a push lawn mower so that his staff could take care of what little mowing there is to be done around the ambulance building. He had received bids from three different entities, but would like to wait until after the first part of 2015, before actually purchasing a lawn mower. New bids for lawn mowers will be obtained at that time.

VanMeter advised of a training that will be taking place at the Fairgrounds on December 20<sup>th</sup>, which will involve the jaws-of-life. The vehicles being provided by Palecek Implement for this

training will have no glass in the windows and the premises will be cleared after the training is over.

An invitation to the annual EMS Christmas Party was extended to the Commissioners. This Party will be held at the ambulance building on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00 p.m. They request that each person attending the party bring a food item for the Food Bank.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved that Elizabeth DeJoia be re-appointed to serve on the Pawnee Mental Health for a three year term to be effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Rytych seconded the motion, made unanimous by Holl.

The Board had received a letter from Kim W. Cudney, Chief Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, advising that Wanda Backstrom has been appointed as Director for the Community Corrections and Juvenile Services Agency effective December 1, 2014. This is a part-time position and Ms. Backstrom will continue to serve as the Director of Court Services.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion for a 10-minutes Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Commissioner-elect Edwin Splichal. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken.

It was recorded in the Minutes from the meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup> that, at this week's meeting, a decision would be made on the purchase of motor graders. Chadd Blackwood of Murphy Tractor joined the meeting to sit in on these discussions. As the Highway Administrator was not present at today's meeting, the decision on the purchase of a motor grader was again tabled until the next meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bid proposals for the purchase of culverts were received as follows:

J & J Drainage:	Galvanized	- \$21,149.68
	Aluminized	- \$21,149.68
D-C Wholesales:	Galvanized	- \$24,740.30
	Aluminized	- \$30,921.90
Welborn Sales, Inc.	Galvanized	- \$19,500.06
	Aluminized	- \$20,425.68
Metal Culverts, Inc.	Galvanized	- \$22,361.70
	Aluminized	- \$23,479.20

After discussion, Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Commissioner Rytych, made unanimous by Commissioner Rytych that Welborn Sales, Inc. be awarded the bid for aluminized culverts in the amount of \$20,425.68.

Marcia Hansen gave an update for activities at the Health Department. She has requested from Glass Services, Inc. in Salina a quote and suggestions for some type of glass covering for the reception desk at the front of the Health Department building. She is waiting for a reply from them.

The Health Department has applied for and received a grant of \$850.00 from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The funds will be used to sponsor a breast cancer awareness event to be held in the early spring in Agenda.

Mitchell County Health Foundation has applied for and received a regional grant which will include the counties of Republic, Jewell, Mitchell, Smith and Lincoln. The grant will be for health promotion for the prevention of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. This region was awarded an amount of \$225,000.00 for one year support. Amounts for each county will be determined at a later date.

In November the Health Department went through a State Immunization Audit and received an excellent rating.

In October, 511 immunizations of all types were given through the Health Department. 211 immunizations were given in November.

At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Mrs. Hansen, the three Commissioners and Commissioner-elect Edwin Splichal. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 10:42 a.m. with no action taken.

Raymond Raney, Communications Director, delivered evaluations of the Dispatchers for review by the Commissioners.

Ron Blad, Sheriff, advised of the receipt of seizure money from the Drug Enforcement Administration for a case that took place in 2011 and involved Republic County. He said there will be more money yet to come from the same incident. Discussion was held on just how this money will be included into our budget and how the funds will be spent.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon, seconded by Holl and made unanimous by Bergstrom. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from December 8. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Vouchers totaling \$134,726.77 were approved for payment.

Several Republic County employees expressed their gratitude for the holiday food baskets through phone calls, emails and thank you notes.

The Board signed an agreement with Cloud County Solid Waste for transfer of tonnage for \$62.52 per ton.

The Board signed an agreement with KCAMP for a Rate Stabilization Program for three years.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, informed the Board the next RCD meeting will be January 7, 2015.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, was asked to join the meeting to present an update on the property tax sale. Coons stated she will contact Scott Condray's office for an update on title searches and report back. Coons return shortly stating Condray's office had 5 parcels left to research but title researches for 34 parcels were completed and had been sent to the Republic County Attorney for processing.

Clerk Marsicek, HR director, received information regarding the requests for MVR reports on prospective employees stating her office needs to contact the State of Kansas Motor Vehicles for access to MVR program and there should not be a charge for processing.

Employee evaluations were submitted from the clerk's office, custodian department and EMS department.

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Clerk Marsicek and Commissioner elect Splichal. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Rytych.

The Board reconvened at 9:58 taking no action.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Vic Burks and Holly Powers from Shafer, Kline and Warren, Inc. (SKW) a civil engineering consulting firm, explained his company helps design road standards policies for county governing bodies. His presentation was entitled, "Mitigating the Impact of Industry on County Roads". The estimated cost of designing a road standard policy and help implementing it could range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 but could save the county many times that in repairs in the future if utility companies request to cross through Republic County if there are no standards in place. Burks explained a road standard policy could be completed within six months if Republic County decided to move forward.
- 2) Finkbiner presented the bid from Alsop sand for gravel and sand for 2015. All types of gravel will increase \$.30-.50 per ton.
- 3) A new employee started December 9.

- 4) Finkbiner will be meeting with KDOT regarding the new ratings on fracture critical bridge inspection on Tuesday December 16.
- 5) After discussion regarding the requested bridge closure at Timber and 180 Road, the consensus of the Board was to close the bridge as scheduled but only temporarily until further research into cost of a replacement bridge could be done.
- 6) Finkbiner will be meeting with Todd Wecker regarding low tonnage of asphalt available for Republic County the last couple of years.
- 7) Finkbiner will contact Foley equipment regarding the possibility of trading in two caterpillars toward one new caterpillar this year and next year to hold down the cost. Permission to purchase is still on hold.
- 8) Finkbiner presented two bids for pickup trucks, however the bids were for different types of trucks and the Board requested bids for identical trucks be presented before approval to purchase would be granted.

At 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with Finkbiner, Marsicek and Splichal. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 12 noon taking no action.

At 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 12:10 p.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:15. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 22, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal and Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from December 15. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Vouchers totaling \$172,829.23 were approved for payment.

The Board approved the monthly accounts payable schedule for 2015.

Sheriff Ronnie Blad presented two quotes for a Chevy Tahoe including trade in.

- 1) Melton Motor Company - \$29,265.00
- 2) Sheriff's Partners Program - \$32,177.59

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motor for \$29,265.00. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board by consensus approved Sheriff Blad purchasing from Melton Motor Company an Impala to replace a second vehicle.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, presented the 2014 sales tax report showing \$1,221,089.92 in the bank available for payment on the sales tax bond starting June 1, 2017.

Ms. Coons stated, property taxes, collected as of Friday, December 19, total \$6,478,234.23.

Ms. Coons presented the employee evaluations for discussion in regard to wage increases for 2015.

At 9:36 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with Coons, and Splichal. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:41 a.m. taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented an employee evaluation for discussion in regard to wage increases for 2015.

Since Scott Finkbiner was on vacation, no road and bridge updates were available.

Clerk Marsicek requested all wage increases be applied to the first payroll in 2015. Since employees are paid every 4 weeks, the first payroll applied to 2015 taxes will be January 8, 2015 even though the last two working weeks of December are included. The consensus of the Board, is to include any pay changes effective on the first payroll in January.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Rytych requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wages for 20 minutes. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 10 was requested by Holl, seconded by Bergstrom. Another 5 minutes was requested by Rytych, seconded by Holl.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m. taking no action.

Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek and Jimmie Blecha from Republic County Economic Development, presented the 2014

E-Community Loan program report. Republic County residents purchased \$36,000 in tax credits in 2014 creating approximately \$200,000 in revolving funds for 2015.

Economic Development committee has contacted various businesses in Republic County for analysis and assistance with funding. They support the updating and future of these businesses.

Economic Development received \$1,500 from the Duclos Foundation to assist with the ROZ repayment program in Republic County.

Munden City Mayor, Jimmie Blecha explained the new community building is progressing and hopes to have it completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The community building is fully funded by donations and grants.

At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:55 a.m. tabling all wage changes until the December 29 commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Rytych moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:10. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 29, 2014, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom, Linda Holl and Frank Rytych. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Elect Edwin Splichal and Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from December 22. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, asked permission to let bids on a forklift that is no longer used in his department. The consensus of the Board was to grant permission to advertise the forklift.

Kay Shoemaker informed the Board the next RCD meeting is scheduled for January 7.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, visited with the Board regarding overtime for the EMS department during 2014.

At 9:07 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Splichal, Van Meter and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Rytych and seconded by Holl. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:22 a.m., taking no action.

Marlea James, County Attorney, presented updates on tax sale preparation, proposed vacated roads and reimbursement on bridge repairs. Commissioner Holl suggested that tax sale preparation be completed as soon as possible. It would be better to have a tax sale each year, then there would not be as many properties when several years have lapsed between sales. Commissioner Holl inquired about Candace Fielder attending court proceedings instead of remaining in the office to answer calls. James stated, Fielder assists in taking notes during the proceedings to aid in Fielders' understanding legal processes.

Scott Finkbiner presented his weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner explained a spelling error on the purchasing resolution. Clerk Marsicek will review the error and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- 2) Bids for two, 2015 Chevrolet, ¾ ton, 4WD trucks were reviewed.
  - A) Melton Motor Company - \$30,452.00 each with trade-in
  - B) Concordia Chevrolet Buick - \$28,296.71 each with trade-in

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motor. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Finkbiner will contact Melton Motor to order the two new trucks.

- 3) Following a brief discussion on the graders, it was decided to wait until after the first of 2015 to order the graders.
- 4) Finkbiner presented the Notice of Intent (NOI) for authorization to discharge storm water runoff from construction activities in accordance with the Kansas Water Pollution Control General Permit and the application for permit for Dams, Stream Obstructions and Channel Changes from The Kansas Department of Agriculture to proceed with bridge replacement of the Republican River Bridge at Republic.
- 5) Preparation to close the bridge on Valley Road between 150 and 160 has started. This bridge closing has been accepted as part of the KDOT Local Bridge Improvement Program that will increase funding for the replacement of the bridge located on 160 Road half a mile south of Fir Road.
- 6) Two bids were received for engineering services for survey and design plans for Off-System Bridge #16-F.5.
  - a. Kirkham Michael, Ellsworth, KS - \$19,000
  - b. MRJ Engineering, Columbus, NE - \$10,980

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Kirkham Michael. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 7) Bridge letting will begin in April or May 2015 for Off-System bridge 16-F.5.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Splichal and Finkbiner. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m. The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Scott Finkbiner effective January 10, 2015.

- 8) The Board requested Terry Cherney, Justin Novak and Lisa Jones attend the next regular commissioner meeting.
- 9) Clerk Marsicek will work with Lisa Jones to place advertising for Road & Bridge Administrator.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, returned to the meeting and presented a comparative report for runs during 2013 and 2014. During 2013, Republic County EMS received 466 calls including 98 long distance transfers. In 2014, EMS received 541 calls so far with 144 long distance transfers. During 2013, Republic County EMS turned down 19 transfers. In 2014, EMS turned down only 5 long distance transfers. Van Meter stated the additional calls and transfers explained the large number of overtime hours for his department in 2014. Commissioner Holl requested an additional paramedic or EMT with ACLS training be hired to help reduce the overtime hours.

At 11:17 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected employee wages for 2015 with the Board, Splichal and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase all employee wages as follows:

Health department Employees will receive COLA increase of \$0.30 per hour; Sheriff's department employees, merit raises as Sheriff Blad requested; other full time employees will receive COLA increases of \$0.50 per hour for fulltime and \$0.25 per hour for part time. Rytch seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-37, Wages for Elected Officials for 2015.

Attorney -	\$48,960.00
Sheriff -	\$47,120.00
Treasurer -	\$36,040.00
Register of Deeds -	\$29,290.00
Clerk -	\$37,040.00
Commissioners -	\$12,000.00

Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:00. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marvin Bergstrom, Chairperson

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Linda Holl, Member

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Frank Rytych, Member