

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 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.

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

Commissioner Rytych made a motion to accept the minutes from December 29. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins stated Tabernacle Church won the Christmas display on the courthouse lawn for 2014 and will be awarded \$100 in Chamber Bucks.

Calkins expressed his gratitude for the extra holidays and the food basket from the county.

A letter from the Friends of the Belleville City Library announced the winner of the "Friend of the Year award". The Republic County Commissioners and Kevin Calkins were selected as the group winner for 2014. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held on Sunday, January 25 when the winner will be recognized.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, asked for an explanation why she did not receive the budgeted wages requested. The Board stated they take all requests into consideration but nothing is decided until December when reviews are completed. Commissioner Holl reviewed the current wages and experience for Frint and agreed they are considerably lower than many register of deeds throughout Kansas. Commissioner Holl suggested to raise Frints' wage proposal for 2015 from \$29,290 to \$31,200. Frint stated she has been working for Republic County since 1994 in the deeds office and the increase would be appreciated.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-1A to rescind Resolution 2014-37 and accept Resolution 2015-1 increasing the wage of the Register of Deeds for Republic County to \$31,200. Rytych seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced that there would not be a meeting on January 7.

Scott Finkbiner along with Terry Cherney, Justin Novak and Lisa Jones presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak, Cherney and Jones will work together to facilitate the workings of the Road and Bridge department. Finkbiner presented Justin Novak as the contact person at Road and Bridge until the Board hires a Highway Administrator.
  - a. Jones is the office manager and understands the reports, budgets and deadlines for Federal Grants. Cherney and Novak are the road supervisors who know the projects planned for 2015.
  - b. Finkbiner has explained to Novak, Cherney and Jones their responsibility in a smooth transition to a new administrator and the need to stay on top of equipment repairs and new purchases and annual reports on all bridges to KDOT.
  - c. Clerk Marsicek will review files on the Finkbiner computer relating to HR matters.
  - d. Novak and Cherney will report weekly to the Board just as Finkbiner has done as administrator.
- 2) Finkbiner has not heard any response on the grants from NCRPC regarding the Republican River Bridge at Republic or transportation grant from KDOT for a new bus.
- 3) Finkbiner reported more people are dumping trash on the road sides and outside the gate at the landfill. He suggested putting up game camera at the landfill and prosecuting any person recorded on the camera. If the

county does not prosecute, putting up the cameras will not prevent persons from continuing to dump their trash where it does not belong.

- 4) The Commissioners thanked Finkbiner for his service to Republic County and commended him for the grants and funds he found for projects to reduce the county's financial responsibilities.
- 5) Finkbiner stated he would be available to answer any questions from the road and bridge crew.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elect personnel with the Board, Splichal and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Rytych.

The Board reconvened at 11:05 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Holl presented a citation to Rytych from KCCOA for his years of service as a Commissioner.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC), presented the flyer explaining NCRPC is a channel for federal or state program funding. Today the NCRPC serves 13 counties in Kansas. McKinney thanked Rytych for the years of service to Republic County and to NCRPC and served as Vice-Chair in 2014.

McKinney reported the approval of grants will published by the middle of January on the Kansas website and letters will be sent to recipients.

At 11:50 a.m., the Board moved the meeting to the District Courtroom for the swearing in of new Commissioner Edwin G Splichal.

The Board reconvened at the Commissioners' board room at 12:20 p.m.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:20. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

A reception for the outgoing Commissioner Rytych and the incoming Commissioner Splichal was held from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Commissioners' board room.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 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

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom called the meeting to order and welcomed new 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner Edwin Splichal.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented the RCD program income report for KDOC for signing.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from January 5. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$334,650.00 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion that Linda Holl become the Board Chairperson for 2015, Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's accounting report of funds as of 1/1/2015 totaling \$15,695,008.47. These funds are split throughout all the banks in the county and the Kansas Municipal Pool.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented a report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor body scanner. Blad stated reported that 22,680 persons passed through the scanner in 2014. The scanner counts only persons entering the restricted area. Metal was detected on 68% of the persons scanned. Of those 68%, only 5 persons had suspicious items which were secured in the sheriff's office.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 a.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal suggested regular meetings with the department heads. Each department head would be assigned a time to meet with the Board during regular session to keep the commissioner informed of activities or concerns in that department. Clerk Marsicek will create a schedule and notify the department heads of their assigned times.

Clerk Marsicek stated her goal for 2015 is to set up regular department head meetings monthly.

Chairperson Holl suggested meetings with all city mayors and/or city managers. The Board wants to be aware of activities and problems involving all cities in Republic County. Clerk Marsicek will attend city council meetings in each city and invite mayors to attend a scheduled meeting with the Republic Board of Commissioners. These meetings will make the Commissioners aware of the needs of the cities.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented a report of activity in the Deeds office during 2014.

- 418 Deeds recorded
- 205 Mortgages recorded
- 405 Other Documents recorded
- Total of \$98,937.40 deposited into County general

Melinda Pierson-Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka- Fair Board, Neil Lewis-Belleville City Manager, Gina Aurand-4-H Extension, and Rob Kasl joined the meeting to discuss using the Commercial building as a community center for Republic County. Aurand explained the 4-H building is needing some repairs and updates and the funds are available. However, there are activities that cannot be held in a building designated by the "4-H" sign including any activity where alcohol is served. If the county is remodeling the commercial building is there a need for the 4-H Building? Blecha stated that other towns have buildings used jointly by 4-H and fair activities with a hired person in charge of scheduling activities and maintenance.

Commissioner Holl feels that both buildings are needed at this time even if the commercial hall is remodeled it might be too large for some functions such as auctions that are held in the 4-H building. The discussion about remodeling and the cost is not available until design suggestions can be obtained. Aurand will contact K-State about a possible visit to the North Central Fair Grounds to suggest options for remodeling/repairing both buildings. This subject will be tabled until designs developed.

Scott Finkbiner along with Terry Cherney, Justin Novak and Lisa Jones presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Finkbiner presented a Thank You to the Commissioners from the Road and Bridge department for the holiday food basket.
- 2) Finkbiner presented the annual agreement between Michael S. King, Secretary of Transportation, KDOT and Republic County, Kansas.
- 3) Scott and Justin met with Hi-Plains Sand regarding the necessary land to create an adequate mixing strip on US Hwy 36. It was decided an additional 8-9 acres should be sufficient.
- 4) Finkbiner has instructed Justin and Terry where to find reports and other important information in his computer.
- 5) Finkbiner contacted Dane Barclay from Alsop Sand Co. about the gravel prices for 2015. The Alsop gravel includes too much blow sand instead of larger gravel for a higher price than the Nebraska gravel. Barclay will be asked to join a meeting in the near future to review comparison samples.
- 6) Finkbiner asked if the Interim Supervisors will have any input into candidate hiring for the Road and Bridge Administrator. Chairperson Holl stated the Board will narrow the list of candidates, then discuss these with Justin and Terry but the ultimate decision will be made by the Board of Commissioners.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Novak, Cherney and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase Kyle Lervolds' hourly wage to \$13.00 based on outstanding work and meeting probationary requirements. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept appointment Resolutions 2015-2 to 2015-17 as follows:

Resolution 2015-2	Blaine VanMeter – Director of EMS
Resolution 2015-3	Raymond L. Raney – Emergency Manager (half time)
Resolution 2015-4	Justin Novak and Terry Cherney as Interim Co-Directors of Solid Waste Department
Resolution 2015-5	Steve Zukowske – Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer
Resolution 2015-6	Paul Hasse – Volunteer Assistant Emergency Management
Resolution 2015-7	Marcia Hansen – Director of Health Department
Resolution 2015-8	Mike Nondorf – Director of Weed Department
Resolution 2015-9	Justin Novak and Terry Cherney – Interim Co-Directors of Transportation
Resolution 2015-10	Justin Novak and Terry Cherney – Interim Highway Co-Administrators
Resolution 2015-11	Raymond L. Raney – Director of Communications (half time)
Resolution 2015-12	Randy Ainsworth – Assistant Director EMS
Resolution 2015-13	Raymond L. Raney – County Hazardous Material Advisor
Resolution 2015-14	Raymond L. Raney – County Flood Plain Manager

Resolution 2015-15	Raymond L. Raney – Safety Officer
Resolution 2015-16	Raymond L. Raney – 9-1-1 Coordinator
Resolution 2015-17	Raymond L. Raney – Radiological Officer

Marlea James, County Attorney, expressed her disappointment that the Telescope portrayed her and her department as not accomplishing their work. James explained to the Board, her department is responsible for many court cases that take several hours to prepare in addition to the juvenile in need of care cases, collection letters sent on behalf of the county for all departments and the tax sales. James states there have been eight tax sales in the last 38 years. She has prepared two prior to this year and is currently preparing another. Three of the tax sale preparations were outsourced totaling \$18,910 paid from County General Fund. There is no charge to County for tax sales prepared by the County Attorney however, it is very time consuming.

James says, court reports need to be filed promptly and correctly and her staff person has only been exposed to court terminology for a year. Hands on training including visiting the court and reviewing other files of cases is more economical than sending the staff out of county to train.

The consensus of the board gave James permission to request assistance from other departments to aid in completing the 2014 tax sale such as asking the sheriffs' officer to photograph properties or have another department prepare non-legal forms. Permission to hire assistance in tax sale preparation on future tax sales was granted.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned at 12:20. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 12. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes were requested by Holl seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 taking no action.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, asked for clarification regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) rebate. Coons states that Part 6 Section G has conflicting information. Paragraph 1 says if the property owner is delinquent in payment of property taxes they are no longer eligible for tax rebates but in paragraph 2, it states the owner is late they shall not be eligible for rebate until such payments including interest and penalties have been made. After discussion with the appraiser, director of NRP, it was the consensus of the Board to remove paragraph 1.

Coons explained the sales tax money collected as of January 1, 2015 in the amount of \$1,272,267.65, will cover bond payments for 2015, 2016 and 2017. An estimate of \$40,000 could be collected each month and the balance of the bond money could be available by June 2017. The bond cannot be paid off early but the funds would be available.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, revisited the possibility of starting e-recording deeds and mortgages in Republic County by using Simplifile. The Board requested that Frint contact the E-recording vendor and our computer service provider to make sure our computers and printer/scanner is capable of handling this process. Frint will contact both companies and will report back next week to the Board. Frint explained there are 36 Kansas Counties using E-Recording.

Commissioner Splichal reported there were commissioners from 50 Kansas counties at the new commissioner training in Topeka January 14-15. He thought many good ideas and suggestions were presented to the new commissioners.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Darrell Hanson as Big Bend Township Treasurer. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Joan Holmberg as Richland Township Trustee. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. The Board reconvened at 10:10 a.m., taking no action.
- 2) Cherney and Novak suggested the county develop an asphalt mixing strip along the west side of section 34-2-4 in the land Republic County owns. Novak visited with Todd Wecker from High Plains and an area of 330' x 330'

would be necessary to develop a mixing strip. Republic County will discuss with Luke Mahin and Mike Hadachek if Economic Development has any other solutions to the mixing strip area.

- 3) Novak set up a meeting for next week with Dane Barclay from Alsop about gravel (sand) samples to compare with the grade of gravel (sand) received from the Nebraska sand company.
- 4) The dump truck purchased last fall from Virginia needs a new motor because the head is cracked. Sasser will be locating a rebuilt motor for this dump truck.
- 5) Discussion regarding purchasing a motor grader is tabled until a new highway administrator is hired.
- 6) The new pickups ordered from Melton Motor should arrive the last of January or first of February.

Road and Bridge employees including Danny Davis, Kevin Kopsa, Tom Thompson, Allan Carlson and Jeremiah Allen, presented concerns about the road and bridge department.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Clerk Marsicek, Davis, Kopsa, Thompson, Carlson and Allen. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Bergstrom, seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl, seconded by Splichal agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m., taking no action.

The Board suggested the road and bridge employees be patient during this transition of hiring a Highway Administrator. Commissioner Holl told the employees, they all play a key role in keeping our county roads safe and looking good and keep up the good work.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach to attend The District 5 KHCA meeting on January 21 in Salina.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:40 a.m., taking so action.

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 26, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from January 19. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the updated requirements of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) removing paragraph 1 of section "G". Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to allow the refund to two participants that did not qualify under the old qualifications to be refunded in June 2015. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl request an executive session to discuss confidential financial data of Republic County Hospital for 15 minutes with the Board, Deb Hadachek and Blaine Miller. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. taking no action.

The Board signed two Tower Lease agreements between Republic County and Joe Strnad and Republic County and Jerry Strnad for 2015.

The Board welcomed Belleville City Manager, Neil Lewis, for the first scheduled report to the Board of Commissioners from each city by a mayor or city manager.

Commissioner Holl requested an explanation of non-payment of the "In Lieu of Tax" from Grandview Housing Unit for 2014. Commissioners understood the housing unit would no longer collect the "In Lieu of Tax" but thought it would start in 2015 instead of 2014. Lewis explained, that Deb Sells approached the city council regarding this "Tax". Sells explained to the council other housing units associated with HUD programs had been exempted by cities. The city council of Belleville agreed to apply the exemption to Grandview.

Splichal made a motion to approve the exempt status and waive the payment of "In Lieu of Tax" by the City of Belleville housing unit; however, if the housing unit has collected the 2014 "In Lieu of Tax", it should be paid to the county since budgets were approved including said income. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Neil Lewis, Belleville City Manager, reported Belleville has many projects underway for 2015.

- 1) The first phase of the city trails is planned to start between M Street and the high school.
- 2) Cleaning Rocky Pond and developing a water resource to refill the pond for recreational use.
- 3) Redesigning the Belleville swimming pool so it will be ADA compliant.
- 4) The more activities available in Belleville will draw others to Belleville and Republic County.
- 5) The purchase of land for the Loves Station is moving according to plans and final closing papers should be signed in February.
- 6) The city council is in full support of the county with the updating of the commercial building at the NCK Fairgrounds to be used as a community building.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Marcia Hansen, Republic County Health Administrator. Hansen has dedicated over 30 years as the Health Administrator and stated June 22 would be her last day. Hansen knows considerable training will be



necessary for her replacement and advertising for this position should be started as soon as possible. Over the years, Hansen has learned to do more with less and the medical field of county health care has changed greatly.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak presented solid waste agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for solid waste fees for 2015.
- 2) Novak stated Hall Bros from Marysville will be submitting a bid for mixing cold mix asphalt for Republic County if there is an asphalt mixing strip available. High Plains Company has mixed the cold mix in the past and has delivered it to Republic County and would like to submit a bid as soon as a mixing strip is available. The Commissioners will be meeting with the Republic County Economic Development committee later this morning and hope to have information regarding an asphalt mixing strip.
- 3) KDHE has approved the opening of another landfill cell and the county will begin digging this spring.
- 4) Novak and Cherney stating the road and bridge department is operating as normal. Since the weather is unpredictable it is difficult to start some spring projects.

Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek, Jimmie Blecha, Rod Woods, Neil Lewis and Randy Wise from Republic County Industrial committee met with the Board regarding the Industrial area on the Northwest corner of Belleville.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss confidential data with Industrial committee for 10 minutes with the Board, Industrial committee and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. Commissioner Bergstrom requested an additional 10 minutes. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m. taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, announced the quarterly meeting will be February 11 at TAG'S in Scandia. Shoemaker present the first drawdown check for The Bel-Villa Restaurant.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board toured the Driver's license office, the Treasurer's office and the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Holl moved the Board meeting be adjourned for lunch break at 12:00. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board will reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for Highway Road Administrator position.

At 1:05 p.m., Holl requested an executive session for the purpose of interviewing the four Road and Bridge Administrator candidates. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 4:30 p.m. taking so action.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

Due to the recent snow storm in Republic County, the Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. instead of on Monday, February 2. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 26. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personal for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Bergstrom. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to offer the position of Road and Bridge Administrator to Dustin Zenger. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Zenger was invited by phone to attend the commissioners meeting at 10:00 am.

Sheriff Ron Blad served the Board of Commissioners a listing of parcels on the tax sale Case NO. 15-CV-02.

Luke Mahin from Economic Development rescheduled his groups' meeting with the Board via phone call for February 9 at the same time.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, informed the Board of a leak in the roof of the EMS building. The Board approved any repairs needed to fix the leak. Van Meter asked permission to purchase two recliners and dispose of the worn out divan. Permission was granted to purchase two recliners locally. The EMS department meets monthly for trainings. Van Meter will send a copy of the minutes of these training sessions to the County Clerk to keep on file with an attendance listing. Funds have been raised to distribute an AED device for the city of Republic. Republic is the last city to receive this emergency device.

Ken Johnson from Campbell & Johnson, representing Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors, requested a donation from Republic County to assist in the maintenance of the monument at the 6<sup>th</sup> Meriden located at the northeast corner of Republic County and northwest corner of Washington County. The estimated cost to maintain the monument and the grounds around it is \$600 per year. Currently, Washington County, the Nebraska Society of Historical Land Surveyors and Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors have shared the cost. With cut backs in funding to the Kansas Society of Historical Land Surveyors, Johnson hoped Republic County would make a donation. The monument was erected in 1986.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$200 from the Parks and Recreation fund. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Larry Stephens was appointed Albion Township Clerk.

The Board signed a memorandum of agreement with the City of Scandia for collection and payment of solid waste fees.

Cindy Coons and Kay Shoemaker, county treasurer's department, explained a computer programming error that distributed a shortage payment to the State of Kansas. After discussing the issue with the county auditor and the computer programmer from Thomson Reuter, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to pay the shortage from County General funds. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. The program has been fixed and will function properly for distributions in 2015 forward.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Dustin Zenger attended the commissioners meeting at 10:00.
- 2) Commissioners expressed appreciation for the clear road after the snow last weekend.

At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak and Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:08 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak, Cherney, Zenger and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:14 a.m. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 15 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Bergstrom, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion that Dustin Zenger start work February 23, 2015 with a salary of \$45,000 and after six months the salary would be reviewed. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 3) Novak has mailed requests for sealed tire quotes to several businesses in Republic County and the bids will be opened on March 2.
- 4) Novak and Cherney will post bridge closed signs at the two bridges KDOT inspectors have requested to be closed after February 25.
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  - b. 19-Y.5
- 5) Novak asked if any decision had been made about the asphalt mixing strip. The Board explained a couple options but the meeting with the Republic County Industrial Committee and Economic Development was postponed to next week due to the weather. Novak and Cherney stressed the need to act as soon as possible so the base could be prepared for use. The land needed must be flat and not hilly or sloping. They suggested the land on the southwest corner of the north portion of land owned by Republic County would work very well.
- 6) Cherney asked the Board if they had any knowledge of products being traded between Republic County and Cloud County during the past Administrator's tenure. The Board said there was some talk about Cloud County trading MRA to cover work done by Republic County but nothing was in writing. Zenger will visit with Cloud County Administrator once Zenger starts to work.
- 7) There are 3 operator 1 positions open.
- 8) Lisa Jones, road and bridge secretary, will set up the pre-employment testing for Zenger.
- 9) Bill Strait, Kirkham Michael, congratulated Republic County on receiving the CDBG Grant from the State of Kansas in the amount of \$343,000 for the bridge located at Republic. The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC) will contact Clerk Marsicek with the final contract and requirements on receiving this funding.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Acting Commissioner Chairman Bergstrom called the meeting to order.

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

Vouchers were approved totaling \$135,081.89.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 3. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

Acting Commissioner Chair Bergstrom signed the Determination of Level of Review from Kansas Department of Commerce for the CDBG grant.

Permission to travel was granted for Mike Nondorf to attend the monthly Weed Directors meeting in Abilene on February 12.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend the training session for recipients of the CDBG grants in Stockton on February 11.

E.C. Thompson discussed with the Board the lack of gravel on the east ½ mile of King Road between 130 Road and 140 Road. He receives his mail at this farm but the road has not been gravel for a few years. Commissioner Bergstrom explained unless the road is a school bus route or mail route with persons living at the residence, the road is not maintained as a gravel road. The Board will discuss this road with the road department supervisors. Thompson explained the dissatisfaction with the proposed closure of the 3 ton bridge on Timber Road.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, invited the Board to attend the RCD Quarterly meeting on February 11. No applications have been received but a meeting to sign quarterly reports will be held at TAGS in Scandia.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented a quote for Electronic Reporting Tablets from Safety PAD. Van Meter explained in the near future all EMS transfers will need to be transmitted electronically instead of manually through the mail. The cost for tablets, training and software total \$2,213.00. Van meter has researched 12 different software models and felt Safety PAD was the most compatible with what Republic County's needs. The Board tabled the purchase at this time because the expenses were not in the budget for 2015.

Van Meter asked for clarification when a permission to travel should be requested. Is it just needed for any employee attending an overnight training away from Republic County? Is it needed for one day trainings if there will not be any reimbursements to the employee because a county vehicle is driven? The consensus of the board was, any time an employee attends a training on behalf of Republic County, a permission to travel is necessary.

Permission to travel was granted for Blaine Van Meter to attend the EMS Region IV Board Meeting in Salina on 2-10-15.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak presented the Request to Exchange Federal Funds for \$91,243.26. Clerk Marsicek will complete and return to Novak and the Board on February 16.

- 2) Commissioner Bergstrom discussed the issue of gravel on King Road between 130 Road and 140 Road. Novak will contact the US Postal Department in regards to mail delivery to any address on that road.

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Novak and Cherney. Splichal seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 taking no action.

At 10:55 a.m., the Board, Novak, Cherney and Clerk Marsicek traveled to the Industrial area located at Sec 32-2-3 to meet with Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek and Neal Lewis. The North Central Kansas Industrial Committee, Economic Development, the Board of County Commissioners and the road supervisors discussed options regarding developing an asphalt mixing strip on the southwest part of the northwest land owned by the county. A strip of 600' x 600' = 8.2 acres along the west fence would be the flattest area. This would leave the east and north strip of land for farming and development if needed in the future.

At 11:35 a.m., the Board returned to the courthouse to finish the regular meeting with a presentation from Luke Mahin recounting the events of the Economic Development from 2014.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Splichal seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Robert Fraiser, Belleville United Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from February 9. Splichal seconded, agreed 2-0.

Sheriff Ron Blad asked permission to acquire bids to replace a patrol truck.

Blad will be placing a classified ad for an open position in the sheriff's department.

Following discussion regarding the request from Scott Finkbiner to be paid for the balance of vacation hours due to salaried employees, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to pay Finkbiner for any unused vacation hours for 2015. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted for Mike Nondorf to attend the regular district monthly meetings of the Weed Directors for the remainder of 2015 at various locations and dates.

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

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes were requested by Splichal and seconded by Holl. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion for Justin Novak and Terry Cherney to receive a \$.50 per hour increase in wages and Lisa Jones to receive a \$1.00 per hour increase in wages due to increase in responsibilities in the absence of a Road and Bridge Administrator and training of the new Administrator once he starts. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Blaine Van Meter and David Holloway from EMS, explained that the state of Kansas has requested the electronic run reports to begin in June 2015. Van Meter presented a quote from Professional Services of Belleville for two tablets equaling \$786.00.

Permission to travel was granted for Van Meter to attend the KEMTA Conference in Hutchinson on March 26-29.

Permission to travel was granted for Van Meter to attend Region 4 EMS Council meetings for the remainder of 2015 at various locations and dates.

Van Meter and Holloway presented a proposal from Account Recovery Service Inc. (ARSI) as a source for collecting outstanding balances of the EMS accounts. Currently, delinquent accounts are reported to the 'Set-Off Program' at the State of Kansas. The state holds Kansas tax refunds and pays outstanding accounts. Holloway said, Republic County receives payment for approximately 12-15% of the accounts but the accounts could drag out for several years. The proposed source (ARSI) collects about 60% of funds submitted to them. ARSI's fees are only charged if they collect money and that fee is 30%. The consensus of the board was to give permission for Van Meter to pursue a contract with ARSI.

Van Meter stated, two new employees will start in March.

Terry Cherney and Justin Novak presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak asked who should contact the farmer renting the ground from Republic County regarding the necessity of destroying the 8.2 acres of wheat for the asphalt mixing strip. Commissioner Bergstrom asked Novak to follow up with the farmer and report back to the Board with a settlement value of the ground.
- 2) A request to close 290 Road between Hickory and Granite was received from Tony Strnad. Strnads' own the land on the east and west side of the mile in question. Clerk Marsicek will contact the County Attorney to draw up vacating the road once all land owners have been contacted and the notices published.
- 3) Commissioner Holl informed Novak, Cherney and Jones about the wage increases for their additional responsibilities.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Novak, Cherney, Jones and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m. taking no action.

At 10:46 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Novak, Cherney and Jones. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 10 minutes was requested by Splichal and seconded by Bergstrom. Agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:01 a.m. taking no action.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, RCD, presented an updated criteria sheet for the Commissioners to approve. Splichal made a motion to approve the new criteria sheet. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Hadachek reported the RCD quarterly meeting held at TAGS on Wednesday February 11 was well attended and two of the guests were Deb Ohlde, North Central Planning Commission, and Melinda Pierson, Belleville Main Street and Chamber.

Hadachek presented a request for interest only payments for November 2014 to June 2015 from C&C High Tunnel Farms for signing by the Board.

Shoemaker announced there should be one application to review at the March 11 meeting.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board moved the meeting to the county pickup to tour the road and bridge location. Novak explained the equipment along the west side of the shop location is not used often but is available in a pinch. Areas toured included the newly enclosed north shop and sign shop. Due to the sudden snow storm, the Board returned to the courthouse. Commissioner Splichal said he would return on his own for a walking tour in better weather.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 17. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$296,931.21 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Splichal will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Blaine Miller and Deb Hadachek requested an executive session with the Board of Commissioners.

At 8:32 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential financial data relating to a private corporation. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:47 a.m., taking no action.

Sherry Koster, LEPC representative, presented the semi-annual report of activities and finances from July 2014 to December 2014 for the LEPC organization.

Marcia Hansen, Health Department Administrator, requested the signature of the Board Chairman on the Grant Application to the State of Kansas. Hansen applied for \$16,154.80 for Immunization Action Plan, Maternal & Child Health and State Formula. The Board thanked Hansen for all the grants she applies for on behalf of Republic County.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, informed the Board of repairs needed to the 2006 Chevrolet Equinox used by various departments. The 2006 Chevrolet Equinox has 90,000 miles and is needing replaced while there is trade-in value and repairs are minimal. The consensus of the Board is to contact Melton Motors for quotes on a new or used vehicle with under 10,000 miles. Porter returned later in the morning stating James Melton will be attending an auction this week where several vehicles will be available meeting the counties' specifications.

Mayor Tim Garman from Courtland expressed his gratitude for allowing the mayors of each city to share activities and problems within their cities. He encourages the Board to attend all activities planned in the cities of the county. Garman shared the recent pancake feed was well attended. Courtland businesses are going strong and expanding thanks to county citizens. Garman voiced a concern regarding the asphalt along the edges of the new streets and requested the county road crew pack and reseal the streets when the asphalt

becomes available. Commissioner Holl assured Garman she would pass on that request to the road and bridge department.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented two bids for a 2015 Chevrolet 1500 4WD, including trade-in.

- 1) Sheriff's Auto-partners \$43,450.00
- 2) Melton Motors \$26,940.00

The consensus of the Board was to order the truck through Melton Motors.

Commissioner Splichal gave a brief report from the Juvenile Detention meeting he attended on February 18.

Clerk Marsicek and Beth Reed will organize the Republic County Employee Appreciation supper to be held on March 23 at the 4-H Building on the Fair Grounds.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, along with Terry Cherney and Justin Novak, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Novak contacted Robert Cline regarding the 8.2 acres of ground rented from Republic County in Section 34, Township 2, Range 3. Cline agreed to work with the county for a fair settlement on the wheat crop being destroyed to establish the asphalt mixing strip.
- 2) Novak and Zenger had contact with Dane Barclay regarding gravel issues. Barclay will be attending the Board meeting at 11:00 today.
- 3) Commissioner Holl stated the Mayor of Courtland, Tim Garman, has requested some asphalt work when the county has asphalt available.
- 4) The road crews are out cutting trees which hang over many of the country roads.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger, Novak, Cherney and Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m. taking no action.

The Board of Commissioners toured the Register of Deeds Office, the Sheriff's office and jail area this week.

Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand Company manager, expressed his disappointment with the decline in the amount of gravel purchased from a local business in the last 15 years. Commissioner Holl explained one reason for the decrease is that the number of gravel roads has decreased in the last 15 years. Commissioner Bergstrom stated the quality of gravel offered from Alsop Sand did not match the quality of gravel purchased in Nebraska and if Barclay could provide equivalent gravel, Republic County would increase its orders. Barclay presented samples of different grades of gravel from Alsop. Barclay presented research information regarding the freight charges Republic County has been paying to the companies from Nebraska and savings ordering from Alsop could give to the county.

Barclay explained after the meeting last year, he met with the Road and Bridge Administrator, as requested, to discuss changing the grade of gravel but the Road and Bridge Administrator would not discuss ordering any additional gravel. Barclay apologized for not rescheduling a meeting with the Board to pursue the issue. Commissioner Holl stated, the Board was not aware Barclay had contacted the Road and Bridge Administrator with the offer to change the grade of gravel. Commissioner Holl apologized to Barclay about this lack of communication and stressed Republic County needs to support local businesses if all possible.

Novak and Cherney expressed the gravel samples displayed today do not match the gravel they have in piles at the supply area. Barclay agreed to join Zenger, Novak and Cherney after lunch to examine the gravel piles and preform a grading test of gravel. Barclay will return next week to meet with the Board regarding the results of the sample test.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented an outline of responsibilities of Republic County regarding the CDBG grant paperwork associated with the \$343,000 granted for the Republican River Bridge at Republic.

- 1) All paperwork will need to be kept in a secure place for 15-20 years after the project has been completed.
- 2) The income surveys have been reviewed and accepted by the KDOC.
- 3) The next step is to prepare an Environmental Review and have the results published. This could take 60-90 days but must be completed before any letting of bids this fall.
- 4) A copy of Republic County Procurement policy, conduct of the Board policy and Civil Rights Policies need to be sent to Deb.
- 5) The original two copies of Grant Agreement No. 15-PF-026, Determination of Level of Review and financial papers including signatures need to be sent to KDOC by March 15.
- 6) Republic County must participate in a Fair Housing activity such as a publication of Fair Housing in the county paper.
- 7) A separate special fund account needs to be set up to receive the grant monies and to pay invoices for this grant project.

Beth Reed presented a request from Matt Farmer, Manager for Kansas Wildlife and Parks, for Republic County support regarding a national grant. Commissioner Holl made a motion to support the Kansas Wildlife and Parks regarding the grant. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 23. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-18 to rescind Resolutions 2015-04, 2015-09 and 2015-10 in which Justin Novak and Terry Cherney were appointed Co-Directors of Road and Bridge, Transportation and Solid Waste in the absence of a Road and Bridge Administrator. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolutions 2015-19 to 2015-21 appointing Dustin Zenger as the Road and Bridge Administrator, Director of Transportation and Director of Solid Waste. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Beth Ball-Deputy Clerk and Kay Shoemaker-Deputy Treasurer proposed changing the employee monthly pay period from every four (4) weeks to once a month on a set day. Shoemaker explained the county computer system presents challenges when payroll and or vouchers need to be paid during the first week of the month. The prior months' funds need to be closed and balanced before current expenses can be posted. Since last fall, the monthly bank statements are mailed to the Treasurers' office but are not always received before the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of the new month, making it difficult to close the prior months records. Shoemaker and Ball discussed changing the payroll dates with Auditor Randy Hofmeier as far as the auditing and bookkeeping. Randy said it may actually be better for department budgets to have a set day for payroll.

Ball presented two scenarios for consideration.

- 1) The cut-off date would be the third Saturday of each month and payday on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The cut-off date would be the second Saturday of each month and payday on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to move the pay period from every four (4) weeks to being paid on the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month starting with March 2015. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Ball explained when this change takes place there would be two paychecks the first month to get on schedule with the new pay roll timing. The first check, paid on March 5, would cover the regular pay period and the second check, paid March 18, would cover from the end of the last pay period to the second Saturday of the current month.

Clerk Marsicek will enclose a letter explaining the cut off dates and pay days during 2015 with the pay stubs this week. When the 18<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday, the pay day will be on Friday and when the 18<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday, pay day will be on Monday.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented a quote to apply Polyprene on the front east area of the EMS building that has been leaking. Van Meter had requested quotes from several local businesses but only received a quote from Geisler Roofing for \$2,221. The consensus of the Board was to approve the bid from Geisler Roofing.

Van Meter stated there have been several persons applying for the full time and part time positions. Van Meter has hired one full time and one part time person with the possibility of hiring a couple additional part time EMTs in the next couple of weeks.

Van Meter explained the PEER group meeting sponsored by the Kansas Highway Patrol for support and counseling was held last Friday at the Central Christian Church for all persons involved in the fire on February 23. There were several persons attending from EMS, the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Joe Chizek from Cuba explained a waterline replacement project beginning in Cuba. Through the help of Deb Ohlde, Cuba received a grant for matching funds to replace the waterlines in Cuba that date back to 1929. Chizek requested assistance from the county roads department to help paving the streets when waterlines are replaced. Commissioner Holl will contact the road department about this request.

Chizek invited the Commissioner to attend the annual Rock a Thon starting March 15.

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the Spring NCK Treasurer and Register of Deeds District Meeting in Salina on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board signed the Memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Cuba for solid waste fees.

The Board signed the Memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Agenda for solid waste fees.

Raymond Raney and Colleen Alkire from dispatch discussed the need for additional dispatchers. Raney will be interviewing for the open positions.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Raney, Alkire and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 10 minutes seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m. taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, along with Terry Cherney and Justin Novak, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Dane Barclay, Alsop Sand, presented the test results of the current gravel Republic County has available. Barclay's results showed some grading variances between what Barclay stated the Alsop quality should be and what was tested. Zenger, Novak and Cherney expressed this is the type of gravel they have always picked up from Alsop. The Nebraska gravel is more course. Barclay expressed his possibility of closing the Scandia Alsop Sand Pit if Republic County will not increase the amount of gravel needed. Barclay restated the county could get more gravel for the same dollars if they purchased the gravel locally instead of Nebraska companies. Zenger requested to table this matter until he has researched the total cost of gravel and freight to all parts of Republic County.
- 2) Barclay stated the gravel roads were in better shape back in the 1970-1980 when Republic County purchased more gravel from Alsop. Cherney shared that it was not the gravel that makes the roads better but the road graders had more time to work the roads and road beds. The road graders only responsibility at that time was to maintain the roads, now these same people are required to put in culverts, trim trees, haul the gravel and work on other projects. Commissioner Holl encouraged Zenger to hire necessary employees to become fully staffed so roads could become a priority.
- 3) The opening of tire bids was postponed until Monday, March 9.
- 4) On March 30, the road and bridge department will start summer hours 7-5:30.
- 5) The dump truck purchased last summer from Purple Wave had a bent frame bed when it was purchased, a bid for a new bed will cost \$3,000-5,000. The board granted permission to purchase the necessary repairs.
- 6) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger and Lisa Jones to attend a Vehicle Order Meeting in Topeka on March 9.
- 7) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger and Justin Novak to attend Culvert Training in Great Bend on March 4.
- 8) Permission to travel was granted for Dusty Zenger to attend the District Highway Officials Meeting in Salina on April 1.
- 9) Plans are being made for a hot mix asphalt base for the mixing strip.
- 10) Discussion about the access road from Marble Road to the new asphalt mixing strip resulted in the consensus that an access road will not be needed at this time.

Marcia Hansen-Health Administrator, Sister Mary Savioe and Stephanie Simmons-Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation (MCRMF) announced Republic County will be one of 5 counties to share a \$225,000 grant awarded to the North Central Kansas area. Simmons explained the grant funding supports implementation of a coordinated approach to the prevention and control of diabetes, heart disease, obesity and associated risk factors. Simmons stated Hansen and Savioe have been part of the program with the Chronic Health assessment done in Republic County and thanked them for their work. One of the requirements of the grant is for a member of RCRMF to meet quarterly with the Board of Health in the county which is the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holl invited Simmons to contact the County Clerk to schedule the appointments.

Permission to travel was granted for Karen Henke to attend CE classes in Salina on March 6.

Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney along with Beth Reed announced the annual Storm Spotter training will be held on March 10. Two bids were received for the meal served during the training.

- 1) TAGS for \$10.89 per plate
- 2) Auntie Char's for \$12.00 per plate

The bid was awarded for TAGS to serve the meal.

Raney announced two workshops held from 9-3 each day will be located at the Bel-Villa Restaurant regarding Animal Diseases.

- 1) March 18-Diseased animals traveling through Republic County.
- 2) April 2-Feeding operations located in Kansas

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioners Holl and Splichal toured the Republic County Health Department.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn following the tour. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from March 2. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$543,392.08 were approved for payment.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Zenger presented a list of complaints regarding the new method of pay periods.
  - a. It is difficult enough to stretch the paycheck for 4 weeks but now there will be three months the check must stretch to 5 weeks.
  - b. They would rather be paid every two weeks.
  - c. The road and bridge department was not aware of the proposed change in pay period until they heard the minutes on the radio. Better communication could have helped to explain why the Board proceeded with the change. Clerk Marsicek will set up monthly department head meetings from now on to gather input from each department to present to the Commissioners.
  - d. Commissioner Holl stated, change is always difficult in the beginning. If a person budgets their paycheck, the new pay period should not be a problem. The bills a person has will still be there whether the employee gets paid every 4 weeks or once a month. There are only three months during the rest of 2015 that will have 5 weeks in the pay period and the employee will receive the extra week of wages. Commissioner Splichal said the Board will review the payroll period change in six months. All employees will be receiving a small check on March 18 for the first two weeks of March. This check and the pay check last week should get the employee through to April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) The tire bid was opened.
  - a. Agenda Oil for \$27,800.04
  - b. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Agenda Oil for \$27,800.04. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.
- 3) An agreement between Republic County and Gill Mumm to construct and operate an underground gas line was signed.
- 4) An agreement between Republic County and Gill Mumm to construct and operate an underground Electric line was signed.
- 5) Zenger met with Dane Barclay after last weeks' meeting to discuss the purchasing of gravel from Alsop. Zenger explained that Republic County is not ready to make any large quantity commitments for 2015 but will use at least the amount purchased in 2014.



Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Beth Ball to attend the North Central Kansas Clerks Spring meeting in Minneapolis on March 19 where Clerk Marsicek was elected to serve as secretary/treasurer for 2015.

Clerk Marsicek announced the county has purchased a new vehicle that will be shared with the appraisers' office and used as county transportation for meetings. It is a 2015 Chevrolet Captiva Sport. It was purchased from Melton Motors.

At 9:30 a.m., the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the County Attorney's department and the District Court area. The Board returned to the board room at 10:00 a.m., to continue the rest of the agenda.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, stated he will have a meeting with the Account Recovery Service Inc. representative later Monday March 9.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m., taking so action.

The new Safety Pad program will be starting on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the EMS department.

Van Meter announced, he and David Strnad are now ACLS certified.

Clerk Marsicek presented the meal bids for the Employee Appreciation Supper to be held on March 23.

- 1) TAGS - \$11.49 per meal for either chicken or beef
- 2) Business' Cookin' - \$11.00 per plate for Chicken and \$12.00 per plate for beef plus \$2.00 for a dessert
- 3) Auntie Char's - \$11.00 per plate for Chicken and \$12.00 per plate for beef.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from TAGS for \$11.49 per plate. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, explained her disappointment in communication regarding the decision to change the payroll from every 4 weeks to once a month. Frint is supportive of once a month; however, the day should have been discussed with the employees or voted on by the employees.

After comparing of the current Business Conduct and Ethics policy in Section 204 of the Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook, and the Code of Ethics prepared by the State of Kansas, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to replace the current Conduct and Ethics with the Code of Ethics from the State of Kansas. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy as presented by Clerk Marsicek. This policy is a requirement for compliance with Kansas Department of Commerce to receive the CDBG funding. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs of private identity for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Holl and seconded by Splichal agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 11:35 a.m., taking no action.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, asked permission to hire Abes Lawn and Tree service to aerate the courthouse lawn. Permission was granted.

Calkins announced the flag poles have been removed by the Patriot group until the next flag raising.

Kathy Calkins, sheriff's secretary, shared that the sheriff's department was glad the county went to a set pay day. Employees could develop their budgets because they knew exactly when they were getting paid instead of being paid the first part of the month this month and the last part of next month.

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

The Board discussed Senate Bill No. 98 regarding fees charged for public record requests and the recording of meetings during meetings of organized groups. The consensus of the Board is to continue taking notes in the same manner as the past and charging the same fees for public record requests.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 9. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, stated that Brian Carlson would be inspecting the water system for leaks today. Calkins estimated the cost to fix any leaks, plant grass and fertilize the courtyard to be \$2,500-\$2,900. Calkins informed the commissioners a representative from Mid-Continent Services delivered rock samples to fix the front steps and will be mailing a quote.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for new executive chairs for the commissioners.

1. Feathered Nest - \$599 each
2. Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Inc. – Do not order executive chairs
3. Central Office Supply - \$288.59 each

Commissioner Holl made a motion to order three chairs from Central Office Supply for \$288.59 each. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented a release of mortgage for Jack & Sheila Cornett, aka Sew Country.

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend a mandatory training session for Division of Vehicles in Topeka on April 22-23.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Ball to attend the Annual County Clerk Conference in Lawrence held May 5-7.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend Year 3 Sanborn Institute Training in Wichita on June 1-5.

Clerk Marsicek presented two Letters for Annual Claim for Exemption for signing.

Barry Porter presented a Disaster Relief Application to be used in Republic County in the event of a homestead being destroyed by earthquake, fire, flood, storm or tornado in accordance with K.S.A. 79-1613. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the use of the Disaster Relief Application. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Porter reported that the total assessed valuation increased 12% for Republic County Real Estate. The new property valuations have been mailed to the public.

Mayor of Munden, Jimmie Blecha, explained the new hall is progressing as funds are available. The east portion is approximately 2/3rds complete.

Blecha said sharing the recycling trailer with Narka is working fine. The trailer is in Narka for 15 days and then moved to Munden for 15 days and Munden residents deliver the recycling to Washington recycling center. The disappointing aspect is the city only receives \$10-\$12 per load (not enough to cover the fuel for delivery).

The City of Munden requests that the county mow the 1.5 blocks of roadway on Granite Rd east out of town. Commissioner Holl will discuss that with the new highway administrator.

Blecha asked if the date for the delinquent tax sale had been set and the Board stated no date has been set but all the notices have been sent out to the owners.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, presented a grant agreement between Cloud County Health Department and Republic County Health Department regarding the implementation of a Family Planning Program for approval. Approval was granted by the signing by Chairperson Linda Holl.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Commissioner Holl requested the road crew mow the 1.5 blocks of Granite Road going east out of the City of Munden.
- 2) Zenger discussed the fees at the landfill for disposal of county tires. The consensus of the board was to allow the county to dispose of the tires at the landfill pick up point but not pay the fees except once a year.
- 3) Zenger presented a contract between Republic County and Robert Cline for reimbursement of crop ground being used for the asphalt mixing strip.
- 4) Zenger presented a list of items being sold at the annual consignment sale on March 28.
- 5) Zenger was contacted by Terracon about paying for dozer work done under the Republican River Bridge for testing. The consensus of the board was to pay the invoice directly to for the work directly to outside source and not to Terracon.
- 6) Three roads need a considerable amount of work this year. Zenger will prepare a cost analysis to prepare these roads or other options.
  - a. The three miles south of Hwy 148 on 180 Rd
  - b. All of the blacktop from Cuba to Narka
  - c. The three miles south of Hwy 148 on 50 Rd between Kackley and Jamestown.
- 7) Commissioner Holl asked Zenger to prepare a new quote for replacing the driveway behind the Medical clinic.

Rich Schintler, Jenny Pachta and Dr. Andy Walker from Blair Center for the Arts visited with the Board about financial matters. Schintler shared that the Blair is in need of support to operate as a not-for-profit organization. There are many events held in the theater where no fees are charged .Such as school sponsored or city recreation programs. There are other social gatherings where a fee is charged. The Landmark Church rents the west part for services each Sunday and the Blair east for office space. Commissioner Holl asked if they were paying property taxes on the buildings and the answer was yes and that was a major expense each year. Holl suggested that the group research filling for tax exempt status as a not-for-profit group. Pachta will contact Appraiser Porter and Clerk Marsicek for paperwork to file for tax-exempt status.

Pachta stated 7800 person went to the movies during 2014.

Commissioner Holl stated that the county budget for 2015 was set in 2014 but the Board would like to donate in the future. When the 2016 budgets are prepared, a new line item from county general will be added to donate to Blair Center for the Arts.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$1,000 out of county general this year to the Blaire Center for the Arts. The Board will evaluate the amount for 2016 when the budget is prepared. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 11:40 am, the commissioners traveled to the EMS department for a tour by Blaine Van Meter.

Following the tour of the EMS department, at 12:30 pm Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl 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 March 16. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

All the Republic County Commissioners will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Permission was granted for the Belleville Assembly of God to host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn on April 4.

The Board discussed the closing of the courthouse for Good Friday Services on April 3. The consensus of the Board was to close the building completely from 12-2.

Barry Porter and Retha Blecha from the Appraiser office related information from the state regarding the Blair Center for the Arts becoming exempt from property taxes. The Blair group may apply for exempt status but according to the K.S.A. 79-1439a, a group receiving rent does not qualify for exemption. Currently, the Blair East is taxed as a business at 25% and the Blair West is taxed as not-for-profit at 12%. Letters have been sent to the Blair Center about classing the Blair East as not-for-profit but papers have not been filed.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the NCK Treasurers and Register of Deeds District meeting in Salina on April 9.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. As formal notice of action, The Proclamation is to be published in the local paper.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, asked permission to purchase a new mower. The current mower is a 2008 Snapper and has 500 hours. The Board granted permission to purchase a mower. Bids need to be requested including trading of old mower if possible. Calkins reported Carlson found one leak in the sprinkler system and it has been repaired.

Rob Kasl, representing the Patriot Veteran Group, presented a list of days the flags will be flown at the courthouse. Kasl noted that the Patriot Veteran Group is pursuing placement of a statue between the two front sidewalks of the courthouse. This statute, "Freedom Keeper", would be an eagle mounted on a globe draped by a flag on top of a memorial to all branches of service. The estimated cost is \$60,000-\$75,000. Kasl will inform the Board when he has more information to present.

Marcia Hansen, Health Administrator, asked when interviews for the Health Administrator would be held. Commissioner Holl stated Clerk Marsicek will be setting interviews starting next Monday, March 30.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach and Linda Wendt to attend ICD10 Training in Overland Park, KS, April 6-8.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Zenger presented a Joint Road-Waterway Use Permit between the Strnad Family LLC and Republic County for signing.
- 2) An Agreement between Republic County and Tony Strnad granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on 290 Road was signed.
- 3) An Agreement between Republic County and RWD#2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on Birch Road was signed.
- 4) An Agreement between Republic County and RWD#2 granting permission to construct and operate an underground waterline across the county right of way on Fir Road was signed.
- 5) Zenger asked permission to issue a fuel card for the Munden Fire Department to fill fire trucks. The Board granted permission.
- 6) Zenger has received several calls about putting gravel on roads. Commissioner Bergstrom informed Zenger if a gravel road was a bus route or a mail route it should be graveled.
- 7) Road crews are starting to gravel roads where needed and plans to re-work priority roads is underway.
- 8) Zenger inspected the three miles of asphalt on 180 Rd south of Hwy 148. Zenger proposes patching it this year and revisit the possibility of changing it to a gravel road in the future.
- 9) Zenger suggested an asphalt overlay on the driveway behind the clinic.
- 10) An Agreement between Republic County and City of Munden for solid waste fees was signed.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the application for Disaster Relief for property taxes for the Christopher White fire. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the Appraiser Department led by Barry Porter and the Dispatch and Communications areas by Raymond Raney.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Robert Fraiser, Belleville United Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 23. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to attend the KEMTA training in Hutchinson last week. Van Meter explained that he received 30 hours of CE and learned many helpful updates to share with his department.

Van Meter presented a list of changes he will implement in his department starting with full time set schedules to lower overtime by giving some overtime hours to PRN technicians. Two new part time EMT's will start in April.

Van Meter asked permission to apply for a 10-day course focusing on supervisory management practices relating to emergency medical services. The Course is sponsored by the U.S. Fire Administration through FEMA. The training is free of charge. Students are responsible for room, board and travel to and from Washington D.C. Twenty applicants are chosen twice a year to attend.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, present two quotes for John Deere Mower.

- 1) Model Z920 - \$10,350
- 2) Model Z915B - \$9,350

Trade in value for the 2008 Snapper is \$600 and the blade and thatcher an additional \$1000.

The consensus of the Board is to keep the Snapper, blade and thatcher for use as a spare. The Commissioners granted permission to purchase the 2015 John Deere Z920 but advised Calkins to ask for the same price of the Z915B.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$500 to the Republic County After Prom and \$500 to the Pike Valley After Prom committees. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney and Courtney Van Nortwick to attend the Annual APCO Conference in Manhattan on April 27-28.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend Orion Commercial and Industrial Improvement training in Topeka, KS on May 18-22.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Annual Appraiser's Business Conference in Manhattan, KS on June 7-10.



Mayor of the City of Narka, Nathan Svoboda, explained improvements in Narka to include adding an upstairs bathroom to Denton Hall and ground breaking for the new fire hall. The recycling trailer is shared with Munden and the Narka people are disposing of their recyclable goods. Svoboda asked if the county road department could sweep the streets of excess sand left from sealing of the streets last fall. Commissioner Holl will review the request with Dustin Zenger.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, announced there will be a RCD monthly meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Shoemaker stated the auditor will be in Belleville on May 18 to finalize 2014 financial reports.

The Board accepted with regrets the resignation of Kay Shoemaker as the Republic County Deputy Treasurer effective June 5.

Deb Hadachek informed the Commissioners the Love's contract has been filed and construction will start this summer.

Dustin Zenger, the new Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Commissioner Holl asked Zenger to schedule time for sweeping Main Street in Narka.
- 2) Zenger presented an estimate of \$5,000 to repair the driveway at the Medical Arts Clinic with 2" of asphalt but suggested the old driveway will need to be dug up to create a base.
- 3) Jewell County road department contacted Zenger regarding a wooden bridge on 10 Road between Timber and Valley that needs replaced. The expense would be shared with Jewell County. Commissioner Holl asked if the bridge is a size the Republic County bridge crew can replace. Zenger stated it is a little larger than we normally rebuild but the bridge crew can build it.
- 4) Zenger stated items put on the consignment sale did not bring as much as he anticipated but the equipment was removed from the shop area.
- 5) The road department will be closing the following fracture critical bridges during March and April.
  - A. 2-E.1
  - B. 4-D.8
  - C. 16-F.5
  - D. 21-D.3
  - E. W-27.9

At 10:25 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:30 am taking no action.

Carol Miller, Crystal Paredes, Julie Snavely and Julie Lindberg from CASA explained how important CASA work is to the lives of children in Republic County. CASA's job is to make sure the courts look out for "the best interest of the kids." Miller presented a Proclamation, stating "April is Child Abuse Awareness month."

The Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the Dispatch area where Raney explained the process of recording and dispatching emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for applicant interviews for Health Department Administrator.

At 3:30 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl 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 March 23. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Splichal, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 8:55 a.m., taking no action.

James and Allen Hurley requested a permit to construct a waterline under a county road. Commissioner Holl instructed the Hurley's to contact Dustin Zenger for the permit request.

Hurley asked if the bridge located on 170 Road between Granite and Hickory could be replaced with a box culvert or another type of bridge. They farm on both sides of the bridge and must drive around the section to feed cattle and farm. Commissioner Holl informed the Hurley's that the Board would discuss the possibility of a replacement water crossing with the road and bridge administrator.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, updated the Board regarding the possibility of school groups assisting in the raising and lowering of the Veteran flags. Kasl stated that the Patriot Group received permission to build a monument of the Eagle. Kasl will now begin raising funds to erect the monument and create a trust fund for all maintenance for the monument. The Board will discuss the placement of the monument once the Patriot Group has funds established.

Kasl thanked the Commissioners for allowing the Farm and Home show be held in the Commercial building at the fairgrounds. The exhibitors had much more room to display their products.

Kasl asked permission to fly two Christian flags on the flag poles with the Veteran Flags. Commissioner Holl would like the County Attorney's view on flying these flags. Republic County Commissioners support the "In God We Trust" motto but wants advice from County Attorney before allowing the flags to be flown.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Holl, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly update on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Zenger presented a Waterline agreement for approval between Republic County and James Hurley Trust to construct and operate an underground waterline.
- 2) Commissioner Holl requested that Zenger research a replacement bridge or culvert for the bridge between Granite and Hickory on 170 Road.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:20 a.m., taking no action.

- 3) Zenger has requested bids for asphalt. Zenger stated more roads need to be repaired to prevent further damage and more cold mix than hot mix will be needed this year. He is proposing more patching and overlay of asphalt on the roads rather than sealing of roads. The roads do not have a thick enough surface to handle the heavy truck traffic.
- 4) Commissioner Holl asked if the road that was overlayed last year north of Scandia was holding up. Hall brothers were to apply more asphalt per Scott Finkbiner. Zenger will look into this matter and report back to the Board.

Clerk Marsicek presented for approval the second publication for the Notice of Explanation of Potential Activity in a Floodplain regarding the demolition of the Republican River Bridge at Republic. The consensus of the Board was approval the publication.

Clerk Marsicek stated three people are needed to canvas the election ballots on Monday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Beth Reed to the canvassing ballot board since Commissioner Splichal will be absent. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Due to the withdrawal by the applicant, the interview scheduled at 5:30 p.m. was canceled.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. Absent was Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, United Methodist Churches of Courtland and Scandia, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from April 6. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Account payable vouchers were approved totaling \$149,040.76.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with Bergstrom and Marsicek and an applicant for the Health Department Administrator for 10 minutes. Bergstrom seconded, carried.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to offer the position of Health Administrator to Danille White with a salary of \$36,400, pending pre-employment testing. Bergstrom seconded, carried. White will start April 27.

Marcia Hansen, current Health Department Administrator, was introduced to Danille White and will make arrangements to start training White on April 27. Hansen informed the commissioners her last day will be June 15 instead of June 22 due to the changing in payroll days.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend Register of Deeds Tele net Class in Salina on April 28.

Arlene Clayton expressed her disapproval with Republic County donating money to the Blair Center for the Arts. She felt that money could be used on other worthwhile projects in the county.

Clayton stated she had contacted the NCK Fair Board regarding registering the Floral Hall with the Historical Society but no action has been taken towards restoring this historic building.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Zenger presented two bids for asphalt, Hall Brothers and High Plains Sand. Decision was tabled until April 20.
- 2) Zenger asked if the road and bridge department could borrow the old lawn mower to mow the shop grounds. Commissioner Holl instructed Zenger to contact Kevin Calkins.
- 3) Two new employees started the week of April 6 and one more will start this week.
- 4) Classifieds will be placed for a part time landfill operator and summer part-time employee.
- 5) Zenger has inspected the bridge on 40 Rd that was closed in November. Zenger would like to schedule a tour with the commissioners to review the closure of the road and options to repair or replace if possible.

A quote from Mid-Continental Restoration Co. Inc. was received to replace 37 stones on the landing, 42 stones on the steps and 12 pavers that abut the sidewalk totaled \$73,500. Clerk Marsicek will contact the Historical Society in Topeka since the courthouse is on the Historical Society's list.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, presented 11 provisional ballots from the city/school election held on April 7 for canvas and the poll books to be approved. All provisional ballot were approved. A tie breaker drawing for city council members for the City of Munden was held. The two city council members elected for the City of Munden were Anita Strnad and Les Novak.

At 11:25 a.m., Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek, Jimmie Blecha and Neil Lewis on behalf of the NCK Industrial Group requested an executive session with the Board. Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs of a private business. Bergstrom seconded, carried.

The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m. taking no action.

Raymond Raney, Communication Director, stated he will make an offer of employment this week for a part-time dispatcher.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

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

### **MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., with Commissioners Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom present. Absent was Edwin Splichal. In the absence of County Clerk, Kathleen Marsicek, Deputy County Clerk Beth Ball was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Chair Holl called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve as read the previous week's minutes. Second by Holl, motion passed 2-0.

Candace Fielder, Secretary for the County Attorney, explained to the Board that, through her private practice, she has been considering a Therapy dog. Since the dog must be with her as much as possible, she asked the Board to approve bringing the dog with her to work. She has approval from her supervisor as well as the Custodian at the Courthouse and explained that she spoke with the Sheriff about the possibility of using the dog to calm agitated prisoners. It was the consensus of the Board to approve her request.

Deputy Treasurer and RCD Secretary Kay Shoemaker presented a letter she received from Debbie Beck, the CDBG Specialist that visited her office on April 8, 2015 regarding the revolving loan fund. In the letter, Ms. Beck complimented the County and reported that the files were in excellent condition. The Commissioners congratulated Shoemaker on a job well done.

Shoemaker also reported that she and Mikel Hadachek had asked Ms. Beck some additional questions, but these would be discussed at the next RCD meeting.

Telescope Editor Deb Hadachek monitored the remainder of the meeting.

Luke Mahin, RCD, presented the Duclos grant application for signature and discussed additional grant opportunities with the Board. Some grants will be used to fund ROZ while others will fund training for business start-ups. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Mahin to pursue these grants and instructed the County Clerk's office to share the County's FEIN with Mr. Mahin.

Commissioner Bergstrom asked Mahin if he could pinpoint a start date for Loves. Mahin was unsure but explained that they were completing a store in McPherson and should be coming to the area when that was completed.

Mr. E.C. Thompson visited with the Board about the closed bridge on Timber road. He said the barricade blocked complete access and he could not even walk across the bridge. Commissioner Holl explained that this was a fracture critical bridge and the funds were not available at this time to repair or replace it. Thompson asked that the road be closed between his property and the neighboring one. Commissioner Holl explained that a landowner owns land on both sides of a road that is closed, the closed road becomes the owner's responsibility but since that is not the case with this road, it is unclear of the liability. More research will have to be done in this case.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented bids for asphalt. The two bids were from High Plains at \$30.00 per ton with 7000 ton delivered by June 30, 2015 and Hall Brothers at \$33.15 per ton with 350 ton delivered within five (5) days and additional deliveries made 7 – 10 days of request with a total of 7000 tons delivered by June 19, 2015. Zenger explained that even though Hall Bros was higher, the fact that they would have delivery of 350 ton within 5 days and subsequent deliveries within 7 – 10 days was beneficial. Crews could begin patching roads in May rather than waiting until the end of June to begin their work. Upon recommendation from Zenger, the Commissioners agreed to purchase asphalt from Hall Brothers.

The Board discussed the closed fracture critical bridges with Zenger. He expressed regret that the bridges had to be closed and said he would like leave them closed and fix one at a time rather than continue to spend money for frequent inspections. Zenger shared that he viewed the bridge on 40 Rd. between Elm and Diamond. Zenger discussed the different options for providing access to the property north of the bridge and stated that repairing Diamond Road to provide access from the West appears to be the most feasible option.

At 10:24 a.m., Chairman Holl made a motion to go into a 15-minute executive session with Commissioner Bergstrom and Zenger to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0. Regular session resumed at 10:39 a.m., with no action taken by the Board.

At 12:00 noon, with no further business, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bergstrom, motion passed 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Ball, Deputy County Clerk

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

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Marvin Bergstrom, Member

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Edwin G. Splichal, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from April 20. Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Account payable vouchers were approved totaling \$247,966.13.

Commissioner Splichal will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Jeff Krohn, Chairman for Swedish American Cemetery, requested a signature for a grant application from the Duclos Foundation for a total of \$6,220 for restoration of deteriorated and broken head stones.

At 8:35 am, Beth Ball, Deputy County Clerk, requested an executive session. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Splichal and seconded by Holl.

The Board reconvened at 8:45 am taking no action.

Lewis Novak, Republic County Rural Fire Chief, presented information pertaining to the Intentional Burning of Houses & Other Buildings for the Purpose of Fire Training BAR 2000-02, Backyard burning and Open Burning of Wood Waste. Novak explained that KDHE has set many rules that must be followed before a building can be burned for the purpose of training. KDHE states, "burning a building" should be the last result of disposal.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, informed the Commissioners that Republic County qualifies for the \$2,000 grant for safety equipment from KCAMP. Republic County's loss ratio is well below the states' average loss ratio and encouraged Republic County to keep up the good safety record.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, shared Kay Shoemaker's last day of work will be May 22.

At 9:30 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Coons and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:35 am.

Coons announced that she has hired Laura Joy as the new Deputy Treasurer and Joy will start May 4.

Permission to travel was granted for Susan Swanson and Lori Benyshek to attend the 2015 Kansas Governors Public Health Conference in Wichita during April 28-30.

Marsicek, on behalf of the Republic County Ministerial Alliance, requested permission to hold opening and closing ceremonies for the National Day of Prayer on the front steps of the courthouse on May 7. It is the consensus of the Board to grant permission for this activity.

Clerk Marsicek asked for a correction in the April 6 minutes regarding the location of a bridge that has closed. The location should have been the bridge on 40 RD between Elk and Diamond not 170 RD between Granite and Hickory. The later location was the location for waterline permit. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the amended location of the bridge for the April 6 minutes, seconded by Bergstrom, and agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the final determination to move forward with the project to replace the bridge located on the Republican River south west of Republic, Kansas and instruct the engineer to solicit bids as soon as CDBG clearance is received. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates on road and bridge matters.

- 1) Agreement between Republic County and AT&T to bury a copper cable along West R/W on Road 160 was signed.
- 2) Liquid Asphalt bids including FOB were reviewed:
  - a. Vance Brothers, Inc. CMS-1 \$2.45/gallon
  - b. Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions: CMS-1 \$2.31/gallon

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid for liquid asphalt from Ergon Asphalt. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 10:04 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Splichal, seconded by Bergstrom, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 10:14 am taking no action.

- 3) Melvin Jeardoe, Jesse Jeardoe, Paula Jeardoe and Keith Jeardoe expressed their concern about closing the bridge on Valley road. Melvin stated this Bridge (V-15.8) was a main access to fields on both sides of the section. Commissioner Holl stated the reason the boards were removed from the bridge is for liability purposes. If anyone would try to cross the bridge and get hurt, Republic County could be held liable. Commissioner Holl explained that KDOT requested the bridge to be closed because it is a fracture critical bridge and would cost Republic County several thousand dollars to inspect and maintain. Zenger is reviewing all the fracture critical bridges to develop an estimated price to replace them with a different type of bridge or closing the bridge completely. Jeardoe asked if a low water crossing could be a possibility if the bridge is permanently closed. Zenger will look at all options.
- 4) Jesse requested that the bridge department return and complete the repairs on the bridge located on 160 Rd (16-V.9) that were started back in 1992 but never completed.

Wanda Backstrom and Dawn Snyder from the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District presented grant applications shared by all six counties in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

- A) Behavioral Health grant application for \$101,843.23

- B) Juvenile Services FY16 grant application for \$107,185.58
- C) DOC Comprehensive Plan grant application for \$174,135.00

Backstrom presented an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for signing between The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and Republic County.

A concerned citizen of Republic County expressed his dismay about the new collections system started by the EMS department. He felt a letter or final invoice should have been mailed stating final chance to clear up a past due balance or the account would be turned over to a collection agency. He stated the past due amount plus additional administrative fees were now added to the total due. The Commissioners agreed to waive all administrative fees for this citizen due to the oversight of the final letter. The Commissioners will contact the EMS department about this oversight.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from April 27. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, introduced Laura Joy as the new Deputy Treasurer.

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

The Board Reconvened at 8:37 am, taking no action.

Blaine Van Meter and Randy Ainsworth from EMS announced that Republic County has received \$17,709 from KBEMS Revolving and Assistance Fund (KRAF) Grant Program to be applied to the purchase of a Zoll x-Series Monitor. The cost of the monitor is \$36,516.88. Per consensus of the Board, the balance of the cost will be paid from the EMS Special Equipment fund.

VanMeter presented two quotes for 40 square feet of carpet squares for the EMS Living quarters:

- 1) Bachelor-Surber Furniture Store for \$1,030
- 2) Belleville Home Town Lumber for \$ 589.82

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Belleville Home Town Lumber for \$589.82. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 2-0. Commission Holl abstained from voting.

VanMeter presented research regarding the use of a time clock in the EMS department. VanMeter shared his department has many persons clocking in at various times because of multiple scheduling. Commissioner Splichal stated the county is still reviewing the options of time clock use and when the time comes for a decision this information will be considered.

At 9:00 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, VanMeter and Ainsworth. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0. Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Bergstrom all agreed.

The Board reconvened at 9:10 am, taking no action.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the Publication Notice of Finding No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Federal Funds from the CDBG program. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 9:14 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elect personnel for 10 minutes with the Board and Barry Porter. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:24 am taking no action.

Marcia Hansen and Danielle White presented the 2016 budget request for the Health Department with an increase of 4.29% to cover additional vaccines and wages. Hansen has been explaining the different duties of the Health Administrator to White and feels she is a quick learner.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-22, to adopt the North-Central (Region F) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 9:40 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The Board reconvened at 9:45 am taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates and took the Board on a tour of a couple of projects.

- 1) Zenger announced several loads of asphalt have been delivered.
- 2) Commissioner Bergstrom stated that a county resident complained about a spike in a new tire. Zenger will review with the road supervisors the importance of using the magnet and other means of removing debris from the railroad rock.

At 10:20 am the commissioners began their tour of road improvements and bridge closures with Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

Three areas were toured:

- 1) Asphalt mixing strip near Rydal.
- 2) Road re-grading on Nickel Road one mile north and ¼ mile east of Rydal.
- 3) The closed bridge located between Diamond and Elm on 40 RD and all the roads leading to and from that bridge.

At 12:20 pm, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 4. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

A/P vouchers totaling \$151,697.96 were approved for payment.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Mid-America Cruise-In committee, requested permission to use the courthouse square for the 23rd Annual Mid America Cruise-In activities on June 20, 2015. Permission was granted.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, stated there would be an RCD meeting on May 13 at 6:30 PM to review a loan application.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, stated that Rob Kasl from the Patriot Project has 30 additional flag poles to erect around the courthouse lawn. Calkins understanding was the poles would be removable so he could mow over them, instead Calkins must manually trim around the poles and plaques which takes additional time.

Calkins sought permission to continue to mow around the library and the empty lot east of the courthouse square as long as it does not conflict with the new County Code of Ethics. The consensus of the Board is to allow Calkins to continue to mow all areas he has been mowing.

Candace Fielder, County Attorney assistant, informed the Board of a date change in the Delinquent Tax Sale. The new date is June 23 instead of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

LeAnn DeJoia, Pawnee Mental Health, asked the Board to Declare May as Mental Health Month. According to Commissioner Holl, Republic County will designate May as Mental Health Month. DeJoia presented the 2014 Pawnee Mental Health Annual report and a Stress Relief calendar for May.

Clerk Marsicek invited the Commissioners to attend the Retirement Reception for Marcia Hansen to be held on June 12 from 2-4 at the Health Department.

After discussion, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to designate that on the weeks there are vouchers, the first hour will be set aside for reviewing and signing vouchers. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Brett Grauerholz, Polansky Seed, invited the County Commissioners to attend the Open House Ribbon Cutting for the East Polansky facility on June 4. Grauerholz stated the commissioners could request a tour prior to the open house. The Commissioners requested a private tour on May 26.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented her budget request for 2016. She is requesting an increase to cover addition record restoration and wages. Frint would like to scan older records from books that cannot be taken apart.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- 1) Due to the storms last week, the bridge tour has been postponed.
- 2) There are two bridges closed until repaired because of flood damage.
- 3) Many roads in the county will need gravel replaced and debris removed around the Republic and Scandia areas.

Kansas Representative Sharon Schwartz called to discuss damages to Republic County from the tornado and heavy rains. Schwartz conveyed that Kansas Governor Sam Brownback will help any way possible to aid in the repairs to the county. Raymond Raney explained that the final cost of damages cannot be accessed yet.

- A) Damage reports of 12 structures including two homes, 10-12 Irrigation Pivots, at least two bridges and multiple power lines.
- B) Two homes were totally destroyed.
- C) Scandia Feedlot and Ethanol Plant near Scandia sustained severe damage due to a tornado.
- D) Many roads in the western part of the county will need major repairs and debris removal.

Raymond explained that in order for a state to receive funds from FEMA, many requirements must be met throughout the state during one storm system. Damage must total over \$4,220,896.38 of uninsured damage. As total costs from other areas report to the state Emergency Management Department, a final assessment can be determined. If the state qualifies for FEMA, then Republic County will submit expenses for damages, but this could take weeks to be completed.

The Commissioners thanked Representative Schwartz for calling and will inform her of any problems that occur as clean up continues.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-23 regarding the financial statements for 2015. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 11. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioners granted permission for the Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet to use the courthouse parking area adjacent to M Street for the weekly farmers' market beginning May 23 and ending September 26.

Beth Ball, Council on Aging, presented a list of accomplishments from the Agency on Aging in Republic County and requested the same amount of funding in 2016 as Republic County funded in 2015.

Representatives from the Republic County Employee Task Force, Mike Nondorf, Kathy Calkins, Lori Kuhlman, Lisa Jones, Jerad Sasser and Beth Ball, presented a list of pros and cons regarding the implementation of time clocks for county departments. The commissioners will review the list before making any decision to use time clocks instead of the hand written time cards for tracking working time for employees of the county.

Neil Lewis, Belleville City Manager, explained projects the City of Belleville has planned for 2015.

- 1) Building a swimming pool and splash-pad in the Belleville Park. The proposed cost is \$1.8 million. The construction will begin following the closing of the pool after the North Central Free Fair and will be operational by May 2016.
- 2) Building two shelters near the new splash-pad.
- 3) Building an additional shelter and playground near the Lions ball field.
- 4) Construction on the Love's Station will begin this summer.
- 5) Annexing land along US Hwy 81 for an access road leading to the Love's convenience Store has been proposed.
- 6) KDOT has proposed reducing the speed limit to 50 MPH on US Hwy 81 starting 750' north of Marble Rd and ending just south of the Sale Barn.

Mike Hadachek, Luke Mahin and Kay Shoemaker joined Neil Lewis to discuss RCD matters. Hadachek presented a loan application for Landon Wolters in the amount of \$20,000 for equipment and start-up costs for the new Belleville Chiropractic Clinic in Belleville. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the RCD loan to Wolters. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Holl made a motion for Kay Shoemaker to remain as RCD treasurer after her employment with Republic County has ended. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0. All files for RCD will be moved from the Treasurer's vault to the Clerk's vault for access when Shoemaker files records for RCD. The bank account will remain as part of the Republic County funds and vouchers will be requested by Shoemaker.

Hadachek explained that three acres of land east of the Belleville Cemetery has been deeded to the NCK Industrial Committee. The NCK Industrial Committee wants to deed this land to the City of Belleville for an access road leading from the Love's Station to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Neil Lewis will discuss this possibility with the Belleville City Council.



If the City Council agrees to develop this access road, Republic County will share in the cost. The Commissioners asked Dusty Zenger to join the meeting to discuss the access road.

Zenger offered to help with labor and supplies for the access road.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- 1) An agreement between Republic County and Premium Feeders to construct and operate an underground electric line was approved.
- 2) Two agreements between Republic County and Kansas Gas Service to construct and operate an underground gas line crossing 50 Rd and 60 Rd were approved.
- 3) Zenger is researching the Rural Road Sign Program that funds sign replacements in rural areas.
- 4) Zenger presented bids for culverts:
  - A) Midwest Services & Sales Co for \$7,678
  - B) Welborn Sales for \$7,419.60
  - C) J&J Drainage Products for \$6,207.84

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from J&J Drainage Products for \$6,207.84. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

- 5) Commissioner Holl reported the culvert at the intersection of Penn Rd and 250 Rd needs dirt added because of water damage.

At 11:23 am, Marlea James, County Attorney, requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss client confidential information with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl approved the executive session with Splichal seconding and all agreeing.

The Board reconvened at 11:28 am. Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow the County Attorney access to Facebook.

Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented budget requests for RP County 911, Emergency Preparedness and Communications departments. Raney asked permission to purchase a heavy duty office chair for his department. Permission was granted.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MAY 26, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl 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 May 18. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Clerk Marsicek reported the 2014 Financial Audit by the auditors has been completed and that auditor, Randall Hofmeier, found the accounts to be in order. He stated that there were funds available that could be transferred for use in 2015 expenditures. A portion of the County General, Road and Bridge and Ambulance budgets could be transferred to special equipment funds of each area.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, discussed his recommendation to switch from Panda Anti-Virus to Norton Anti-Virus through Nex-Tech who services our computer systems. His recommendations comes in light of problems with the Panda Anti-Virus. It was the consensus of the Board for Porter to contact Nex-Tech and update the anti-virus on the county computers.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow the use of Facebook on the county computers with the stipulation it is only to be used during breaks or lunch time unless it is needed for a specific project of the department. Each Department head will monitor their department for abuse. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager, presented a written agreement between the City of Belleville and Republic County regarding the two Lions ball fields. Republic County owns the ground but the city built the ball fields. It has been a gentleman's agreement that the city would maintain the fields. The City of Belleville is applying for a grant to add shelters and an agreement needs to be in writing to meet the qualifications of the grant. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to sign the agreement. Holl seconded, agreed 3-0.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented three resolutions for approval.

- 1) Resolution 2015-28, replacement of Resolution 2013-39 at grants permission to use State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool to hold funds.
- 2) Resolution 2015-29, Rescinds Resolution 2013-39.
- 3) Resolution 2015-30, Designating Peoples Exchange Bank for the purpose of open account/certificate of deposit.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-28 and Resolution 2015-29. Splichal seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-30. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- 1) Zenger presented for signature Agreement No. 119-15 between Republic County and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to authorize the Federal Fund Exchange Program for 2015 annual allotment in the amount of \$91,243.26.
- 2) Zenger presented a proposal to Republic County by BG Consultants to replace the Off-System Bridge 28-N.3 for a lump sum of \$8,033.00, not including permit application fees.
- 3) Zenger proposed changing the county landfill hours during the summer to 3-5 instead of the current 1:30 to 3:30. The employee responsible for the landfill works the rest of the day driving trucks for the road crew and it would

be better use of their time to operate the landfill later in the afternoon instead of the middle of the day. It was the consensus of the Board to change the hours of the landfill during the week but leave the Saturday hours the same as they are now.

- 4) Bridges and roads damaged by the storms have been priority. The bridge on Marble road has been completed.
- 5) Zenger discussed the transfer of funds available suggested by the auditor. Zenger would like more funds to be applied to Special Equipment and less to Special Hwy.
- 6) Zenger asked permission to get pricing on new dump trucks locally. Melton Motor and Mid-America Trucking will be contacted.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-24 to transfer \$100,000 from the Road and Bridge general fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund and Resolution 2015-25 to transfer \$400,000 from the Road and Bridge general fund to the Special Equipment Fund. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-26 to transfer \$75,000 from County General to the Equipment Reserve Fund and Resolution 2015-27 to transfer \$35,000 from the Ambulance Fund to the Ambulance Special Equipment Fund. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, presented quotes for time clocks per request of the Commissioners.

- 1) Attendance on Demand
- 2) Time Force
- 3) Accro-Time
- 4) UATTEND

None of these time clocks use paper time cards. Each system could be uploaded to a computer cloud system. The Board has tabled the discussion of time clocks until a later date.

At 11:15 am, the Board and Clerk Marsicek traveled to Polansky Seeds' new facility east of Belleville for a tour of the almost completed facility. Mike Baxa explained that the Grand Opening will be held June 4 and should be in full operation by July 15.

At 12:15 pm, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded, agreed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Chairperson Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Keri Burfield offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made the motion unanimous.

Rob Kasl had presented a bid in the amount of \$350.00 from Brian Isaacson of Apple One Media to paint the large flag pole at the center of the Courthouse steps. This would include truck cost and paint. As no other bids were received, Commissioner Splichal moved to accept this bid. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion and made unanimous by Commissioner Holl.

A Permission to Travel was approved for Linda Wendt of the Republic County Health Department to attend Billing and Coding Training in Wichita on June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Barry Porter advised the Board of options for anti-virus that Nex-Tech is offering on the Courthouse Computers and server. On the recommendation of Mr. Porter, the Board agreed that Nex-Tech will install the software for Bit Defender Anti-Virus on the computers and the server within the Courthouse, at a cost of \$48.00 per year per computer, which includes being fully managed, fully installed, monitored daily and resolving any problems that may occur.

Peggy Frint submitted a Permission to Travel to attend a Register of Deeds Seminar in Wichita on June 2-5, 2015. Permission was granted. Mrs. Frint, also, mentioned that before the fall and winter months, she would like to see something done to the heating in the Register of Deeds office as that office is always cold. The Commissioners will look into this matter prior to the cold weather season.

Tim Garman, Mayor of the City of Courtland, visited with the Board and advised of projects that are in the process, or have been improved within the City. He advised of a sink hole that is located on the south end of Main Street and asked if the County Road and Bridge Department could fill the hole with asphalt. The Board approved this request and notified the Road and Bridge Department to meet with Mr. Garman concerning this repair.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Department Director gave an update on projects within his department.

- New hours at the County's Construction and Demolition Landfill will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Saturday during the summer months, effective as of this week.

- Mr. Zenger reported that decking, beams and sheet piling will cost an additional \$31,000.00 on top of material currently in stock to replace the bridge located on 280 Road just north of US 36. The Road and Bridge Budget will cover these materials.
- The County is in the process of submitting information for a KDOT program which will replace county signs with new signs that meet KDOT standards for retro-reflective sheeting. The intent is to set up a three year program, installing a portion of the new signs each year. These projects will be 100% state funded, including contractor costs for installation.
- The Road and Bridge crews are beginning today to start asphalt patching with cold mix. Discussion was held concerning different options for repairing the asphalt roads.
- Discussion was held on property maintenance and updates to some buildings located in the County yard.

Kelvin Blecha discussed with the Board and Mr. Zenger plans to use county forces to upgrade a section of the fairground roads. Approximately 100 tons of cold mix asphalt will be purchased from the Road and Bridge Department for the improvements. There is money available to do this project, as well as redo a portion of the wiring in the cattle barns.

Luke Mahin with Economic Development reported on the status of the Republic County Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Program. At the present time, there are three applicants that have been approved, two that are sponsored and six on a waitlist. After discussion, Commissioner Splichal moved, Commissioner Holl seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom, to participate in this project. The amount of \$10,500.00 per year over a five-year period, will be provided through the County Budget process, beginning with calendar year 2016 to help fund this project.

The Commissioners were reminded of the Polansky ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

At 11:56, Commissioner Splichal moved to go into a 5-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. Seconded by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. At 12:01 the Board reconvened with no action taken.

At 12:01 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bergstrom and made unanimous by Holl.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

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

APPROVED:

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Linda Holl, Chairperson

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Marvin Bergstrom – Member

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Edwin Splichal - Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from June 1st. Splichal seconded with Holl making it unanimous.

Vouchers totaling \$109,088.06 were approved for payment.

Clerk Marsicek announced she has completed the Sanborn Institute training and is now a Certified County Clerk.

The Board of Directors from Republic County Conservation District presented the 2016 proposed budget for the district. The amount requested is the same as 2015 in the amount of \$35,000. Commissioner Holl explained that the budget for the county is still being processed and the District's request will be considered.

At 9:28 am, Commissioner Splichal requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Bergstrom seconded with Holl making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:33 am taking no action.

At 9:35 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Danielle White, Marcie Hansen and Clerk Marsicek. Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:50 am taking no action.

Danielle White and Marcia Hansen from the Health Department presented a permission to travel for Karen Henke to attend the CAPPA Breast Feeding Training in Chanute June 16-19. Permission was granted.

Hansen expressed that White's training as the new Health Department Director has gone very smoothly and stated White has quickly grasped the many facets of the position.

Commissioner Splichal asked if there were any joint training sessions between the Republic County Hospital and the Health Department in regard to infant car seats. Hansen explained instructions given by the two groups are complimentary.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- Brett Wilkinson from Kirkham Michael Associates explained the applications for two separate programs from KDOT.
  1. Sign replacements on Major, Minor and Local roads to be completed over three years at no cost to Republic County. Major road signs would be given priority, Minor roads second priority and local roads the least priority.
  2. Local Road Safety Plan that includes KDOT surveying every road in Republic County for safety issues. The total cost of this program is \$40,000 that is shared 90/10 with KDOT paying 90%. This is a proactive project to maintain safe roads in Republic County.

- Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to apply for both programs with the understanding there is no cost unless Republic County is accepted into the programs. Splichal seconded and Holl made it unanimous.
- Zenger asked permission to designate Kyle Lervold as the team leader of the asphalt crew. Permission was granted.
- Zenger received some calls from concerned citizens regarding the heavy rains that damaged roads and caused possible bridge issues. The road crews are grading and applying gravel to many roads.
- Zenger appreciated the support of Republic County citizens regarding these calls, it really helps to quickly assess priority needs to road and bridge repairs.

OCCCK members Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris and Pat Wallerius presented the 2014 annual report of services to the Republic County residents along with a budget request for 2016 for \$23,307 which is the same amount as the 2015 request. Commissioner Holl explained that the budget for the county is still being processed and that OCCCK's request will be considered.

Jenny Pachta from The Blair Center for the Arts presented a list of summer activities planned for the Blair Center. Pachta, who visited with the board back in March, thanked the Board for the advice about researching the possibility of the Blair Center assessment rate re-evaluation and applying for a non-profit status. The Blair did qualify for non-profit status and the assessment rate on the building was re-evaluated and decreased from the 25% commercial bracket to 12% non-profit bracket, thus saving the Blair expenses. Pachta requested that the Board consider an annual donation to the Blair Center for the Arts in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Holl explained that the budget for the county is still being processed and that the Blair request will be considered.

The commissioners reviewed the expenses of their department used in 2014 and so far in 2015. Commissioner Bergstrom suggested an increase in the contractual area. Therefore, the commissioners could attend more training conferences.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, announced the loan application for Landon Wolters has been approved and presented the final papers for signing. Shoemaker asked the commissioners for the entire amount upfront, or a small draft for start-up funds and the balance as needed. Commissioner Splichal suggested \$5,000 now and other monies as needed. It was the consensus of the board to follow Splichal's suggestion.

Beth Reed and Clerk Marsicek visited the board regarding the Cunningham monthly invoices. Currently, Reed receives the monthly invoice then separates the invoice into departmental billings. In the past, a portion of the invoice was paid from County General funds with the long distance and fax fees billed to the individual department funds. Commissioner Holl stated phone service is just part of doing business and it should all be paid from County General just like the lights and water. The three departments not located in the courthouse will still be responsible for their phone invoices. All cell phone invoices will be charged to the departments using the cell phones.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded with Splichal making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Pastor Robert Frazier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from June 8th. Bergstrom seconded with Holl making it unanimous.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, presented a request for a donation to Republic County Resource Council to build a fence around the community garden. Calkins asked if the county would allow him to use the new mower to mow the grass around the community garden. The Commissioners tabled any action until the June 22 Commissioners meeting.

Marcia Hansen was presented with a card and many thanks from the Commissioners for her 33 years of service to Republic County in the Health Department. A plaque was presented at the Open House held on Friday, June 12.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, presented a permission to travel for Kathy Zach to attend the District 5 KHCA Training in Salina on June 17. Permission was granted.

White presented the 2015-2016 contract with USD 109 for School Health Nursing Services for signatures of the Board.

At 8:48 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, White, Hansen and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 8:53 am taking no action.

Beth Reed, secretary for solid waste, presented Tenant/Owner and Owner only notices for solid waste hearing for delinquent accounts for signature. The date for the Tenant/Owner hearing is July 27. The date for the Owner hearing only is August 24.

Reed presented an application for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funds. The funds are needed to enhance the Emergency Management Program for Republic County.

Honorable Mayor J. E. Chizek from Cuba discussed activities in the Cuba area.

- The 2 Doors Down Café is open under new ownership of Alaura Nabity.
- New waterlines are being laid through the city that were funded through a CDBG grant.
- The annual Cuba Harvest Festival will be July 17-18.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the list of properties on the tax sale that will be held on June 23. Originally there were 61 parcels on the list. Taxes and fees totaling \$100,061.34 were paid on 34 properties leaving 27 properties on the tax sale. All back taxes and the costs of title searches and publication notices must be paid to remove the property from the sale.

At 9:36 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested three additional 5 minute extensions seconded by Splichal with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:56 am taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- No quotes for new trucks were received, however, Zenger will contact the local dealers this week for quotes.

- Two cell phones were replaced.
- Zenger asked permission to research other companies to rent heavy equipment such as skid loaders. Currently, the county rents a skid loader from Bob Cat in Salina for \$2,450 per year. That contract will expire in November. Commissioner Bergstrom suggested that Zenger contact C & W Farm Supply in Courtland along with other companies.
- New employee Jeff Biekman started Monday, June 15, 2015.
- Due to the continuous rain, a limited amount of gravel was applied to roads.
- Zenger is working with Dane Barclay from Alsop Sand for additional deliveries of gravel in preparation for drier weather.

At 10:37 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Splichal making it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested three additional 5 minute extensions seconded by Splichal and made unanimous by Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 10:57 am taking no action.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, explained that new scheduling for full time employees has decreased the overtime in his department. Van Meter asked permission to attend an Instructor/Coordinator Training class held by Barton County Community College. The cost is \$1,100 however, he will apply for two grants to cover the cost of the class. Additional expenses include lodging. Commission Splichal suggested applying for the Jorgensen Funding through the North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation. The consensus of the Board is to grant permission for Van Meter to attend this training.

The Safety Pad program scheduled for May did not occur due to the failure of information from the sponsoring company. Van Meter located another software program through the Kansas Board of EMS that will work but the program is for laptop computers and not tablets. As a result, two new tablets will be advertised for sealed bids and the bids will be sent to the County Clerk.

Van Meter is preparing a work schedule for the North Central Free Fair races. It was decided to use part-time employees as much as possible with veteran EMT's assisting.

Blaine Miller, Republic County Hospital Administrator, visited with the Board regarding a new Trauma plan and how it involves the hospital and EMS department.

At 11:40 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Miller, Hadachek and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:50 am taking no action.

Miller asked if the county had job descriptions for persons appointed by the Commissioners as volunteer assistants. The Commissioners stated the Clerk would research this and report back to the Commissioners and Miller.

At 12:10 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Bergstrom seconded with Splichal making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from June 15th. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Holl making it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$443,912.70 were approved.

Commissioner Splichal will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- Jeff Sothers from C & W Farm Supply will supply a quote for a one year lease on Skid loader.
- Zenger is pricing a used gooseneck flatbed trailer from Becker Auto in Beloit. It could be pulled behind a pickup instead of using a semi-tractor when moving equipment around the county.
- Zenger discussed using an industrial type tractor to place asphalt. It might prove to be more efficient than the equipment being used currently.
- Apple One Media is interested in quoting sign sheeting for county road signs.

At 8:48 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the board and Zenger. Bergstrom seconded, made unanimous by Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 8:58 a.m. taking no action.

Clerk Marsicek advised the Board the 2015 Republic County property valuation is \$63,908,286 which is an increase of \$6,178,317 from the 2014 property valuation.

Rob Kasl, Republic County Patriot Project, announced that 50 additional flag poles will be placed around the courthouse starting this week.

Kasl thanked the commissioners for allowing the use of the courthouse square for the Cruising America activities last weekend. Kasl encouraged the commissioners to allow use of the courthouse square Cruising America activities for next year.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director of Pawnee Mental Health, presented the Pawnee Mental Health annual report of services for 2014. A total of 7,558 persons received services from Pawnee Mental Health including 173 persons in Republic County. Cole presented the annual budget request for funding for Republic County. With medical costs on the rise and decreases in covered services, Cole asked the commissioners to consider an increase of \$500 over 2015 funding for a total of \$26,000. Commissioner Holl thanked Cole for the service that Pawnee Mental Health provides to our county and will consider an increase when the budget is prepared.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, requested permission to use the north, west and south sides of the courthouse square for the Ag Fest to be held on July 4. Permission was granted.

Carl Eyman, KWORC Deputy Administrator, presented the annual workers compensation experience rating. Republic County loss percentage is 36% which is below average compared to other Kansas counties. The experience rating is 1.01 for 2015

which is good however, in 2016 the rating will jump to 1.15 creating an estimated increase of 15% in premiums for workmen compensation.

Eyman suggested additional safety training be presented to fray future claims. Eyman suggested some online training that law enforcement can complete for continuing education hours.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, stated the delinquent property tax sale will start at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 23 in the District Courtroom. Commissioner Holl expressed her concern about other properties that could become delinquent in 2015 and advised Coons to start the process for the 2016 delinquent tax sale as soon as the September deadline for taxes has passed.

Kay Shoemaker and Beth Ball suggested that Shoemaker continue to be paid for the work as RCD treasurer through payroll and submit a voucher to RCD yearly for reimbursement. The Board was agreed to this suggestion.

Commissioner Holl made a motion restricting the use of the courthouse mower to property owned by Republic County. A donation to the Republic County Resource Council was declined at this time. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Nancy Holt, Republic County Museum, presented a 2016 budget request for \$16,000, the same amount as 2015. Holt explained some of the proposed projects of the museum property. The annual ice cream social will be held in September instead of July due to the road construction on US Hwy 36.

Danielle White requested permission to travel to Beloit on June 24 to attend the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Committee (NCKRPC) meeting. Permission was granted.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015**

The Republic County Governing Board met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 8:30 am. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from June 22nd. Commissioner Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

The Belleville City Library was granted permission to use the south courthouse lawn on July 23 for the end of the summer Reading program activities.

Commissioners Holl and Splichal reviewed the branches from trees on the north side of the courthouse that would interfere with the new flagpoles. The consensus of the board is to allow the Patriot Group permission to trim the necessary branches at their own expense.

It is the consensus of the board to pay the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation & Development Area 2015-2016 membership fee of \$700 from County General Funds. Commissioner Holl suggested including this fee in the budget starting in 2016.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, thanked the Board for allowing the tree trimming and noted that locations are marked for installation of 50 flagpoles.

County Attorney Marlea James, County Treasurer Cindy Coons and Belleville City Manager Neil Lewis joined the Commissioners at 9:45 am. Commissioner Holl asked Belleville City Manager, Neil Lewis, to explain why the City of Belleville had not purchased the building on M street at the tax sale. Lewis explained that the city attorney had advised the city not to purchase the building until the common wall issue is resolved. The original intent was for the City of Belleville to purchase the Price building and demolish it; however, that building has a common wall with Crossroads Floral and fear of the wall collapsing has discouraged the city from ownership. The City of Belleville would like to remove all buildings on the west side of the 1700 block of M street. Commissioner Splichal explained that the City of Belleville should have notified the county of their change of plans on the property because the tax sale was pushed through with the understanding the City of Belleville was going to purchase it.

Lewis apologized for the lack of communication but the City of Belleville assumed the county understood their position when the law suit regarding the Crossroad Floral reached a stalemate. Lewis stated that it is still the intention of the City to remove the rundown buildings on that block, however, it will take longer than originally planned. There is no short term solution but the City of Belleville doesn't want to jeopardize the relationship with Republic County.

Commissioner Holl requested that the City of Belleville write an agreement between the City of Belleville and Republic County stating the future intention to purchase all the buildings on block 1700 on the west side of main street.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- Zenger presented a five (5) year lease contract from Bobcat in Manhattan for \$5,500 per year to replace the current contract with Bobcat in Salina which expires in November. C & W Farm Supply was contacted for a quote but owner Jeff Sothers stated that a comparable contract is not available at this time.

The consensus of the Board was to allow Zenger to proceed with a contract lease with Bobcat in Manhattan.

- Zenger asked permission to advertise sale of a Diesel Hammer not used since 2013. The money from the sale could purchase other needed equipment. The commissioners suggested a local advertisement along with a larger area classified ad. Zenger stated a company was contacted to research a larger market for this equipment.

- A Sheet piling machine is being researched for possible assistance in building back walls for bridges.
- FEMA inspectors toured Republic County on June 22 and reviewed many pictures and documents of damage sustained in Republic County since May 4. Zenger stated that Republic County should receive some FEMA funding to aid with the repairs needed to five bridges and several roads damaged by recent storms.

At 10:45 am, Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Commissioner Splichal and Zenger. Splichal seconded. An additional 5 minutes was requested by Commissioner Holl and seconded by Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 10:55 am taking no action.

Luke Mahin, Jennifer Russell, Jimmie Blecha, Randy Hansen, and Mike Hadachek, representing the Republic County Economic Development group, presented the 2014 annual report and a budget request for 2016. Mahin explained that the Republic County Economic Development group was started in 1999 with the City of Belleville and Republic County as the financial supporters of a \$42,000 annual budget. The City of Belleville paid \$14,000 and Republic County paid up to \$28,000 per year. The proposed budget for 2016 will be \$55,000. Republic County Economic Development (RCED) has facilitated many positive changes in Republic County. The RCED group is visiting with each city in Republic County before their budgets are set for 2016, seeking support.

In the past, The City of Belleville billed Republic County when the treasurer of the Economic Development was employed by the City of Belleville. Now the treasurer of the Economic Development is not a city employee and county funding can be sent directly to the Economic Development Office. Effective today, June 29, 2015, all payments to Republic County Economic Development will be sent to the Economic Development office twice a year. The first payment for half of the budgeted amount for the year is due on July 1<sup>st</sup> with the balance due December 31.

Mahin asked the commissioners to consider an increase in the annual funding. Commissioner Holl, with the support of Commissioner Splichal, commended Mahin and the RCED group for the services to Republic County and proposed \$40,000 for the 2016 budget.

Mahin presented a list of ROZ applicants including seven approved, five on waiting list, four pending and eight denied persons. Republic County agreed earlier in June to sponsor seven new applicants but since that time, two more have been approved. Since all commissioners were not in attendance, Commissioner Holl asked Mahin to return on July 13 to discuss the possibility of sponsoring the additional applicants.

Mahin stated that the Love's construction will begin in August and should be completed by January 2016.

Danielle White requested permission to travel to Newton on June 30 to attend the Kansas Wellness symposium meeting. Permission was granted.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Holl seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session Monday, July 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the June 29, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Holl seconded, agreed 2-0.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to increase the funding for 2016 Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) account from \$10,500 to \$16,500. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Holl making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented the weekly updates.

- Zenger asked permission to change the landfill hours during the summer to 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.
- Zenger asked permission to allow overtime for the landfill operator instead of leaving work early one day during the week.
- Zenger proposed new contractor charges:
  - Under 5 yards of material      \$15.00
  - 5-10 yards of material      \$20.00
  - 11-25 yards of material      \$30.00
  - 26 and over yards of material      \$40.00
- Zenger proposed tire charges:
  - Small auto      \$2.00
  - Medium truck      \$7.00
  - Skid loader      \$7.00
  - Rear tractor tire      \$40.00
  - Combine tire      \$55.00
  - Large off road tire      \$110.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow the change of hours for the summer, allow overtime hours for working on Saturday and the increase in contractor and tire charges. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

- Damage was reported on a culvert leading into the New Tabor Cemetery.
- Zenger received permission to let bids for cutting and baling the grass around the landfill.
- Commissioner Bergstrom stated Nickel Road east of 30 Rd needs to be graded.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m., taking no action.

The Honorable Mayor of Munden, Jimmie Blecha, explained issues from his community.

- Citizens cite potential liability transporting the trailer to the recycle center and note that delivery costs exceed the income from the recycling. Munden receives approximately \$10.00 per load. Commissioner Holl will discuss the recycling issue with the solid waste director at the next county commission meeting.
- Blecha stated the new Munden Community building is almost complete and equipment from the old community building will be moved this week. The old community building has been sold.
- The Munden water tower will be painted this summer.
- Blecha asked if there would be another tax sale this year to get current with all delinquent properties. Commissioner Holl said the county intends to have an annual tax sale.

Brian Schultz, NCK Pride, requested funding from the Drug and Alcohol fund for material for impaired driving demonstrations at the North Central Kansas Free Fair and demonstrations through the 2015-2016 school year at Pike Valley and Republic County schools.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$1,000 to NCK Pride for the demonstration materials. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl explained that she was contacted by Jim Otott, grounds keeper at NCK Medical Arts Center, regarding installation of a sprinkler system at the medical clinic. Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, was asked to seek bids from lawn contractors for bids on a sprinkler system.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, announced there will be no RCD meeting this month. A quarterly RCD meeting will be necessary August 5, 2015.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, has contacted two contractors for quotes to paint the outside of the Courthouse which was last painted in 2004.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Holl making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commission Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the July 6, 2015 minutes. Bergstrom seconded with Splichal making it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling of \$391,048.04 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Holl moved to approve Resolution 2015-31 for the appointment of Elizabeth Baskerville-Hilton and Darrell Miller as special prosecuting attorneys as needed during absence of the Republic County Attorney in July and August 2015. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, announced that Group Benefit Services representative Alisha Bond informed her there will be an increase of 8.6% in the health insurance premium for Republic County in January 2016. Ball explained that the three year contract for the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) expires January 1, 2016 and questioned whether commissioners should sign a renew contract with SEHP? Commissioner Holl said the Board will discuss this matter and notify Ball of their decision.

At 8:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Board, Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 taking no action.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, presented a 2016 District Court budget request for \$79,600.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates.

- Zenger presented a Waterline agreement for approval between Republic County and John Garman to construct and operate an underground waterline.
- Zenger presented an Electric Cable agreement for approval between Republic County and Heath Eitzmann to construct and operate an underground waterline.
- Zenger presented information regarding mobile crane training and certification. Currently, only one person is trained to operate the crane owned by Republic County. Zenger wants at least one additional person trained and possibly a third. A class will be held July 21-23 in Omaha, NE with a cost of \$650 per person.
- The Commissioners granted permission to travel for Nathan Craig and Alan Carlson to attend a Mobile Crane Certification class in Omaha, NE July 21-23.
- Zenger said only one person has contacted Road and Bridge regarding a contract to bale the grass around the landfill. Consensus of the board is to grant Zenger permission to create a five year grass contract to bale the grass on the 21 acres.

- Commissioner Holl informed Dusty Zenger who is the Solid Waste director that several cities in Republic County are not satisfied with the current recycling program and that Republic County may assume responsibility for recycling. Zenger will research this matter.
- Clerk Marsicek will invite all the mayors in Republic County to attend the Commissioner meeting on July 20.
- Asphalt overlay work was completed on three miles of 180 Road south of Hwy K148.
- The patching crew is working on 280 Road and will put an asphalt overlay on part of the road
- Commissioner Bergstrom stated that 40 Road north of Courtland and Rock Rd east of 30 Road need graded.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, introduced Jacob and Joseph Stockton from Stockton Restoration. Stockton Restoration presented a bid to paint the courthouse. The bid total is \$56,000 which includes a five year guarantee. Stockton Restoration painted the Republic County Courthouse in 2004. Calkins will also be receiving a bid from Restoration and Waterproofing.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, and Candace Fielder, representing the County Attorney's office, requested permission to pay the deed recording fees from county general funds for the properties sold at the County tax sale. Coons explained the sale has not been finalized, therefore there are no funds in the tax sale account to pay the recording fees. When the tax sale is finalized the money will be returned to the general fund. Consensus of the board is to allow Coons to pay the recording fees from county general funds and transfer funds from the tax sale account when the paperwork is finished.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), thanked the board for their generous support for the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) funds budgeted for 2016. Other donors to the ROZ funding include Duclos Foundation and Reinke Manufacturing. Mahin said either Jenny Russell or he has visited each city in Republic County about donating to this fund.

Carol Miller, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representative, presented a request for 2016 in the amount of \$12,000. This is an increase of \$7,000 over the past years. Nineteen children from Republic County have received services from CASA and Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Miller said Republic County has three CASA volunteers and more are needed. Anyone interested can contact Miller for training classes that will begin in September.

Kay Shoemaker, RCED treasurer, presented the Bi-annual report for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), loan close certifications for two new loans and a voucher to Belleville Chiropractic for \$5,400.

At 12:10 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Hope Harberl, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commission Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the July 13, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Holl making it unanimous.

Randy Hofmeier, Republic County Accountant, presented a 2016 Republic County budget proposal. After reviewing department budget requests and the county general budget request, the proposed estimated tax rate for the 2016 Republic County budget will be 105.087 mills. This is a 3.689 mill decrease from the 2015 approved budget.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, presented a bid from Restoration and Waterproofing in Wichita for \$24,500 to paint the courthouse. The bid from Stockton Restoration was \$56,000.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Restoration and Waterproofing to paint the courthouse of \$24,500. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Solid Waste Director, presented Memorandums of Agreement for solid waste fees; one between Republic County and the City of Scandia and the other between Republic County and the city of Belleville.

Zenger presented an agreement between Republic County and Dan Beneda to swath and bale the grass around the landfill for five years ending 2020.

Mayor Jimmie Blecha from Munden, Mayor Nathan Svoboda from Narka, Mayor Randy Thayer from Republic, Mayor Joe Chizek-Cuba, Neil Lewis, Belleville City Manager and Mike Johnson representing Republic joined the commissioners to discuss the recycling program. In August 2014, Commissioners and officials from each city in Republic County agreed that recycle trailers would be moved from each city to the recycling center. Recently, spokesmen from several cities have notified Commissioners about inadequate funds from recycling, and the lack of volunteers and vehicles to move the recycle trailer.

Commissioner Holl is a recycle advocate and is reluctant to end the program due to difficulties incurred by the cities. Zenger agreed to work out a schedule with the county solid works coordinator to move the trailer to the recycle center once a month and then move the trailer to the next city scheduled. A schedule will be sent to each city and an announcement will be sent to the local radio station

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested permission to travel for Linda Wendt, Lori Kuhlmann and Sue Swanson to attend the Kansas Immunization Program Regional meeting in Salina on July 21. Permission was granted.

White stated that both the State Women, Infants and Children and Home Health Inspections were completed. Inspection reports will be received in a few weeks. White stated that the department was prepared for the inspections and does not anticipate any infractions.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Splichal making it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 12:05 p.m. taking no action.

At 12:10 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Holl making it unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Republic County Commissioners is Monday, July 27, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Robert Frazier, First Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the July 20, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$285,731.99 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Holl moved to approve Resolution 2015-32 supporting a 2016 proposed budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Commission sent a letter confirming support for Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) services provided in Republic County.

The second quarter Republic County Treasurer report shows a June 30, 2015 of \$9,615,797.91.

Commissioners discussed the wage contract for Registered Nurses accompanying an ambulance transfer on a holiday. The nurse contract does not specify additional fees for holidays worked. Therefore, nurses will receive regular pay for hours worked on a holiday.

Clerk Marsicek reported no bids were received for two ASUS Android Memo Pads, so no action was taken.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, presented a bid for the installation of a water system at the North Central Medical Arts building. Calkins contacted three local businesses for bids.

- B-Green from Superior, NE bid \$6,850.00
- Other businesses declined to submit a bid

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid of \$6,850 from B-Green. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Permission was granted for Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet to place a registration booth on the courthouse lawn on Friday, July 31 for the annual Poker Walk held in conjunction with the North Central Kansas Free Fair.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, asked permission to rent a scanner to scan the old, bound record books which cannot be disassembled for regular coping. The total cost for the project is \$6,200. Once the books are scanned they will be uploaded to software so documents may be searched and copies made via computer and these aged books may be preserved. According to Frint funds in the record preservation account and deeds tech funds will cover the cost of this project.

The Commissioners gave Frint permission to rent the necessary equipment.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- An application hearing with FEMA will be held on August 4, 2015 to review the requested damage reports.
- The final schedule for moving the recycling trailers is not completed yet.
- Zenger is researching quotes for an additional excavator. Bid proposals have been sent to Berry Tractor, Murphy Tractor, Sellers Equipment and CAT. Bids will be reviewed at a future date. Commissioners suggested possible trade of unused equipment to help defray the expense. Zenger state that those options will be discussed with individual dealers depending on the type of equipment.
- The bridge crew is finishing a bridge on 40 Road and will then work a bridge on 280 Road two miles north of US Hwy 36 just east of Cuba.
- The asphalt road crew is working on the blacktop road south of Narka patching and overlaying with asphalt.
- Zenger announced that long time employee Thomas Snapp will retire August 20.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl called the Solid Waste hearing to order. Zenger said there is \$9,175.00 in solid waste fees unpaid as of June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to close the Solid Waste hearing at 11:30 a.m. with no citizen protesting. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Danielle White and Kathy Zach from Republic County Health department explained that there are many changes coming. With health care reimbursements, they are concerned about declining revenue for the health department. Zach stated home health visits have decreased due to Medicare regulations. Republic County is certified as a Medicare provider, however, filing claims for reimbursement is getting more complex.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m., taking no action.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the July 27, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek explained that due to a request from the Property Valuation Department of State of Kansas, several electric utilities have filed appeals with the Board of Tax Appeals. This appeal requires each county to abate the taxes paid to three utility companies with State assessed values in Republic County. The three utility companies are Midwest Energy, Kansas Electric and Rolling Hills. The total utility abatement is \$10,469.57.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the Disaster Relief Application for Raymond and Kathleen Splichal for tax year 2015 for tornado damages to their residence in May. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Duane Larkins as Treasurer of the Liberty Township board replacing Larry Rundus. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek announced that Restoration and Waterproofing will start painting the courthouse this week.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, stated that the first time clock from Uattend has been received. Since the health department has less than ten employees, it will be installed at the health department to be used as a good test group. Each employee has been assigned a code to enter each day when arriving to work and leaving for the day. Along with the time clock records the regular time cards will still be used during the month of August.

Commissioner Splichal presented a report from the North Central Kansas Planning Commission meeting in Concordia. Home Land Security was discussed and Counties were encouraged Emergency Management/Dispatchers to attend training dealing with emotional calls received through 911 call centers.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Zenger presented four bids for an excavator including some new and used models.
  - Berry Tractor (New) - \$268,020.00 (includes 5 Year Warranty)
  - Berry Tractor (Used less than 3,000 hours) - \$245,687.00
  - Foley Equipment (New) - \$248,422.47 (including 7 Year Warranty)
  - Foley Equipment (Used less than 3,000 hours) - \$163,680.00
  - Sellers Equipment (New) - \$184,990.00 (including 5 Year Warranty)
  - Sellers Equipment (Used) - No bid received

- Murphy Tractor (New) - \$245,000.00 (including 5 Year Warranty)
- Murphy Tractor (Used) - No bid received
- Zenger stated he would like to review the bids before any motion is accepted. Commissioners tabled discussion of any motion until Zenger and the supervisors review the different types of equipment offered.
- Zenger and Emergency Preparedness Director Raymond Raney will meet with FEMA Tuesday, August 04, 2015 regarding damage estimates and funding available from the May-June storms in Republic County.
- The recycling trailer schedule includes trailer pick up of each month in Cuba/Agenda and Narka/Munden on the first Tuesday and pick up in Courtland/Republic on the first Thursday.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development (RCED) treasurer, announced a quarterly meeting on Wednesday, August 5 at the Republic County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member



**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Peggy Frint, Republic County Register of Deeds, Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer and Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Holl called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the August 3, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$142,863.58 were approved for payment.

The Board received a Thank you from American Ag Heritage Festival for the use of the courthouse square during the American Ag Festival held in July.

Permission to travel was granted for Beth Reed to attend KEMA Board Meeting in Junction City on August 13, 2015.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the 2015 KCOA Conference in Wichita on September 14-17.

Clerk Marsicek reported that the December 31, 2014 financial audit has been received from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris, Chartered. The report states that Republic County's financial statement has been found to be in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting provisions permitted in the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl called the 2016 Republic County Budget hearing to order. Persons attending hearing were the Republic County Board of Commissioners, Peggy Frint, Cindy Coons, Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, Deb Hadachek, the Belleville Telescope and Clerk Marsicek. Hearing no protests to the proposed budget, Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the 2016 Republic County Budget as published. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl made a motion to close the budget hearing at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Zenger presented for signature a Memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Republic for collection and payment of solid waste fees of \$511 per month.
- Zenger presented for signature a Memorandum of agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka for collection and payment of solid waste fees of \$316 per month.
- Zenger stated that he has reviewed the bids for the new excavators and would recommend the 2015 Doosan DX255 LCV excavator for \$184,990 from Sellers Equipment. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid presented by Sellers Equipment. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

- Zenger presented bids for 33 nine foot grader blades and 53 seven foot grader blades:
  - D-C Wholesale, \$9,418.80
  - Welborn Sales, Inc, \$10,413.66
- Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the \$9,418.80 bid from D-C Wholesale. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.
- Zenger stated that the Kubota mower needs updated. The Commission requested bids on new mowers with a trade in of the old mower.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes with the Board, Zenger and Lisa Jones, road and bridge secretary to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m., taking no action.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), informed the Commissioners that several of the cities of Republic County have agreed to donate to RCED during 2016. RCED will be applying for additional E-Community funds for 2016.

Danielle White, Administrator of Health Department, stated the time clock has been installed. The health department will be using it now instead of time cards. A couple employees feel it is not necessary but the rest of the health department employees feel the time clock is a good thing.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Commissioner Splichal and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m. taking no action.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the August 10, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, asked permission to hire an additional part-time person to work in the daytime. Calkins stated there are projects that need two people during the day and by hiring this person his department would be able to accomplish these projects. Blaine Miller, Republic County Hospital Administrator, has contacted Republic County about sharing the expense of a part-time person to help with maintenance for the assisted living houses located west of the hospital. The person would work 20 hours for the courthouse and up to five hours per week for the assisted living. The consensus of the Board was to work with the Republic County hospital in partnership regarding payroll reimbursement for this employee. Calkins will contact Miller for a written agreement regarding this position.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas LEPA Sanitarian, presented the January through June statistical reports for the North Central Kansas area.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-33 to transfer \$10,000 from the 2014 County General Funds into the Fair Grounds Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Permission to travel was granted for Laura Joy, Peggy Frint and Clerk Marsicek to attend the 2016 CIC computer Symposium in Wichita on August 19.

Clerk Marsicek received permission to travel to Topeka to attend the seminar "Fundamentals of Supervision" on August 21 sponsored by Kansas Association of Counties.

Beth Reed was granted permission to attend the Annual Kansas Emergency Management Association Conference in Junction City on September 14-18.

Clerk Marsicek presented the Commissioners with an invitation to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerk's fall gathering to be held at the Republic County Historical Museum on September 17. Chairperson Holl agreed to welcome the clerks to Republic County. Clerk Marsicek asked permission to close her office from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. so all staff could attend the lunch and assist cleanup. Permission was granted.

Clerk Marsicek presented two quotes to purchase three new office desks for the county clerk's office.

- National Business Furniture - \$3,809.00 not including assembly
- Central Office Supply - \$3,600.00 including assembly

Permission was granted to purchase three desks from Central Office Supply.

Sheriff Ron Blad stated that he has interviewed candidates for the deputy sheriff position but has made no offer at this time.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Zenger presented for signature a solid waste fees agreement between Republic County and the City of Agenda.
- Zenger presented three quotes for extra heavy duty mowers including trade-in of an existing mower.
  - Sellers Equipment (Shulte Mower) - \$940.00
  - Concordia Tractor Inc. (John Deere Mower)- \$5,097.40
  - C&W Farm Supply (Land Pride Mower)- \$3,000.00 (Model 56-\$2,000 and Model 66 - \$3,000)

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Sellers Equipment for \$940.00. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

- Zenger reported that he is still researching new dump trucks. Zenger suggested the county should purchase new trucks with warranties instead of used trucks without warranties.
- Employees at road and bridge are allowed \$150.00 per year for steel toed boots. Zenger asked if that \$150.00 could be applied to muck boots. The board agreed to allow the purchase of either steel boots or muck boots not to exceed \$150.00 yearly.
- Zenger stated that Republic County needs to purchase 2,000 tons of cold asphalt mix to meet the needs of the contract for 2015. Zenger is looking into trading out the remaining 2,000 tons of cold mix that was planned to be ordered for an overlay that would be performed by Hall Brothers. This would allow the county road crew to continue patching and sealing elsewhere. Zenger will attempt to solidify a price for the overlay work from Hall Brothers utilizing 500 tons of recycled millings already owned by the county. The Hall Brothers work would be a hot mix asphalt product ran through a laydown machine.

At 10:58 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session with the Board and Zenger to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Splichal and made unanimous by Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 11:13 a.m., taking no action.

Blaine Van Meter, Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), suggested a change in method of pay for persons on second out shift for the EMS department. Currently, employees are paid \$1.00 per hour to be on a second out list. That person will receive regular hourly rate if called to a first out position for a transfer or a 911 call while the current first out employees are covering a call. The consensus of the Board is to remove the \$1.00 per hour for second out effective August 23, 2015. Van Meter asked permission to purchase a time clock for the EMS department. With change in second out wages, the time clock should work well in the EMS Department. Van Meter will meet with Deputy Clerk Ball to purchase the time clock.

Van Meter will be starting EMS Instructors training classes this fall and will be certified in January to teach EMT classes. He will be offering classes in Republic County following the completion of certification.

The current EMT's have requested new uniform shirts. Van Meter suggested printed T-shirts but the Commissioner said T-shirts do not look professional. Commissioner Holl suggested polo shirts with embroidery or screen printing.

Van Meter informed the Board that Ambulance Unit #1, which is used for transfers, needs repairs. It is at Womack Sunshine in Concordia for an estimate of repairs.

Van Meter announced there would be a full scale drill on grain bin extraction held on September 19 in cooperation with Farmway Coop and Life Star Road and Rescue Unit from Concordia.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, reported that a trailer was ordered three weeks ago and when the trailer is delivered, flagpoles will be removed from the courthouse lawn on a regular basis. Many citizens appreciate the flags when flying. However, when there are empty flagpoles standing it takes away from the beauty of the Courthouse. Kasl announced the start up meeting for the hero's statue will be held on September 11th. Flyers will be circulated to invite interested persons to attend.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the August 17, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$444,829.91 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Holl and Commissioner Splichal plan to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon today.

Clerk Marsicek stated that Rob Kasl of the Patriot Group reported that their new trailer would be ready September 4.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach to attend KHCA Annual conference in Lawrence on September 22 to 24.

Permission to travel was granted for Linda Wendt to attend a medical billing update meeting in Salina on September 1.

Commissioner Bergstrom suggested that each department head evaluate each permission to travel and determine whether it is a necessary requirement for grants, continuing education or to improve efficiency of that department. Our budget is fine but unnecessary trips can deplete our funds.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for a 10 minute executive session with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:20 a.m., taking no action.

Mark Stenson, county resident, complained that his road needs gravel. When it rains or snows, only four wheel drive vehicles can get to his driveway. It has been a couple years since the road department has put any gravel on the road. It is a mail route and the mail man refuses to deliver if it is muddy. Stenson stated that there was discussion a couple years ago about replacing a box culvert with a drain tube on that road but the work has never been completed. Commissioner Holl will inform the road and bridge administrator, Dustin Zenger, of this matter. Zenger will then contact Stenson.

Blaine Van Meter sent word that ambulance Unit #1 is still not running and is at Womack Ford in Concordia for repairs.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Commissioner Holl informed Zenger of the road problems located near the Mark Stenson residence at 245 Elm Rd, Republic. Zenger will make an appointment to meet Stenson to discuss the necessary repairs to the road.
- Zenger explained that the road crew is patching the blacktop from Hwy K-148 near Norway going north to Fir Road. The quality of the asphalt material is best in above freezing temperatures, so the crews are working as quickly as possible to patch and seal the asphalt roads before the cold weather arrives.
- FEMA reports are not finalized but Republic County will be receiving FEMA funding for road and bridge repairs from the May-June rain damage.

At 10:28 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 10 minutes seconded by Commissioner Splichal and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 11:48. As promised when Zenger was hired, the Commissioners would review his wage after six months. The Commissioners are very pleased with Zenger's leadership as the Road and Bridge Administrator. Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase Dustin Zenger wage to \$48,000 per year. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. The salary will begin August 9, 2015.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl called the Final Solid Waste delinquent Fees hearing to order. The total delinquent solid waste fees for 2015 total \$7,969.00. Tax payers have until September 1, 2015 to pay the solid waste fees. After that date, Clerk Marsicek will include the delinquent fees with the property taxes for 2015. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the solid waste hearing. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to prior commitment, Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development treasurer, presented a voucher and check for a draw down for Landon Wolters for the Belleville Chiropractic Clinic. Shoemaker announced as of August 24, she has not received any applications for approval to hold a September meeting.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn so the commissioners could attend the hospital board meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the August 24, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Commissioner Splichal announced that at the Republic County Hospital Board meeting on August 24, he learned that the terms of Deb Hadachek and Kent Larson will expire on October 31, 2015 and persons to fill these positions need to be appointed. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Deb Hadachek and Kent Larson to fill these positions. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball to attend the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) personnel officer training in Chanute on September 11.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, presented a Republic County Hospital Sales tax update. The unpaid balance as of August 30, 2015 is \$1,821,475.00. The sales tax revenue fund available for payment is \$1,314,045.68. This leaves the balance of uncollected sales tax of \$507,429.32. Coons projects, if the county continues to collect sales tax at the current rate, there will be enough money to pay off the Bond in ten months (June of 2016, four and half years earlier than planned).

Sharon Segerhammer, Pawnee Mental Health, made a request that the Board of Commissioners proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Republic County and to call upon the citizens to recognize the importance of recovery and awareness of the need for appropriate and assessable services for all people. Commissioner Splichal so moved to proclaim September as National Recovery Month and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Bids for the annual inspection of 16 bridges were received.
  - Kirkham, Michael and Associates - \$2,800.00
  - Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A. - \$1,999.20
  - BG Consultants, Inc - \$3,900.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,999.20 from Campbell & Johnson Engineers.

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

- Zenger presented for signature a solid waste fees agreement between Republic County and the City of Munden.
- Zenger explained that Bobcat of Salina, Inc sent a quote for Republic County to lease a Bobcat loader for \$2,450 per year. Originally Bobcat of Salina said that to continue the lease agreement with them, Republic County would have to buy one machine outright. Zenger found that Whitestar-Bobcat of Manhattan was still offering a lease agreement at \$5,500 per year and rather than buy a machine outright from Bobcat of Salina, signed a five year lease agreement for one Bobcat Loader from Whitestar-Bobcat of Manhattan. Now that Bobcat of Salina is willing to continue the lease program, the Commissioners agreed that if there are additional areas a second machine could help the county with projects, that it might be advantageous to lease a second loader from Bobcat of Salina, Inc. Zenger will look into making a second agreement with Bobcat of Salina.
- Zenger presented quotes for bridge replacements to be submitted to FEMA.



At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session for 10 minutes with the Board and Zenger to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. An additional 10 minutes were requested by Splichal and seconded by Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Bergstrom presented Karen Henke with an appreciation plaque of 21 years for her retirement.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, announced the Kansas Department of Labor Safety inspector visited on Thursday, August 27. There were several minor areas that need updated at the health department. White will notify local contractors to repair the areas.

Permission was granted for Danielle White to attend the North Central Kansas Public Health meeting in Beloit on September 2.

White presented quotes for printer/fax machine.

- Central Office Supply – Black ink only - \$3,400
- Central Office Supply – Color - \$4,800
- Image Quest – Color - \$5,500

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept Central Office Supply quote for black ink only for \$3,400. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. The printer will be paid with county equipment reserve funds.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal requested an executive session for 10 minutes with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m., taking no action.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, asked permission to cancel the “800” number to ambulance department. The fees for this number is \$50 per month and it has not been used for a long time. The Commissioners granted permission to cancel this unused phone number.

Van Meter announced that the time clock is installed and test use started August 24. The time clock and phone log-in works very easily.

Van Meter has been fully accepted in the EMT instructor training class at Barton Community College.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Due to Labor Day on Monday, September 7, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Robert Frasier, Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the August 31, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for the amount of \$113,927.80.

Since Republic County's Contract with the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) expires December 31, 2015, the Board of Commissioners requested that Group Benefits research several types of health insurance plans. Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, announced that Group Benefits Services sent a report comparing the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) to Coventry Insurance and Blue Cross Direct Plans. Group Benefits representative Alissa Bond recommended that Republic County sign the three year contract with the SEHP. Each plan has good areas and not so good areas. The SEHP offers a pool with several other government and non-government entities that will save Republic County on premium. The Consensus of the Board is to sign the new three year contract with the SEHP.

Mr. Michael Gritten, Pike Valley Principal, sent a letter requesting a donation to Camfel Productions. Camfel Productions presents information regarding anti-drug and bullying. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to donate \$750.00 from the Drug and Alcohol fund to Pike Valley School for the Camfel Production expenses. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development Treasurer, announced that there would not be a meeting on September 9.

Honorable Mayor of Agenda, Kent Kalivoda, thanked the county solid waste department for assuming the duties of moving the recycling trailer to the recycling center and then delivering it to Cuba. Kalivoda stated that it was getting difficult to find someone to haul the trailer.

Kalivoda stated that Agenda is a small, old town and citizens work hard to keep it cleaned up. A few buildings on the main street have been updated including Hope Floats that draw people from all over.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates.

- Zenger ordered additional cold mix asphalt to finish patching on secondary roads.
- The asphalt road crew is almost finished patching the road south of Scandia and will begin sealing that road in the near future.
- Zenger has only received one quote for the new dump trucks and will continue to seek quotes.
- The bridge project north of Cuba on 280 Road should be done in 2-3 weeks.
- Zenger is planning on contracting with Hall Brothers to overlay asphalt on the Clyde road this fall.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer and Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, asked permission to post new cut off hours for the last working day of each month in the Register of Deeds office. Currently, when Frint brings a deposit to the

Treasurers' office in the morning on the first of the month, that deposit is recorded for the new month, however, the deeds are showing recorded the prior month. In order to keep the account balances correct for each month, it would be better if the Register of Deeds set a cut off time and closed her books for the month and makes the deposit on the last day of the month. The consensus of the Board is to allow the Register of Deeds to cut off at 3:00 pm on the last working day of each month so a deposit could be posted. The office would still be open and could receive money but it would not be posted until the next day.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Blaine Van Meter, Director of EMS, announced that ambulance unit 1 will not be used for out-of-city transfers due to the age of the vehicle. However it can be used locally.

Van Meter announced the use of the time clocks in his department is great. The time clocks have reduced the payroll paperwork by several hours.

Van Meter asked permission to send eight employees to a Pediatric Symposium in Concordia on October 24. Commissioners granted permission.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, presented pictures of damages to the lawn on the north side of the courthouse caused by Restoration and Waterproofing Company while painting the courthouse. Calkins also noted that sprinkler heads and parts of the watering systems were damaged by the Patriot Group while installing cement markers around the courthouse. Both groups were contacted about the damages.

Commissioner Holl asked if Calkins plans to strip and wax the other floors of the courthouse. Calkins stated he will start on this project as soon as the supplies are ordered and received.

Arlene Clayton, Belleville resident, announced that there will be a powerful presentation pertaining to men's violence against women at the Cook Theatre located on the campus of Cloud County Community College on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger reported that a rock projected from a county truck damaged the windshield on the vehicle of a local citizen. The driver of the dump truck had not placed a tarp over the load of gravel.
- Zenger is preparing a report of estimated repairs for FEMA pertaining to storm damages from May and June this year.
- Zenger asked permission to advertise for sealed bids on equipment that is not needed. There are several trucks needing up dated and the funds from selling the equipment will help offset the cost. Ritchie Brothers auction was contacted to sell the trucks.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session with the Board and Zenger to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes and Splichal seconded.

The Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m., taking no action.

After a brief discussion regarding time clocks, the Board authorized Clerk Marsicek to order and install time clocks at the courthouse by October 1 and at county shop by November 1.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded and Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for the amount of \$485,155.03.

Sheriff Ron Blad stated his concern regarding using time clocks in the sheriff's department. In an emergency situation, Blad wants his officers to concentrate on their job, not worrying about clocking in on their phones. Clerk Marsicek assured Sheriff Blad that the officers' job is more important than clocking in and explained there are ways to edit an employees' time with proper paperwork. When the officer is leaving their shift, the officer needs to fill out a missed punch form and the supervisor will be able to edit the officers' time.

Shannon Chambers from the Main Street Tabernacle Church Recovery Program requested a donation from Republic County to purchase 15 Big Book Program books for the recovery program. The cost of the books are \$9.50 plus handling. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to donate \$150.00 from the county's Drug and Alcohol Fund toward the purchase of 15 recovery books. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signing an agreement between Republic County and the Republic County hospital. The agreement states that the hospital will reimburse the county for wages and benefits for Jay Lewis for up to five hours of labor a week as a maintenance worker at Prairie Ridge Estate.

Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager, presented updates on projects in the City of Belleville.

- The old swimming pool is being removed and the new swimming pool is being dug. There will be a silent auction on October 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Belleville City Park for items from the old swimming pool and shower house.
- On September 9 the ground breaking ceremony was held to begin construction for the Loves Convenience Station.
- Negotiations regarding the removal of buildings located on the west side main street, including the old coast to coast building and old hotel, are still pending.
- Effective October 1, the sales tax will increase to 9% to fund the City of Belleville bond.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- The asphalt crew will finish sealing the asphalt road from Fir Road to Hwy 148 this week.
- There are plans to let the patched roads cure for a year and seal as many of those surfaces as possible in 2016.

- Zenger stated that the contractor for the Love's project has been working with the county to utilize the excess dirt from the leveling of the construction area.
- Zenger has ordered extra asphalt cold mix to complete projects before the cold weather.
- A Republic County pick-up truck was damaged by the recent hail storm and quotes were submitted for repairs. Zenger filed the claim to KCAMP via the internet.
- The bridge crew is renting a caterpillar compactor plate to drive sheet pilings for bridge footing. This machine is more efficient than digging deep holes in the creek bed that the dirt could wash away with large rains. Zenger requested permission to purchase a caterpillar compactor to aid with bridge building. Foley Rental sent a bid for \$9,357 for a 2012 used machine. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2012 Caterpillar Compactor from Foley for \$9,357.00. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.
- Zenger has mailed bid requests for a new dump truck. The county is requesting pricing to include a snow plow attachment in the truck bid. The bids will be opened on October 5th during the commissioners' meeting.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, announced that since Deb Eitzmann will be retiring January 2017, he will be advertising for an employee in the appraisers' office. Porter plans to hire her replacement this December so the new person may become familiar with the various department requirements scheduled throughout the year. The person hired will be responsible for field inspection along with data collecting and personal property evaluations.

Beth Ball, Deputy County Clerk noted that open enrollment for health insurance will be October 1 through October 31. Employees will have the choice of two State Employee Health Plans. Plan A deductibles are \$400 for an individual or \$800 for a family. Deductibles for Plan C are \$2,600 for an individual and \$5,500 for a family. Because Plan C is a high deductible plan, the state requires a Health Saving Account with contributions from both the county and the employee. Employee contributions are made from pre-tax income.

Ball has ordered a third time clock which will be installed by the end of October. The time clock for the courthouse will be located in the stairway outside of the dispatch office near the north entrance to the courthouse.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend the Fall KAC/KCCEOA meeting in Wichita on November 4 and to attend a training for Effective Communication held in Hays on October 7.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, asked permission for Kathy Zach to teach a Home Health Certification course in Republic County. Zach would be paid her regular wages while instructing the course. The certification requires 20 hours of instruction, including home health, nutrition and compassion for death and the dying. The course would be available for a small registration fee to be determined later. Permission was granted for Zach to instruct the class.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced the trailer for the flag poles and flags is at the dealership and he plans to pick up the trailer on Friday, October 2. The Patriot Group has been donated the trailer to Republic County. Republic County will be responsible for the insurance and the Patriot Group will be responsible for the registration fee. A formal agreement between Republic County and the Patriot Project group will be presented at the October 5 commissioners meeting. Kasl has contacted Kelvin Blecha regarding to storage of the trailer on the fairgrounds.

There are 114 flag units completed, 22 units in process and 14 units to be added.



Kasl invited the commissioners to attend a meeting on October 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Astra Bank. At this meeting, an endowment fund for the Patriot Project will be established for the upkeep of flags, flag poles and storage trailer.

Kasl asked permission to use the courthouse steps and lawn for the annual Veteran Day celebration on November 11. Permission was granted.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend the following trainings:

- Hearing Screening Course Level 1 in Lawrence on October 19-20.
- Oasis Training in Abilene on October 21
- Vision Screening and Assessment in Salina on October 16

Permission to travel was granted for Susan Swanson to attend the 2015 Kansas Immunization Conference in Wichita on October 6-8.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- The Land Pride mower was delivered last week from C & W Farm Supply.
- A representative from FEMA will be here this week.
- The sealing of the road from Fir to HWY K 148 is complete.
- County employees are assisting the City of Belleville to seal several streets.
- Commissioner Bergstrom notified Zenger that there are several potholes on 30 Rd south of Courtland and on 50 Rd south of Kackley.
- The bridge on 280 Rd just north of Cuba will be completed this week.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes seconded by Bergstrom.

The Board reconvened at 10:35 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m., taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development treasurer, requested signatures on a mortgage release for Jared O. Melton. Melton dba Mr. GoodCents has completely fulfilled his loan obligation to Republic County.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, explained that employees issuing motor vehicle tags are required to attend Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) MOVRS training. Coons also noted that on occasion the office is understaffed. Clerk Marsicek will allow Beth Ball assist in the Treasurer Office during those times. Permission was granted for Laura Joy and Beth Ball to attend the KDOR MOVRS training in Topeka on October 20 through 22.

Agenda items were completed at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn so board members could attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Due to the increase of 5% in health insurance premium for Plan A for 2016, the Board asked Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, to present options to reduce the amount of health insurance premiums. Options considered:

- County pay entire premium of Plan C and employee pay the difference if Plan A is chosen.
- Employee pay 10%, 15% or 20% of the health insurance.
- Employee pay \$50.00 per month.
- Remove dental coverage or employee pay for dental insurance premium.

Clerk Marsicek and Ball encouraged the commissioners to refrain from any changes other than offering the two plans outlined in Commissioners meeting September 28, 2015. Marsicek and Ball noted that many people want to work for Republic County because of the excellent health benefits totally paid by the county.

The consensus of the board is to fully fund the insurance premiums for 2016. Beginning January 2017, employees will assume partial payment of their health insurance premium.

Employees have asked about additional retirement programs. Ball informed the board that KPERS provide a 457 Investment program in which Republic County can enroll. Republic County is allowed to offer this investment program starting this year. The commissioners gave Ball permission to present the program during open enrollment for 2016 on October 14.

Commissioner Holl read a letter from Kansas Historical Society announcing the nomination of Woodland Place Stock Farm to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Marlea James, County Attorney, requested commission signatures for an agreement between Republic County and the Patriot Group regarding the ownership of a storage trailer, flags and flag poles.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development (RCED) treasurer, invited the commissioners to join the RCED meeting Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. One application for a loan has been received for review.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the North Central District Register of Deeds & Treasurer meeting in Smith Center on October 6.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, updated the board on projects in Courtland and requested assistance from the county road crew to patch and seal a few streets. Commissioner Holl stated that Zenger would be informed of the assistance needed in Courtland. Garman noted that the concrete floors were poured for the new

restrooms in the park. Commissioner Splichal reminded Garman to apply for grant money through the Duclos Foundation. Applications are due by October 30.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, invited the commissioners to attend the endowment fund meeting on October 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Astra Bank meeting room. Kasl presented information about a proposed eagle sculpture to be placed on the courthouse lawn. Freedoms Keeper, a sculpture by Peacock Studio, is estimated \$48,000 not including a base.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger requested commission signatures on the agreement between Kansas Department of Transportation and Republic County authorizing the Federal Fund Exchange in the amount of \$91,243.26.
- Truck bids were received from Summit Trucking and Freightliner. Commissioners tabled their decision to accept any bid until Zenger has reviewed each bid.
- Ritchie Brothers auctioneers inspected the equipment for sale via auction and stated the equipment can be sold at the Odessa auction house.
- Zenger asked if CPR and First Aid Classes may be held for the road and bridge employees. EMS Director Blaine Van Meter will be contacted to set up a training schedule.
- Commissioner Holl noted that the Mayor Tim Garman, requested county help patching and sealing some streets in Courtland.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, explained the annual voucher to maintain the 911 web portal. All expenses are paid through the 911 funds received from the State of Kansas 911. The Next Generation System currently in use is obsolete and needs replacing during 2016. The cost of the new regional system is included in the state wide improvement to 911.

Permission was granted for Raymond Raney and Colleen Alkire to attend the APCO Annual conference in Dodge City held October 11 through 14.

Clerk Marsicek requested commissioner signatures on an agreement between Republic County and Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce and Faris Chartered for accounting services for three years.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, asked permission to purchase a printer for her office using treasurer technology funds. Permission was granted. Commissioner Holl noted that county equipment reserve funds may be used if needed.

At 12:00p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$314,250.69.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2015-34 authorizing a Deferred Compensation plan for the employees of Republic County through KPERS 457. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-34. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue stating that Republic County has successfully achieved substantial compliance regarding the appraisal cycle of taxpayer fairness when appraising properties.

Luke Mahin from Republic County Economic Development and Barry Porter, County appraiser, announced the contract to offer the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) for Republic County will expire December 31, 2015. Porter explained that 72 applications were received in the last five years. Mahin asked permission to submit the renewal contract for an additional five years. The Board granted Mahin permission to proceed with renewal of NRP.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) Treasurer and Mike Hadachek RCD member, presented a loan application from Central Plains Respiratory & Medical, LLC for \$33,400. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the RCD loan to Central Plains Respiratory & Medical, LLC. Commissioner Holl seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Shoemaker noted that Belleville Chiropractic received their final draft of \$4,300. Shoemaker also presented a release of Life Insurance for collateral on the loan to Jerad Melton.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented permission to travel requests for seven EMS employees to attend "EMS for Children" training held October 24 in Concordia, Kansas. Permission was granted.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger presented truck quotes for final approval.
  - Truck Center Company – Western Star w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$153,939.00
  - Truck Center Company - Freightliner w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$147,744.00.
  - Summit Truck Company – Volvo Allison w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$152,609.00
  - Summit Truck Company – International w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$146,692.00
  - Summit Truck Company – Mac w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$163,101.00
  - Summit Truck Company – Volvo IShift w/ Crysteel body and snow plow \$144,531.00
  - Summit Truck Company – Mac w/MDrive & Crysteel body and snow plow \$152,150.00
- All bids include a five year 200,000 mile warrantee.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Summit Truck Company for the International w/Crysteel body and snow plow for \$146,692.00. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

- Commissioner Splichal requested that Zenger inspect 170 Rd for needed repairs.
- Discussion regarding the repair or removal of the driveway along the side and back of the Medical Arts Building concluded with Commissioner Holl stating she will discuss the options with the doctors at that facility.
- Commissioner Holl requested that Zenger research the fuel prices charged at the fuel center. The price per gallon on the vouchers this week were considerably higher than local businesses that must charge tax. Zenger will review the prices. Zenger stated the next load of diesel fuel will contain winter grade additive but the non-leaded fuel should not be effected.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session for 10 minutes with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

The Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m. taking no action.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk presented concerns pertaining to health insurance open enrollment for 2016 and shared comments from a department head meeting last week. Employees asked if it would benefit the county if Plan C were chosen for 2016. Ball stated that it would, but also noted that employee would pay a higher deductible. The question is, why should an employee choose Plan C?

It was suggested that since the County is paying the full premium for Plan A, why not either supplement funding in an H.S.A. to offset the higher deductible or pay the \$50 portion of the H.S.A. for an employee selecting Plan C.

Ball presented a chart showing a scenario with the county paying the employee portion of \$50 and an additional \$50 per month for 2016 resulting in a lower premium than Plan A. The county portion of each H.S.A. to be paid along with the employee share from the employee benefits budget nets a cost saving to the county. Since mandatory rates for each employee is the same, the premium to upgrade to Plan A increases with each grouping, Ball suggested that a different amount be offered to each group for 2016 only.

- Single plan - \$100
- Employee/spouse - \$100
- Employee/child - \$100
- Family - \$200

Commissioner Holl made a motion to contribute the employee share of \$50 with an additional \$50 per month for each single, employee/spouse and employee/child plan and an additional \$150 per month each family plan within the Plan C for 2016 only. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Dusty Zenger called to report the reason the fuel prices were high is that the bulk fuel was purchased at a higher price. Then the gas prices dropped at local pumps. The county purchases fuel at a set price and must charge that to recover the cost. There are times when fuel is purchased at a lower price and gas prices rise. The fuel charge is set at purchase price.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Candace Fielder, County Attorney secretary, was asked to join the meeting in the absence of the County Attorney, Marlea James. Commissioner Holl asked Fielder to convey a message to James to proceed with the road closure on 290 Road between Granite and Hickory.

Commissioners requested that Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, initiate the 2015 delinquent property tax sale. Coon said that 57 properties are delinquent for a total of \$66,901.15.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, apologized for missing the October 12 meeting. Kasl stated that the trailer for storage of the flags and flag poles was delivered to Republic County. He invited the commissioners to attend the Patriot Group meeting on October 20 at the Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.

J.E. Chizek Honorable Mayor of Cuba stated that 85% of the new water lines are installed and noted that 10 loads of concrete and rock mixture are available for the county. Chizek also noted that the City of Cuba is planning other repairs but funds are low. Commissioner Splichal encouraged Chizek to apply for the Duclos grants for the Cuba projects. Grant applications are due October 30.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger presented a Request for Bids for construction of the Republic County Off System 16-F.5 Bridge Replacement to be sent to the Belleville Telescope for publication.
- Commissioner Holl stated that she discussed removal of the driveway on the east side of the Medical Arts Building with the doctors who practice in the building and received no objections. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to remove the concrete driveway on the east side of the Medical Arts building. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.
- Zenger shared information transportation of citizens system to transport citizens outside of Republic County for medical appointments and shopping. The North Central Kansas (NCK) transportation system is considering a fulltime employee to schedule a route which includes Republic County. The Republic County share would be \$1,166 per year. Zenger will research the feasibility of this service for Republic County.
- To upgrade the graders, Zenger proposed trading an older grader for a newer model with less hours, as opposed to buying a new grader. Estimated savings is \$50,000. The commissioners requested quotes for both new and used graders before making any decisions.
- As approved by the commissioners, a new truck has been ordered. Delivery is estimated to be three to four months.



Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, requested permission to purchase a computer and a network attached storage device to store Republic County documents. The deeds office is scanning all record books for improved research and preservation of these historical documents. Commissioners granted permission to purchase a system after bids are obtained.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. Edwin Splichal joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$205,216.45.

Commissioners toured the law library to survey water damage to the wall and floor. Several book shelf bases were damaged. The courthouse custodian inspected the roof and discovered leaves blocking the drain and causing water to back up and dislodge the roof cap. The roof was cleaned of leaves and the roof cap replaced. The commissioners advised Judge Nelson and Court Clerk Kling that when the walls and floor are dry, the custodian will restore the damaged walls and shampoo the carpet. If the floor is not clean after shampooing, the carpet may be replaced.

At 9:35 a.m., County Appraiser Barry Porter requested an executive session with the board to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. Commissioner Splichal joined the session at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 10 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m., taking no action.

In preparation for a delinquent tax sale, Cindy Coons, County Treasurer presented a list of 69 parcels totaling \$223,477.42 in unpaid taxes.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger presented an agreement between Republic County and Brad Hobelmann to construct and operate an underground irrigation pipeline and requested commissioner signatures.
- Zenger asked Commissioner Holl for a completion date on removal of the driveway on the east side of the Medical Arts building. Zenger will have a barricade placed to prevent use of the driveway.
- Belleville City employees and county employees are removing the debris from the west edge of the Loves property. Completion is expected this week.
- The bridge proposal from Kirkham Micheal for bridge 16-F.5 was received.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented two quotes for a computer and a network attached storage device to store Republic County documents:

- Next Tech, \$2548 including a 3 year warranty, 8 Terra bites storage capacity.
- Professional Computer Systems, \$2338 including a 1 year warranty, 2 Terra bites storage capacity.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the Next Tech bid for \$2,548. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the Fall Telenet Class for continuing educations hours in Salina on November 2.

Commissioner Holl instructed Clerk Marsicek to inform County Attorney Marlea James that two road closures must be ready for publication and an update on the bridge claim must be completed by Monday, November 2.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl requested an executive session with the Board and Clerk Marsicek for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:05 a.m., taking no action.

Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) representative, Luke Mahin presented a list of current recipients of ROZ funding.

- Three applicants, the first three applicants in the program, will receive funds from Economic Development, supplied by Duclos funds and private donations.
- Two applicants received funding through USD #426, Pike Valley.
- The remaining six applicants' funds will be paid from County General funds.

Health Department Administrator Danielle White announced that Rachel Schultz was hired as home health aide, beginning November 2 with a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Her wage will be reviewed when home health aide certification is achieved.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom requested an executive session with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl asked the proper procedure for a person to file a complaint regarding an elected official. Clerk Marsicek suggested the person contact the State General Attorney office and file the complaint with the Ethics Board.

Clerk Marsicek announced that health insurance open enrollment is completed for 2016 and that 46% of Republic County employees chose Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan C.

Marsicek noted that 2016 Pay Period dates must be certified to KPERS by December 1, 2015. She also requested a review of employee pay periods and noted that, with time clocks fully implemented, preparation of paychecks is no longer labor intensive. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to make pay periods bimonthly with paychecks issued on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month beginning January 1, 2016.

Deb Hadachek, Republic County Hospital representative, announced the hospital is proposing a special ballot question which would be added to the Primary ballot in August. Hadachek does not have specific details at this time.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden reported:

- The recycling trailer fills quickly and requests dumping the trailer every three weeks
- Questions if Republic County is receiving the money from the recycling center?
- Expressed his support of yearly delinquent tax sales, noting that several properties in Munden appear to be abandoned.
- There are plans for two new houses to be built in Munden, one this fall and one next spring.
- The water tower was painted.
- Numerous reservations for use of the new city hall forced postponing completion of work on two walls until next spring.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger presented an Award Contract from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for Project Number: 79C-4618-01, awarding the contract to Bridges Inc. to construct the bridge over the Republican River located near Republic, Kansas. There were five bids submitted to KDOT.
  - Bridges Inc \$1,614,382.25
  - King Const Co Inc and Subs \$1,730,950.55
  - A M Cohron & Son Inc \$1,745,289.95
  - L & M Cont Inc \$1,967,158.53
  - Reece Const Co Inc \$1,988,924.42

- Zenger attended a Central Transportation District (CTD) meeting in Salina to gather more information about the medical mobility bussing program. CTD will be hiring a fulltime mobility manager to schedule pickup and delivery of persons needing transport to Salina for medical treatment. The drawback is the need transport the people to and from Concordia to use the bus. The estimated cost to belong to the CTD mobility program is \$1,100 for the first year.
  - Commissioner Holl questioned enough use of this service to offset cost and noted that Republic County transportation personnel would need to be on call daily for trips to Concordia. Currently, there are two part-time drivers budgeted for local transportation only. Consensus of the Board is to opt out of the CTD mobile program at this time.
  - Commissioner Holl further questioned if opting out of the CTD mobile program would jeopardize purchase of a new bus scheduled for delivery next spring. Zenger assured the commissioner that the bus for local use is still on schedule.
- Commissioner Holl requested that Zenger evaluate the options of picking up the recycle trailer from Narka every three weeks or adding an additional trailer for the overflow of cardboard and plastic.
- Commissioner Splichal revisited the need to close the driveway at the Medical Arts building and requested that some of the larger pieces of concrete be removed even though barricades are in place.
- Commissioner Splichal asked Zenger to research the recycling of old paint. Several citizens have asked if the county can recycle or dispose of old paint.

Several department heads have suggested that the Courthouse close all day on Christmas Eve to accommodate employees travelling for Christmas. Consensus of the Board is to remain open until 11:30 a.m., however, only one person need be in each office. All other employees may use a half day of vacation.

Judge Starla Nelson asked for follow up information regarding the damage to the law library from the water leak. Commissioner Holl informed Judge Nelson that painting will be scheduled and then new carpet will be ordered when painting is done.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek for Republic County Development (RCD) presented loan papers to be signed by loan applicant Deanne Morris. Morris received two loans; one from E-Community funds for \$45,000 and one from Republic County\$33,400 for a total of \$78,400.

Shoemaker announced there would be an RCD meeting on November 4 to review a loan application.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable voucher for \$69,647.73 were approved.

County Attorney Marlea James presented information regarding the road closure process. James stated that K.S.A. 68-102 instructs the County Clerk to prepare documentation to close a road. Clerk Marsicek will prepare all road closures unless there is a protest of the closure which would then require the County Attorney will assistance.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, announced that Geisler Roofing has been contacted to inspect the roof of the courthouse for damage. When the roof is repaired, new ceiling tile will be installed in the district courtroom and damaged ceiling tiles in other rooms on the second floor will be replaced. Bachelor-Faulkner-Dart-Surber Furniture store will be contacted for a quote to replace carpeting in the law library. Calkins will facilitate repairs to the damaged walls.

At 8:50 a. m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 5 minutes with the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 8:55 a.m. taking no action.

Courtland Mayor Tim Garman reported that there has been no response to his request for county assistance sealing the main street and adding gravel to the street going west out of Courtland. Commissioner Holl will notify Dusty Zenger to contact Mayor Garman as soon as possible.

Clerk Marsicek read an invitation for the Republic County Commissioners to attend the annual meeting of the Kansas Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. Marsicek will notify the Extension office that the commissioners will be unable to attend.

Permission was granted for Janice Dusek to attend the continuing education class for Trauma Care after Resuscitation in Salina on November 19-20.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, requested permission to purchase new software for recording documents in the Register of Deeds office. Frint was informed by the vendor that the software currently in use will no longer be updated and needs to be replaced. Frint has reviewed several programs and in consideration of total cost and flexible payment options, recommended the purchase of AVID software from Fidlar. Commission Holl requested that Frint research other software before making a final decision.

Melinda Pierson requested permission to block three sides of the courthouse square for the annual horse and buggy rides during Christmas on the Square November 27. Permission was granted.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Commissioner Holl asked Zenger to contact Courtland Mayor Tim Garman regarding the street and road repairs needed in Courtland.
- Commissioner Bergstrom requested gravel for the road heading west out of Courtland and a sign for temporary bridge closure where bridge planks are missing on the irrigation bridge 3 ¼ miles north of US 36 on 20<sup>th</sup> Rd.
- Zenger has closed the bridge on 240 Rd south of Jade Rd. A new box culvert will be installed within the next month.
- Zenger announced a starting date of May 2, 2016 to replace the Republic River Bridge at Republic.
- Zenger presented a list of equipment and machinery to be advertised for sealed bids.

At 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl asked for an additional 5 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Splichal.

The Board reconvened at 10:53 a.m. taking no action.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, presented the renewal application procedure for the Republic County Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) which expires December 31, 2015. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-35 to renew the Republic County NRP for 5 years. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 11:25 a.m., Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested an executive session for 10 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl so moved. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:35 a.m. taking no action.

Judge Starla Nelson asked the commissioners to tour the district courtroom and the probation officer room to survey additional water damage. Commissioner Splichal was unaware of the extent of damage to the exterior walls which were concealed by the dropped ceiling. Commissioner Holl informed Judge Nelson that Kevin Calkins will be contacting roofing companies for bids to inspect and repair any damage to the roof, and new ceiling tile will then be installed in the courtroom. Salvaged tiles from the courtroom will be used to replace damaged tiles in other offices on the second floor.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Robert Frazier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

At 8:40 a.m., Sheriff Ron Blad requested an executive session. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Sheriff Blad and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. An additional 5 minutes was requested.

The Board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. taking no action.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, informed the commissioners that he has contacted three companies to inspect the courthouse roof for any necessary repairs. Temporary repairs could be done prior to winter weather but major repairs must wait until the temperature is steadily above 40 degrees.

The Commissioners approved a letter to be included with paystubs regarding a meat bundle for employees as the holiday gift from the Commissioners.

Raymond Raney reported that he has placed an ad on the radio and in the Belleville Telescope to hire a full time dispatcher.

Clerk Marsicek informed the Board that certified letters were sent to all persons owning properties adjoining proposed road closures. The letters included notice of a hearing on November 30 to protest the closures.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Barb Buller, representing Bridges Inc, Josh Beckman and Brett Wilkinson representing Kirkham Michael, INC, consulting engineer firm, were present for the bridge letting for bridge number 16 F.5.
  - L&M Contractors, Inc - \$138,950.00
  - Reece Construction - \$124,288.00
  - Bridges Inc - \$167,400.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid of \$124,288.00 from Reece Construction. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Bridge 16 F.5 is part of a Local Road Improvement Plan through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) which will contribute a maximum of \$160,000 for the construction of this bridge. Consulting firm Kirkham Michael, INC will review the bids for KDOT before contracts are signed.

- Zenger contacted Mayor Tim Garman regarding the street repairs in the City of Courtland. Work has not been completed at this time.
- The bridge crew will start working on a box culvert on 240 Road this week.
- Zenger has been working with CAT out of Concordia, KS to find a used grader. Several were sold recently; Zenger will continue to work with CAT on this matter.



Commissioner Holl thanked Zenger for getting the barricades in place and the trash dumpster moved behind the Medical Arts building.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested assistance from road and bridge with snow removal in front of the health department building and the parking lot. Dusty Zenger was asked to rejoin the meeting to discuss this request. Zenger agreed to assist with the snow removal when necessary.

White requested commissioner signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement between Cloud County Health Department and Republic County Health Department relating to the implementation of a Family Planning Program. The agreement was approved and signed by the commissioners.

White explained that she contacted the surrounding counties regarding wages for a Registered Nurse (RN). The average starting wage for an RN is \$17.00 per hour. White has received requests for application for the RN position but interviews are not scheduled.

At 11:05 a.m., Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested an executive session for 15 minutes with the Board and Clerk Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal made a motion. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:20 a.m. taking no action.

White asked permission to seek bids on flooring, wall covering and paint to update the health department building. White stated that her employees would provide the labor on some of the projects and would hire carpet installers for the carpet. The board requested that White seek bids from at least three businesses for the supplies.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Authorized lay pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Commissioners Holl and Splichal will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$222,516.33 were approved.

EMS Director Blaine Van Meter presented employee evaluations and proposed 2016 wages for the EMS department.

Van Meter announced that he will complete his EMT instructor training in December and will be teaching an EMT class in Republic County starting in January 2016.

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss no-elected personnel with the Board, Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 9:45 a.m. taking no action.

Rob Kasl representing the Patriot Group thanked the County for allowing the Veteran's Day ceremony to be held on the courthouse steps and stated that the flagpoles were taken down until late December when they will be placed for use during the holidays. Kasl invited the board to attend the Patriot Group meeting to be held in the Astra Bank meeting room on November 24 at 7 p.m.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly updates:

- Zenger requested information regarding the proposed road closure for Valley Road. Former Road administrator Scott Finkbiner had begun the closure process because Bridge V-15.8 is a fracture critical bridge. Zenger suggested closing the bridge until a replacement bridge can be built and leave the rest of the road open. Commissioner Holl informed Zenger the hearing for the road closure is scheduled for held Monday, November 30. A decision will be made at that time.
- As required by FEMA, Zenger will seek consulting services on two bridges washed out in the heavy rains during May and June of 2015. Bid requests will be placed in the Salina Journal and The Belleville Telescope.
- Zenger noted that the time clock is working fine. Most employees still contact the office when clocking in and out each day.

- Crews are busy blading, mowing and preparing county roads for winter weather.

Commissioner Holl acknowledged the completion of the concrete pad poured behind the Medical Arts building.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, and Jessica Rathje representing Fidar, Inc presented a quote for AVID software which is designed specifically for use in offices of Register of Deeds. Frint has investigated several software programs and recommends AVID as the choice for her office. A three year lease includes hardware, software, storage and maintenance fees. Commissioner Holl requested a breakdown of hardware needed and suggested possible local purchase. Rathje agreed that some of the hardware can be purchased locally but noted that Fidar is the only outlet for the Epson printer which supports the AVID software. Rathje will submit a list of hardware and a revised quote before the commissioners make a decision regarding purchase of a program for the Register of Deeds.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, reported that the roof is temporarily repaired and that the roof will need to be replaced next spring. Calkins has contacted four roofing companies for quotes.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Candace Fielder presented a Quit Smoking program she would like to share with Republic County employees. The program would assist employees to quit smoking for better health. The wellness program offered by Republic County through the State Health Plan gives points for employees to quit smoking. Fielder is a qualified Hypnotist/Counselor and would offer the program in the evening hours.

Commissioner Holl requested an employee survey to determine interest before offering the program.

Following a power failure during the Commission meeting, Commissioners wish to remind ALL courthouse personnel that NO space heaters are to be used. If a room is too cool, please contact the custodian to increase the heat in that room.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- Advertising for selling select machinery from the road and bridge department was published.
- Zenger requested approval and signatures on Resolution 2015-40, a one year lease contract between Republic County and BSB Capital for the lease of a 2015 BOBCAT Compact Track Loader. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-40, lease contract. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

At 10:17 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Zenger. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 10:32 a.m., taking no action.

- Zenger reported that his department is under staffed by three employees but he will not place ads for replacements at this time.
- Due to the icy road conditions last Friday, salt was spread at intersections and on hills.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl called to order the hearing for road closures to order. Citizens attending the hearing were Jesse Jeardoe, Melvin Jeardoe, E.C. Thompson, Tony Strnad, David Strnad and Jerry Strnad.

1. Rock Road closure between 140 Road and 150 Road.
  - Commissioners tabled the decision regarding the closure of Rock Road until December 7.
2. Valley Road closure between US Hwy 81 and 160 Road.

- Jesse Jeardoe and Melvin Jeardoe understand that the bridge area of the road must remain closed until the bridge can be replaced but don't want the remainder of the road closed. Jeardoe's only entrance to their field is on that section of road.
  - Commissioner Splichal made a motion not to close the road east of the Bridge V-15.8. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.
  - Jesse inquired about the repair of Bridge 16-V.9. This bridge is on the only access to Jeardoe's residence and has needed repairs for some time. Zenger stated plans are to start working on Bridge 16-V.9 in the next couple of weeks. A shoofly must be built around the bridge and power lines moved before construction can begin.
3. Road closure of 290 Road between Hickory and Granite.
- Tony Strnad owns the land on the east side of 290 Road and Cheryl Strnad Runft (Tony's mother) owns the land on the west side of the 290 Road. Tony requested that the road be closed so he can increase farm acreage by farming over the road.
  - Jerry Strnad and David Strnad stated that they use 290 Road to access fields located on King Road because the bridge is out on King Road between 280 Road and 290 Road. Large farm equipment and semi-tractor/trailers require wide intersections. Currently Jerry & David use the intersection at 290 Road and Granite which is wider than the intersection at 290 Road and Hickory. In addition to the narrow intersection, use of Hickory Road requires taking equipment over a bridge and along several overhanging trees.
  - Zenger asked if the alternate route would work if the intersection is widened, additional culverts installed and the overhanging trees trimmed back. Jerry and David agreed it could become passable.
  - There are Rolling Hills Power line poles along the east side of 290 Road, however Tony assured that Rolling Hills would be granted access to the poles if necessary.
  - Commissioners tabled the decision regarding the closure of 290 Road until December 7 to give Zenger time to review the necessary road work needed for the alternate route. Additional work needed may take a couple months to complete.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl closed the hearing.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Linda Holl was absent County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$42,827.46 were approved.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer left a message stating there would be an RCD meeting December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, encouraged the commissioners to postpone any decision regarding purchasing new county software until next spring.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced his group has created an association for the Eagle Statue project and invited the commissioners to a project banquet to be held February 13, 2016.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, presented for signatures the renewal application for Republic County to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for 5 years. Mahin explained that Love's is interested in signing an agreement for an easement with Republic County on the south edge of their property. Mahin will have the agreement drawn and will present it to the commissioners on December 14.

Randy Thayer, Honorable Mayor of Republic requested advice from Dusty Zenger on adequate repairs to two streets leading to the elevator. Sufficient road base is required to accommodate a large number of heavily loaded trucks.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- Zenger asked for approval to change drug testing facilities from TMHC to Anytime Lab Testing. Anytime Lab Testing fees are less expensive and the local representative is a Republic County resident. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to change testing facilities. Commissioner Splichal seconded.
- In reference to closing a portion of Rock Road between 140 Road and 150 Road, Zenger suggested closing only the bridge area. Bridge R-14.2 was closed in 2011. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to keep a portion of Rock Road open as suggested by Zenger. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion.
- Zenger reviewed the work needed to Hickory Road and the intersection of Hickory and 290 Road and estimated work can be completed by May 1. Closure of 290 Road between Hickory and Granite could be effective May 1, 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to close 290 Road as suggested by Zenger effective May 1, 2016. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.
- Four sealed bids for the used equipment were opened and were not acceptable. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to refuse all sealed bids for the used equipment. Commissioner Splichal seconded.
- A Diesel Hammer and dump truck will be sold on December 18 by Ritchie Brothers Auction Service at Odessa, Missouri.
- Commissioner Splichal asked Zenger to contact Randy Thayer, Mayor of Republic regarding repairs of two streets in Republic.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the board and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 7 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:07 a.m., taking no action.

Debbie Trahan, Computer Information Concepts (CIC), Inc, presented a bid for new software for Republic County. CIC has been in business for 34 years and Trahan has been a sales representative for 18 years. CIC is an integrated PC web based software. Twenty six Kansas counties use CIC software. Trahan explained that she was here in October and demonstrated the software to employees in the treasurer office, clerk office and register of deeds office. Commissioner Splichal explained that the county is researching different software systems and until the commissioners and all involved department heads meet to discuss the various software systems no decision will be made. Trahan will contact Clerk Marsicek in late February or early March to set an appointment to meet with the commissioners.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, announced the hiring of Morgan Morley as the new Personal Property/Data Collector. Morgan will start January 4, 2016, pending pre-employment testing. Her starting wage will be \$11.00 per hour.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the board and Porter. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m., taking no action.

Porter announced that he has received the agricultural land valuation estimates for 2016 and the values have increased.

Danielle White, Health Department Director, informed the commissioners that she is continuing the search for a Registered nurse for the health department. White will continue to advertise for a nurse. White asked Commissioner Splichal to become the commissioner on the staff for the Republic County Health Board. Commissioner Splichal accepted the position.

White asked permission to attend a car seat certification class held in Hutchinson, Kansas in March. The Republic County Resource Council will reimburse Republic County for the hotel rooms if the county pays the registration fee. Commissioners agreed to pay the registration fee and granted permission to attend the class.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$52,396.14 were approved.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented employee evaluations for her department. Coons announced \$3,000,000 has been received in property taxes since statements were mailed out.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, informed the commissioners that the courthouse roof is still leaking and that he has contacted the roofing business which repaired the roof in November.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested permission for Rachel Shulz to participate in an online home health care training class rather than have Kathy Zach present the training. Shulz needs 20 hours of training to be certified and due to the shortage of nursing staff in the Health Department, White suggests Shulz use two hours a day for two weeks to complete the online course. White presented an agreement stating that Shulz will repay \$235 for the cost of the class if she does not complete the class or doesn't complete one year of employment in the Republic County Health Department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to allow Shulz to participate in the online training and approved the agreement. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to hold an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m., taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- Zenger requested the purchase of two motor graders trading in of two 1999 motor graders with 15,000-17,000 hours.



- Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, explained the details of two used Motor Graders.
  - 2010 - 12M Motor Grader with 1400 hours for \$155,400 including trade-in.
  - 2012 – 12M2 Motor Grader with 3000 hours for \$164,300 including trade-in.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of two used motor graders from Foley. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

- Zenger requested commissioner signatures on a contract with Reece Construction for Bridge 16-F.5.
- Zenger requested commissioner signatures on an agreement between Republic County and Rural Water #2 to install an underground waterline.

Commissioners signed Resolution 2015-37 closing 290 Rd between Granite and Hickory in accordance with a motion made on December 7.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to hold an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 11:10 a.m., taking no action.

Marcy Chaloupka, a Republic County resident who rides the transportation bus daily, thanked the commissioners for the services of the bus and questioned possibility of scheduling bus service for a couple evening viewings of the lights at Rocky Pond. Chaloupka suggested riders would gladly pay the regular rider fee for a chance to see the lights. Commissioners agreed that using the bus to see the Rocky Pond Holiday lights is a great idea and expanded the service to four evenings with the Council of Aging paying the fees. Zenger will place an announcement on the radio and in the Belleville Telescope setting December 16, 17, 21 and 22 as the evenings available for riders to see the lights at Rocky Pond. Persons interested in riding should contact Republic County Transportation.

Blaine Van Meter announced that CPR classes will be held at the Road & Bridge Department this winter. Class size is limited to 10 people. If employees in other departments wish to attend CPR training, additional classes will be available. The cost is \$16 to include a book and certificate. Van Meter suggests the department pay for any employee attending the training.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented quotes from Fidar and Nex-Tech for the hardware used in conjunction with the proposed software from Fidar as requested by the commissioners. The Epson Printer and server must be purchased through Fidar with a cost of \$3,366. CIC program is separate from Fidar software and has its own printer and server

- Fidar, scanners and monitor \$3,334.
- NexTech, scanner and monitor \$3,579.
- CIC, scanner, monitor, printer \$2,510.

Debbie Trahan, CIC Representative, presented a revised quote of \$2,060.00 for scanner, monitor, and printer.

Commissioners tabled any decision regarding software until after the New Year.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness, announced the hiring of Joseph Popelka as dispatcher starting December 14. Popelka's starting wage will be \$12.00 per hour.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$215,106.03 were approved.

County Attorney Marlea James presented employee valuation for her secretary. The commissioners will be setting the 2016 wages later this morning and will review all evaluations at that time.

Doug McKinney, North Central Kansas Planning Committee, wished the commissioners a Merry Christmas and expressed enthusiasm for working with Republic County during 2016.

Past commissioner Frank Rytych stopped to wish the Board a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Clerk Marsicek requested commissioner signatures on the 2016 contract between Republic County and Pawnee Mental Health Services to provide licensed community mental health services to residents of Republic County.

Correspondence from Kansas Workforce Development Area 1 regarding a compliance contract was reviewed. The commissioners signed the agreement that will terminate June 30, 2020 or upon the termination of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Commissioners approved and signed the 2016 monthly accounts payable due dates.

Clerk Marsicek requested approval and signatures for Resolution 2015-38 the General Acceptable Accounting Practice (GAAP) for 2015 and Resolution 2015-39 the GAAP for 2016.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-38. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-39. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

An application for Disaster Relief was received from Gary Goodwin regarding destruction of his house by a tornado north of Scandia on May 6, 2015. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the Disaster Relief Application. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- Zenger announced that graders will be delivered this week.
- Zenger visited with Tony Strnad to confirm that 290 Road between Granite and Hickory will be closed May 1.

Commissioner Holl shared that a Pike Valley school bus driver expressed a need for repairs to a bridge on the Republic and Jewell County line. Use of this bridge would make the bus route substantially shorter. Zenger will contact Jewell County about the status of the bridge repairs.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 11:20 a.m., taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker and Mikel Hadachek from Republic County Development presented paperwork for signatures. Shoemaker presented a voucher for signatures for a drawdown on an RCD loan for Central Plains Respiratory Medical, LLC in the amount of \$35,010. Hadachek presented a Subordination Agreement with Cole's Appliance for signatures regarding \$15,000 inventory loan.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 30 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to apply merit raises to non-elected employees and non-elected department heads. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The commissioners discussed wages for Republic County Elected personnel. Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase all elected personnel except the Board of County Commissioners wages by \$.50 per hour. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 12:35 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015, 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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Edwin Splichal, Member

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl, Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

No commissioners will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting today.

Discussion was held regarding the 2016 Holiday schedule. Employees are given 3 days through the holiday season. Currently approved would be ½ day on December 23, all day December 26, ½ day December 30 and all day January 2. It was suggested to give all day December 23, all day December 26, be open all day on December 30 and closed all day January 2. This would give employees a four day weekend for Christmas. Commissioners instructed Clerk Marsicek to survey the employees before a decision will be made.

Linda Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2015-41 listing the wages for Elected Officials for 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

County Attorney	\$50,000.00
County Sheriff	\$48,160.00
County Treasurer	\$37,080.00
County Clerk	\$38,080.00
County Register of Deeds	\$32,240.00
County Commissioners	\$12,000.00

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, informed the commissioners that an ambulance was involved in an accident in Omaha, Nebraska on December 23. The passenger door and right front fender were damaged but no one was injured. Van Meter is requesting quotes to repair the ambulance. Republic County was not at fault.

Van Meter thanked the commissioners for the gift of a meat bundle for the holidays.

Van Meter requested permission to install two cell phones in the transfer ambulances instead of EMS employees using their own cell phones. The commissioners gave permission to add two cell phones to the Nex-Tech contract.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented weekly updates:

- Zenger presented the sales results from the Ritchie Brothers Auction held on December 18 on which Republic County sold a truck, diesel hammer and a jack hammer.
- Zenger received information from three consulting firms regarding the two bridges damaged last May and June. FEMA requires consulting firms to submit proposals before bridge repairs can be completed.

Consulting firms that responded were Kirkham Michael, BG Consultants and Campbell and Johnson who declined bidding. Zenger recommends using Kirkham Michael for the bridge K-28.4 and BG Consultants for A3-2.8.

At 10:22 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 10:37 a.m. The commissioners approved hiring 4 summer employees in the road and bridge department with starting wage of \$11.00 per hour.

Luke Mahin, Economic Development, presented a survey map of the proposed transfer of the easement on the south end of the Love's property to the City of Belleville. Commissioner Holl instructed Mahin that the county agrees to the transfer the easement as long as the deed states that the City of Belleville allows the county permission to use the access road as a thru drive to county property located west of the Love's property.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 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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Edwin Splichal, Member