

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Edwin Splichal. Marvin Bergstrom 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 Robert Frasier, Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Mary Simmons to attend Homestead training in Abilene on January 5.

Deb Eitzman introduced Morgan Morley as the new employee in the Appraiser's office. Morley expressed enthusiasm to begin her career at the Republic County Courthouse.

Sheriff Blad made requests for the following:

- Permission to seek bids to trade two department vehicles for two new patrol vehicles. Permission was granted.
- An increase in the clothing allowance for the officers. Commissioners tabled discussion until all commissioners are present.
- Permission to contact two automatic carwash businesses for tokens to wash the patrol vehicles. Permission was granted.

Commissioner Splichal stated the North Central Kansas Juvenile Board will be meeting in Belleville on June 15 at the Republic County Courthouse and all are welcome to attend.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development treasurer, announced that there would not be any meeting in January.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, requested permission to travel to the six Region IV board meetings throughout 2016. Permission was granted. In addition, permission was granted for Erin Williams, Melissa Van Meter, Amy Havel, and Blaine Van Meter to attend Kansas Emergency Medical Technician Association on February 11-14 in Hutchinson.

Van Meter announced the EMT class scheduled for January 11 is full with 12 students.

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

- Zenger announced that Kyle Jones started January 4 with a starting wage of \$11.50 per hour.
- Zenger announced the bridge on 240 Rd should be completed this week.

Commissioner Splichal asked Zenger to contact the Belleville City Manager to assist with placing additional warning tape and barricades around the north and east sides of the building on the west side of Main Street which is owned by the county.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn with no other business on the agenda. Commissioner Holl seconded.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Linda Holl, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 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 Holl made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$1,106,465.34 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Commissioner Splichal as Board Chairperson for 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Mike Nondorf, Weed Director, presented his state annual report for commissioner signatures and asked permission to travel to the District Noxious weed meetings during 2016. Permission was granted for Nondorf to attend the meetings.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the accounting report of funds as of 1/1/2016 totaling \$8,970,693.03. These funds are dispersed among banks in Republic County and the Kansas Municipal Pool.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept appointment Resolutions 2016-1 to 2015-16 as follows:

Resolution 2016-1	Blaine VanMeter – Director of EMS
Resolution 2016-2	Raymond L. Raney – Emergency Manager (half time)
Resolution 2016-3	Dustin Zenger-Director of Solid Waste Department
Resolution 2016-4	Steve Zukowske – Volunteer Assistant Radiological Officer
Resolution 2016-5	Paul Hasse – Volunteer Assistant Emergency Management
Resolution 2016-6	Danielle White – Director of Health Department
Resolution 2016-7	Mike Nondorf – Director of Weed Department
Resolution 2016-8	Dustin Zenger-Director of Transportation
Resolution 2016-9	Dustin Zenger - Highway Administrator
Resolution 2016-10	Raymond L. Raney – Director of Communications (half time)
Resolution 2016-11	Randy Ainsworth – Assistant Director EMS
Resolution 2016-12	Raymond L. Raney – County Hazardous Material Advisor
Resolution 2016-13	Raymond L. Raney – County Flood Plain Manager
Resolution 2016-14	Raymond L. Raney – Safety Officer
Resolution 2016-15	Raymond L. Raney – 9-1-1 Coordinator
Resolution 2016-16	Raymond L. Raney – Radiological Officer

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, joined the meeting.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Raney and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 9:40 a.m., taking no action.

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

- A brush chipper was sold to the City of Moundridge for \$14,500.00
- The bridge on 240 Road is complete.
- The demolition of the Republican River Bridge at Republic has begun.
- Reece Construction has begun work on the 160 Road Bridge.
- Zenger will request oil and asphalt bids for 2016.
- Zenger will research selling equipment on Purple Wave.
- Zenger requested signatures for two estimates from vendors to repair, re-build or construct similar bridges for the two bridges damaged May 2015.

Commissioner Bergstrom discussed with Zenger options to improve 30 Road north of Courtland.

At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 10:37 a.m., taking no action.

Ken Johnson, Kansas Land Surveyors, requested a donation for the preservation of the historical monument located at the 6th Principal Meridian on the county line between Republic County and Washington County. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to donate \$150.00 from the Parks and Recreation Funds. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, requested signatures on the Bi-annual RCD report.

Republic County High School Junior class sponsors Jeff Smith and Shelly Kuhlman requested funds for the annual After-Prom party from the Drug and Alcohol fund. The requested funds would be used to purchase Chamber Bucks to be used only in Republic County. Smith also explained the desire transport the students and sponsors to Lincoln, Nebraska for 3 hours of entertainment at "Champions". Students would be required to ride in chartered buses immediately following the Prom dance. Students would receive tokens to play games at Champions. Tokens and Chamber Bucks would replace gifts presented in previous years.

Commissioners tabled discussion of the After-Prom donation and agreed to make a decision by January 18th.

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 18, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2016 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 Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, presented updates in the Health Department:

- Rachel Shulz will complete the Home Health training this week.
- White submitted a bid of \$1,398.90 from Jackson Glass to install safety glass over the reception counter. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the bid from Jackson Glass. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.
- White requested permission for Kathy Zach to attend the District 5 KHCA Meeting in Salina January 20. Permission was granted.
- White informed the commissioners of problems with the health department phone system. According to Cunningham Cable, the system is old and needs to be replaced. The technician made temporary repairs. The quote from Cunningham for a new phone system at that location is \$4,319.00.
- Two applications were received for the Registered Nurse position.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Kay Shoemaker, Treasurer for Republic County Economic Development, presented a voucher for \$33,530.00 to Central Plains Respiratory.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented the Deeds annual year-end report for 2015. The number of documents processed in 2015 was 1170 which is an increase from 2014, however, the revenue generated by Republic County was down \$103,670.50 from 2014 due to State legislation reducing the Mortgagee Registration Fees.

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

- Zenger is researching prices for a low boy trailer to replace the old low boy trailer.
- One updated grader was delivered and a second grader is awaiting new blades.
- There was discussion about cleaning a ditch south of Republic.

Doug McKinney and Emily Benedick from North Central Regional Planning Commissions presented the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey data from 2014. LMI data is used for grant qualifications. Cities and townships need to be advised that all surveys are important to the county as a whole. In order to qualify for a grant, 51 percent of all households must respond to the survey. McKinney left a sample survey which may be sent to areas without a qualifying number of respondents.

McKinney introduced Emily Benedick as the new block grant coordinator for Republic County.

Junior Class sponsors Jeff Smith and Shelly Kuhlman reported there are 60 participates for an after-prom party at Champions in Lincoln, NE. Commissioner Holl stated that other sponsors may be planning an additional party for students wishing to stay in Republic County. Jeff Smith also heard of alternative plans, but is not certain who is sponsoring. Commissioner Holl noted that any donation for Republic County High School after-prom parties would be divided accordingly.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate funds to the Republic County after-prom activity however, no amount will be designated until information is submitted regarding a second after-prom party. Matching funds will be donated to Pike Valley after-prom party. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The commissioners strongly recommend that all after-prom parties remain in the county if county funds are being used to support the activity.

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, January 25, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2016 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 Kathy Aeillo, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Churches, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the January 18, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$597,927.93.

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

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, presented a picture of the Eagle Project to be displayed in the courthouse and information about the Valentine Gala a fundraiser for the Eagle Project to be held February 13. Kasl also thanked the commissioners for the support to honor all Republic County Veterans and military personnel. Another suggested fundraiser for the Eagle project will be selling personalized bricks to create a path to a patio area where people could sit and visit about displays on the courtyard. Commissioner Holl stated that the commissioners would like the Eagle Project underway before another project starts. Kasl explained the proceeds from the brick sales would be applied to the Eagle Project. Commissioner Splichal requested that Kasl contact custodian Calkins for a diagram of the watering system on the courtyard before any further discussion regarding the path and patio.

Blaine Miller Honorable Mayor of Belleville, along with City Council members Steve Scofield, Tiffany Hanson and City manager Neal Lewis, met with the commissioners to discuss projects in the City of Belleville.

- The construction of the Love's Convenience Station.
- The new swimming pool and recreation areas.
- The new sidewalks around the recreation area leading to the Lions Club ball fields.
- The delays in removing the dilapidated buildings on Mainstreet. It could take up to another year before these buildings can be removed because of court hearings.

Lewis expressed his thanks to Dusty Zenger and the road department. Several projects require both departments to accomplish the end results and wanted the commissioners to know how pleased Lewis is for the county's assistance during 2015.

Clerk Marsicek presented information regarding wages from the dispatch department from 2013 to 2016 for review by the Belleville City Council so a new agreement can be activated. The last agreement ceased December 2012. Mayor Miller will present the information for discussion to the City Council at the regular meeting January 25. The old agreement stated that the City of Belleville will reimburse the County for 1/3 of the cost of wages in the dispatch department.

Mayor Miller asked how often a tax sale is scheduled. Commissioner Holl informed Miller the paperwork has been started for a 2016 tax sale. Property taxes must be 3 years delinquent before it qualifies for tax sale.

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

- Zenger stated that Brian Philips does a great job organizing projects that need the assistance of county workers and the two groups work well together.
- Zenger will have some county employees assist the city to install the chain link fence around the buildings on the west side of M street as soon as the city procures the fence.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, informed the commissioners that repairs are needed to equipment in the rescue unit. Special connectors would aid with attaching equipment more quickly but the cost would be \$5,275.00. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the needed connectors from the ambulance equipment fund. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Van Meter also stated the desk computer at the station does not work and he has ordered one from Professional Services. Because of special online filing starting in June, Van Meter requested a second computer to be used just for the medical filing. The commissioners gave permission to purchase both computers with the county equipment fund.

Van Meter announced the ambulance station passed the annual state inspection. There were only a few minor deficiencies and they have been corrected.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, updated the commissioners on improvements to the health department building. The labor is being donated by employees and spouses on small projects and larger projects will be done by hired persons. White asked if a credit card machine could be set up for use in the health department since several clients now are eligible to use an H.S.A. credit card. Clerk Marsicek will check into this possibility.

White stated that the Registered Nurse position is still open and new classified ads will be published.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Since all commissioners will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2016 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 January 25, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek and Election Deputy Beth Ball, presented Resolution 2016-17, authorizing and providing for the calling of a special election in Republic County for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the Republic County, imposing a special one percent (1%) countywide retailer's sales tax for the purpose of financing the provision of health care services by Republic County Hospital. The Republic County Hospital Board requested the mail ballot election to be held in May per hospital Resolution 2016-1 dated January 25, 2016.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-17 to hold a mail ballot election for the continuance of 1 % sales tax at the expiration of the Existing Sales Tax approximately October 1, 2016 to be held on May 10, 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Treasurer for Economic Development, announced that no meeting will be held in February.

Sheriff Blad presented quotes for two patrol vehicles.

- GSA Auto Choice - 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$38,513.00 each after trade-in of two vehicles
- Melton Motors – 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$ 37,500.00 after trade-in of 2005 Impala
- Melton Motors – 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$36,500.00 after trade-in of 2009 Impala

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bids from Melton Motors for two 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe's. Funding will be split between County Equipment Reserve fund and the Sheriff Drug Fund for special equipment. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented the results of the "extra day during the holiday season" survey regarding which day the employees would rather have off. The choices presented were all day December 23, all day December 30, or a half day on both December 23 and December 30.

- All day December 23, there were 26 in favor.
- All day December 30, there were 2 in favor.
- Half day both December 23 and December 30, there were 31 in favor.
- Twenty full time employees did not return the survey or indicated it did not make a difference to them.

Commissioner Splichal stated that from his banking experience, being open all day for year-end reporting would be more of an advantage than only working ½ day and many people want to travel for Christmas and the extra full day would be nice.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to change the holiday schedule from ½ day on December 23 and December 30 to being closed on December 23 and open all day December 30. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal explained that he cannot attend all the monthly meetings of the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission (NCKRPC) and that Luke Mahin from Economic Development regularly attends the NCKRPC meetings. Commissioner Splichal suggested that Mahin become the voting delegate for Republic County and Commissioner Splichal would agree to be an alternate. Commissioner Holl made a motion to nominate Luke Mahin as the voting member on the NCKRPC and Commissioner Splichal as alternate. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Sherry Koster, Sanitarian for North Central Kansas LEPC, presented the July to December 2015 progress and financial reports for LEPC.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, announced that he is still receiving bids for roof repairs and carpeting for the law library.

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

- Zenger stated equipment is ready for the projected storm.
- Zenger announced the contractor is working on the north embankment of the Republican River Bridge.
- Zenger agreed to bring a skid loader to assist with cleaning the sidewalk around the courthouse square.

Three Agreements for solid waste fees were signed between:

- Republic County and the City of Belleville
- Republic County and the City of Scandia
- Republic County and the City of Cuba

A lease agreement was signed between Republic County and Jerry Strnad for the use of the omni-directional antenna tower and radio communications from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Robin Nelson, concerned Republic County citizen, expressed her reservations regarding the funding for the Eagle Project by the Patriot Group. Commissioner Holl explained that the commissioners granted permission for the project but county funds will not be used to fund it. Nelson supports the honoring of the Veterans but feels that the Patriot Group should use local businesses to contract work and purchase fundraising gifts instead of non-county businesses.

With no other business on the agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. 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.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded.

Accounts payable for \$154,878.89 were approved.

A letter of appointment was signed designating Luke Mahin to serve as Republic County's voting delegate on the North Central Regional Planning Commission for the year of 2016.

Wayne Gardner, owner of Ethol's Car Wash, announced that the car wash has fleet cards available for county departments that wash the vehicles. An account could be set up for monthly billing. A department head would determine card users and frequency of use. Commissioner Splichal will notify the Sheriff of this option.

Justin Ferrell, KCAMP insurance, addressed liabilities associated with the deteriorated building located at 1704 M Street. Ferrell will take pictures of the building and the blockades erected to keep people away from the building. Ferrell suggested hiring an engineer to evaluate removal of the building and potential damage to nearby property caused by demolition of the building. The county insurance would cover any liability caused by damage to nearby property by rubble falling from the building due to an act of nature.

Jeff Smith, a sponsor of the Republic County after-prom trip to "Champions" in Lincoln, NE reported on the alternate after prom party for any student not wishing to make the trip. This party is sponsored by parents and consists of an open house with movies and games. Smith announced that all funds were raised for the "Champions" party and asked, as an alternate, that commissioners donate funds for the school band trip to the Fiesta Bowl next fall. Commissioner Splichal thanked Smith for the suggestion but noted certain requirements for the use of drug and alcohol funds which include prevention of drug and alcohol use. Republic County supports all school activities but the use of these funds are set by the state and cannot be used for a band trip.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, explained that Main Street of Courtland is actually owned and should be maintained by the county since it is a continuous road from US Hwy 36 to KS Hwy 148. The City of Courtland assists with snow removal but the county repairs and maintains the road.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, met with Rhonda Bird, Belleville Post Mistress about moving the mailbox in front of the courthouse. Bird stated that the box is needing to be replaced anyway and that now would be a good time to move it. Bird suggested moving the box to the south side of the courthouse across from the Blair Theater. On a related subject, Kasl also noted that the number of reservations for the Valentine Gala exceeds expectations.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported two new patrol cars were ordered.

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

- Zenger presented Kirkham Michael contract for sign replacements during 2016.
- Road crews are applying rock to as many roads as possible.

- Zenger announced that he has offered an operator 1 position to a candidate pending pre-employment testing.
- Zenger will assist the City of Belleville to attach NO Trespassing signs to the fence around the buildings on the west side of Street.

A lease agreement was signed between Republic County and Joe Strnad for the use of the omni-directional antenna tower and radio communications from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, announced that Levi Whitney has completed his paramedic training and requested the wage increase from \$12.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour.

Van Meter presented a quote for Okie Extrication hydraulic tools for \$9,570. Our current equipment is operational but is outdated and does not provide the necessary cutting force for modern vehicles. The proposed equipment will reduce the time of extrication.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the Okie Extrication tools for \$9,570. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Van Meter will order the tools.

Van Meter will be teaching CPR classes to the Health Department and Road and Bridge Department in March. Additional classes will be scheduled for courthouse employees in April.

Permission to travel was granted for Amy Havel and Melissa Van Meter to attend EMS Training officer 1 class in Great Bend on March 2 and 3.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, announced the safety glass will be installed over the reception counter this week. In addition she has offered the Registered Nurse position to a candidate upon the completion of pre-employment testing.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded.

Due to Presidents' Day Monday, January 15, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 February 8, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Minutes approved.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend Sanborn Master Clerk Training April 7 and 8 in Wichita.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Mary Simmons to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerks meeting in Salina on March 17.

Clerk Marsicek presented a request from the Pike Valley After-Prom committee requesting a donation from the Drug and Alcohol fund for gifts and food. Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the Pike Valley After-Prom party. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

In response to a request from Neal Lewis, City Manager of Belleville, Raymond Raney, Director of Dispatch, presented a breakdown of all emergency calls regarding the number of dispatch calls for the City of Belleville verses other parts of Republic County beginning in January 2010 and ending December 2015. On average, thirty six (36) percent of all calls were for the City of Belleville. Commissioner Splichal requested that Raney arrange a meeting with Lewis, Clerk Marsicek and Raney to review the information regarding the number of calls, actual cost of operation for the dispatch and any agreements signed in prior years between the City of Belleville and Republic County.

Clerk Marsicek presented a report from the Republic County Task Force regarding the annual employee appreciation dinner held in March and new ideas for this year. The task force suggested that the commissioners meet with each department and present awards at a luncheon rather than an evening meal. Another suggestion is to have a summer picnic and activities for all family members in the park. Commissioners are unanimous in their desire to hold any employee appreciation event as a complete group rather than individual departments. Commissioner Holl suggested a summer picnic with a pool party once the new pool opens. A sound system in the picnic area would solve the issue of announcing the awards. Clerk Marsicek will report back to the task force with the suggestions.

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

- Zenger is interviewing for summer help.
- Zenger's plan is to seal roads in the east part of Republic County during 2016 and seal roads in the west part of Republic County during 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom suggested sealing half of the east and half of west during each year. Zenger will review the roads needing the most repair and preventive work before making a final decision.

Commissioner Splichal stated the Munden road has a few potholes needing repairs when the county acquires patching material.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, announced the hiring of Brynn Alexander as Registered Nurse. Alexander will begin work on February 22 with a starting wage of \$17.50 per hour.

Permission to travel was granted for White to attend Child Passenger Safety Certification in Hutchinson from March 29 to March 31 and another training for White in Concordia for Early Detection Works scheduling and payment reimbursement on March 8th.

White stated there is a water leak in the basement of the clinic and that Hood Plumbing and Heating will be replacing the pipes. Also, the awning in front of the clinic is leaking. Apple Media has presented a quote of \$4,078.10 to install a canvas awning over the front door and the ramp leading to the front door.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Apple Media to be paid from the county building fund. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek asked permission to seek bids for an awning at the back door of the courthouse to protect the handicap door opening. Commissioner Holl informed Marsicek, that the courthouse is registered as an historic building and as such, the outside features of the courthouse cannot be changed or the courthouse could lose status on the historic listing.

Kevin Calkins, presented three bids for roof repairs.

- Geisler Roofing for \$29,680
- Tillotson from Kearney for \$32,563
- Foam Masters from Missouri for \$72,454

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid of \$29,000 from Geisler Roofing. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Tim Hiatt, via phone call, announced the annual Belleville High Banks consignment sale will be held March 5th. If Republic County wishes to add items to the sale, please contact him or Roger Novak by February 24.

With the agenda completed, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, Baptist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable for \$143,117.31 were approved.

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

Clerk Marsicek presented invitations for the commissioners to attend the annual Response Personnel Appreciation Dinner and Storm Spotter training on March 8 at the 4-H building in Belleville and the annual Kansas Extension meeting in Greenleaf on March 21.

J.E. Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, invited the commissioners to the Annual Rock A Thon to be held March 13 to March 19. Money raised at the annual fundraiser is used for projects around the community of Cuba. Chizek stated that the streets and roads in Cuba need patching and sealing. Cuba was denied a grant for sidewalks last year but the commissioners encouraged Chizek to reapply for grants including the Duclos Foundation Grant.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced the Valentine Gala was a great success and half of the funds needed for the Eagle statue should be received by April 1. A Valentine event is already set for February 11, 2017. Kasl asked if some lights around the courthouse square could be turned toward the flags when they are flying. Commissioner Holl stated the lights belong to the City of Belleville and that Kasl should contact the city.

North Central Kansas (NCK) Industrial committee, Luke Mahin, Mike Hadachek, Jimmie Blecha and Neal Lewis, along with County Attorney Marlea James were present for a conference call with Alex Fuller from Love's Convenience Corporation. Mahin asked what additional information was needed for clarification regarding the easement on the south edge of the Love's boundary. The easement was part of the property annexed to the City of Belleville when Love's agreed to purchase the land, Fuller stated the easement needs to be deeded to the City of Belleville to allow the County access to their property west of the Love's property.

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

- Zenger stated the repairs to the Munden road were completed on Friday, February 19.
- Zenger suggested the road and bridge crews switch to summer hours 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. starting March 14.
- Zenger announced the contractor for the Republican River Bridge at Republic has started pouring concrete for pilings.
- Zenger set March 21 as the date for the commissioners to visit the progress at the Republican River Bridge along with other projects the road and bridge crews are working on.

Two Agreements for solid waste fees were signed between:

- Republic County and the City of Agenda
- Republic County and the City of Republic

At 10:40 a.m., Deb Hadachek, Republic County Hospital board of trustees, requested an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board. Commissioner Holl made the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

County Attorney Marlea James asked permission to submit a proposal to move the County Attorney office out of the courthouse. Her office is very small and there is not room to meet with victims and law enforcement personnel. Having the office outside the courthouse would allow James to open a private practice as well. Commissioner Splichal stated the board would review any proposal before making a decision.

Permission to travel was granted for Lori Benyshek and Linda Wendt to attend training for Health Department billing in Salina on March 9.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds and Jessica Rathje from Fidar asked the commissioners for a decision regarding the purchase of the Register of Deeds software from Fidar. Frint reminded the commissioners of the benefits of the Fidar program including E-recording and more efficiency in processing deed filings. The cost is less compared to Computer Information Concepts (CIC) which other departments are researching. Commissioners were waiting for a decision from the Treasurer and Clerk before updating current software for Republic County. Since the Register of Deeds software does not directly affect any other department, Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase the Fidar Register of Deeds software. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go in to executive session 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 11:55 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 22, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented a requested from custodian Kevin Calkins to purchase a push mower to be used around the courthouse yard. Commissioners agreed to the purchase of a push mower for the courtyard providing it is purchased in Republic County.

Commissioners signed letters supporting the annual claim for exemption of partial property tax for Country Living Place in Belleville and Nesika in Scandia.

Security in the courthouse was discussed with Sheriff Ron Blad following the shooting incident in Hesston, KS on February 25th. The shooter was in the local courthouse prior to the shooting. Blad noted that each county office has a secret security system and officers can respond immediately. He will research the possibility of additional security measures.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development Treasurer, requested signatures on checks for two E-Community loans.

- One for \$45,000 to EST Automotive.
- One for \$17,420 to Kansas World's Fair.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested signatures on a one year contract for the Motor Vehicle computer server at a cost of \$3,230.18.

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

- Zenger stated a tree saw needs to be replaced or repaired and presented the following quotes:
 - Sellers – Dymax - \$13,278
 - Stillwell Sales – Vail - \$6,300
 - Murphy Tractor – Harlamen - \$12,000
 - Foley – Dymax - \$9,775

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the quote from Stillwell for \$6,300. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger received a call regarding railroad spikes surfacing on the roadway. It has been several years since railroad rock was used on the roads and spikes are surfacing because of wet weather. Zenger plans to regrade several roads this summer as time and weather permit. Goals for 2016 include total regrade of 5 miles of roads on both sides of the county. This project requires several machines and numerous employees which place other projects on hold.

- Zenger noted that training the new operators takes time as they must gain knowledge of previous surface application relating to current road conditions and inherent problems with specific roads in the county.

Agreements to install underground utilities were signed between:

- Republic County and Republic Rural Water in Section 29-2-5
- Republic County and Republic Rural Water in Section 20-2-5
- Republic County and Republic Rural Water in Section 28-2-5
- Republic County and Rural Telephone under parts of Valley Road
- Republic County and Rural Telephone under parts of Union Road

North Central Kansas (NCK) Industrial Committee (Jenny Russell, Luke Hebert, Neal Lewis, Doug Simms, Jimmie Blecha and Mike Hadachek) met with the commissioners to propose an easement deed. Property owned by Republic County and NCK Industrial group must be transferred to the City of Belleville and provide access to the Loves business site. Doug Simms will draw up the deed to present to commissioners on March 7.

Danielle White and Kathy Zach from the health department joined the meeting to discuss the need for additional employees.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go in to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board, White, Zach and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m., Commissioners granted White permission to hire additional part-time help.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 from the February 29, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Account payable vouchers were approved for \$261,751.12.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass asked permission to use the courthouse lawn for the annual Republic County Easter egg hunt to be held on March 26. Permission was granted.

Kevin Calkins presented two bids for push mowers.

- Belleville Hometown Lumber - \$379.99
- S & P Farm Supply - \$399.99

Calkins stated that S&P has a service department and repairs could be done more quickly than Hometown Lumber who would need to send the mower to a repair shop if repairs were needed.

Stating a conflict of interest, Commissioner Holl abstained from the discussion and voting regarding the purchase of a push mower.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from S & P Farm Supply for \$399.99. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek presented an invitation to the K-State Research and Extension Annual Appreciation Dinner in Greenleaf on March 21. None of the commissioners will be available to attend.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 9:50 a.m., taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development Treasurer, announced that there would not be a monthly economic development meeting in March.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2016-18 ordering preparation for tax sale due to delinquent taxes from 2015. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-18. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Luke Mahin, Economic Development and Barry Porter, County appraiser, requested a motion to remove paragraph 6G from the approved Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) application. This paragraph was removed from the expired application per approved minutes dated January 26, 2015 but inadvertently added to the new application. Commissioner Holl made a motion to remove this paragraph in the 2016 NRP application. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

North Central Kansas Industrial Development (NCKID) Committee (Luke Mahin, Doug Simms, and Jimmie Blecha) presented for signatures an easement deed transferring ownership of land on the south edge of the Love's property owned by Republic County and NCK Industrial group to the City of Belleville to create a street.

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

- Zenger presented a quote from Murphy Tractor for a 2015 Diamond CWPMOW skid Steer brush cutter attachment for \$18,500. This attachment will grab, cut and shred brush whereas the other cutters just cut.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to rescind approved purchase from Stillwell Sales. Commissioner Splichal second. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the quote from Murphy Tractor for the 2015 Diamond cutter for \$18,500. Commissioner Splichal second. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

- Zenger is working on a four (4) year plan for patching and sealing asphalt roads and regrading the gravel roads. Hot mix will not be available until the asphaltting is completed at the Love's location by Hall Brothers.
- Zenger announce the first reimbursement money from the CDBG funding will be received this week.

Mark Stenson, Republic County citizen, asked Zenger when the new culvert would be installed on Elm Road. Zenger stated that the culvert will be ordered this spring.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m., taking no action.

- Zenger announce that Monday March 14, the road and bridge department will switch to summer hours. The department hours will be 7 to 5:30 Monday thru Thursday and closed on Friday.

Marlea James, County Attorney, explained that the current office space in the courthouse is too small to hold meetings with law enforcement and other attorneys. James needs a larger space and is looking for an office outside the courthouse. James' County Attorney budget along with her private practice could support needed space.

James explained that Mitchell County allows the county attorney \$1,000 per month for expenses outside the courthouse. Commissioner Holl stated the county attorney's office has been outside the courthouse but when that person was not reelected it was moved back to courthouse and offices had to be rearranged. Holl asked James if additional space were available could James remain in the courthouse. James agreed it could be a solution.

The commissioners will discuss options of other office space or the possibility of moving the county attorney outside the courthouse and notify James of their decision.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, asked permission to close the health department the morning of March 16

for mandatory training of the nursing and home health-aids. Hours would resume at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners granted permission.

Permission to travel was granted for:

- Lori Benyshek to attend billing training in Salina on March 9.
- Brynn Alexander and Lori Benyshek to attend WIC conference in Topeka from March 28-30.
- Kathy Zach to attend District 5 Management meeting in Salina on March 16.

White is researching new software for medical invoicing.

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

The Board reconvened at 11:40 a.m., taking no action.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, Presbyterian Church of Concordia/Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 7, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Sealed bids were opened for the business sign located 1702 M Street.

- Sells Enterprise for \$102.00
- Kevin Splichal for \$355.05
- Apple One Media for \$250.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Kevin Splichal for \$355.05. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend:

- Telenet Continuing Education Class in Salina on April 14.
- North Central Kansas Register of Deeds District Spring Meeting in Washington on April 15.
- Register of Deeds Association Annual Seminar (continuing education) in Manhattan from June 7 to June 10.

Clerk Marsicek announced that the auditors will be at Republic County starting April 18.

The Republic County Task force presented April 11, 18, or 25 as three possible dates for the annual employee supper. Since Commissioner Splichal will be returning from traveling abroad on April 17, Commissioner Holl made a motion to set April 25 as the date for the supper. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Following discussion regarding closing the courthouse from 12 to 2 on March 25 (Good Friday), Commissioner Splichal made a motion to close the courthouse from 12 pm to 2 pm for employees to attend Good Friday services if they desired and employees may cover the extra hour with vacation time. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The Board received a letter of intent to remain part of the LEPP program for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The annual membership fee is \$1,500. Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign the letter of intent and pay the invoice. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom announced that he and Commissioner Splichal will be attending an early morning meeting on Monday, March 28. The Board of County commissioners will not begin until 9:00 am on that day.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, reported on the City of Munden.

- The road leading to Munden is much improved and asked if that road will be sealed during 2016. Commissioner Holl stated that the Munden road was on the schedule for sealing during 2016.
- The community building should be completed in a week. It has been a long process but well worth the wait.
- Wanted to know if there was a date set for the delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Holl stated the process has been started but there are several steps before a date can be set.
- Blecha asked when the school and city elections will be held. He said that the City of Munden did not receive any notice from the State of Kansas regarding the changes to fall elections on odd years. Election Deputy Beth Ball joined

the meeting to explain that all elections normally held in the spring (April) will now be held in the fall (November). She encouraged Mayor Blecha to review the City of Munden's voting plan. Currently they elect 5 council persons and the mayor every other year. If the city would adopt an ordinance, they could change the terms to 4 years and alternate the offices elected. The City of Munden will discuss this option further in 2017.

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

- Zenger requested that the agreement between Republic County and Rural Water District #1 that was signed February 29 be voided and replaced with agreement dated March 14. Rural Water requested a change in location where the waterline would cross the county road to west of the intersection of 30 Road and Lincoln.
- Zenger invited the commissioners to attend the 2016 North Central Kansas County Highway Officials spring meeting in Washington on April 6. No commissioners will be available to attend.
- The re-grade of Lincoln Road four miles west of old US Hwy 81 is scheduled for later this year.
- Zenger will present quotes for culverts on March 21.
- The bridge on 160 Road near Jesse Jeardoe residence has been completed.
- Zenger has the road trip schedule for reviewing projects on March 21.

Commissioner Bergstrom asked Zenger to contact Crop Production Services (CPS) at Courtland regarding a culvert at the business. There has been several complaints that it needs to be larger so trucks can enter the business. Zenger will notify the road supervisor for the west part of Republic County to contact CPS.

David Luke, KCAMP Insurance, presented Republic County commissioners a check for \$600 as a loss ratio refund. In 2014 the loss ratio for Republic County was 10.82%. Luke announced other reimbursement programs available to Republic County as member benefits.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go in to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the Board and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville and a road trip around Republic County to view projects.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$267,996.30.

Mike Nondorf, weed director, presented his 2016 weed management plan for signatures and asked permission to research bids for a new spray controller. Permission was granted.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, informed the commissioners that several applications were received for a receptionist position. White will interview candidates next week.

White stated that the phone system is not working well.

David White, phone consultant for Republic County, inspected the old phone system at the health department and reported it is outdated and should be replaced.

Danielle White presented two bids for a phone system at the Health Department.:

- Pugh Communications - \$4,201.13
- Cunningham Communications - \$4,546.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the Cunningham bid for \$4,546. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented an email from Adam Crawford, U.S. Cellular salesman, requesting an opportunity to serve Republic County. Commissioners asked Clerk Marsicek to obtain evaluations of Nex-Tech and U.S. Cellular from each department using cell phones before seeking bids for future service.

Commissioners signed a letter appointing Tanner Johnson to the position of non-lawyer member of the Twelfth District Judicial Nominating Commission to fill the vacancy left by Michael E. Johnson.

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

- Zenger stated that Bobby Lawson, western Republic County road supervisor, inspected the culvert on Queen Road in front of Crop Production Services in Courtland. Lawson recommends the culvert be replaced.
- Zenger presented quotes from Hall Brothers:
 - Hot mix - \$55/per ton
 - Cold Mix - \$65.50/per ton

- Labor and supplies to overlay 4 miles on 290 Rd (Clyde Rd) - \$204,500.00

No action was taken on these bids.

- Zenger presented bids for aluminized culverts:
 - CMP - \$51,311.04
 - J & J Drainage Products Co. - \$37,988.00
 - Midwest Service & Sales - \$51,774.84
 - Metal Culverts Inc. - \$39,410.00
 - Welborn Sales, Inc. - \$38,092.60

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the J & J Drainage bid for \$37,988. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 10:20 a.m., the commissioner meeting was moved to the county vehicle for a tour of projects around the northwest Republic County. Projects visited were

- A culvert on 130 Rd just north of Fir Rd
- A street on the west edge of Republic maintained by the county which needs patching and an asphalt overlay.
- Two drainage ditches located on Granite Rd near fields farmed by Steve Howley and Brad Peterson. One at Granite Rd and 70 Rd and the other at Republic Lane and Granite Rd. Zenger will schedule these areas for clean out.
- Republican River Bridge south of Republic.
- Drainage issues at Marble Rd and 70 Rd.
- The chip seal on 90 Rd north of Scandia.

Upon returning to the courthouse, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 21, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Arlene Clayton, local resident, encouraged the commissioners to get involved in the "Work Well Coalition". Citizens of Republic County need better health and health activists. Some of the responsibilities of the local health department include improving the health of citizens along with providing preventive measures to ensure healthy persons. Centers for Disease Control offers funding to assist areas with Wellness activities.

Clerk Marsicek presented the commissioners expenditures and budget preparation for 2017. Commissioners requested an increase of \$700 in the contractual line of this budget. In the event new commissioners are elected during 2016, funding will be available to attend training.

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

- Zenger presented a lease agreement for signatures granting permission for Randy Hansen to construct and operate an underground waterline under 140 Road between Rock Road and Shady Road.
- Zenger has sent letters requesting bids to inspect 225 bridges in Republic County.
- Zenger announced that Republic County received \$48,999.06 from FEMA for damage to gravel roads from the heavy rains during May 2015.
- Zenger informed the commissioners there was a small fire that caused minor damage in the horse barn on the fairgrounds. The police department investigated the incident and detained the persons involved.

Brian and Lizz Isaacson, parents of a Republic County student, informed the commissioners that they will be sponsoring an after prom event for the students who do not want to travel to "Champions" in Lincoln, NE. Originally, the gathering was to be at the Isaacson home until 24 students asked to attend. The Isaacsons plan to hold the party at the commercial building on the fair grounds and stated that any funds available to help pay for food and activities would be appreciated. The city police will administer the breathalyzer tests and the gathering will be alcohol free.

Commissioner Holl stated that since the original after-prom party declined funds, there is \$750.00 available. Commissioner Holl made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the second after-prom party. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Mike Hake, Cloud County Transfer station, presented the 2016 agreement between Republic County and Cloud County for disposal of trash picked up by the two trash services of Republic County. The tonnage price will increase from \$62.25 per ton to \$63.30 per ton. Hake apologized for not presenting the agreement before the first of the year. Cloud County did not receive word of the increase until the first part of March.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the 2016 tonnage fees and approve the contract with Cloud County Transfer station. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl asked Dusty Zenger to review Republic County solid waste fees with residents to make sure these expenses are covered. Zenger will discuss the charges with Secretary Beth Reed and report back next week.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. so commissioners could attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. Edwin Splichal 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 Mark Imel, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Nondorf, Director of weed control, asked permission to proceed with the purchase of a spray regulator from Superior Outdoor. Permission was granted.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, to attend Fidar software educational seminar in Davenport, IA from May 23 to 25.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, informed the commissioners that Apple One Media removed the awning in front of the health department and found water damage from an earlier leak in the front two rooms of the health department. Ceiling tiles will need to be replaced. Calkins will request bids for replacement tiles.

Crystal Paredes, Julie Lindberg and Julie Snively from CASA presented a proclamation for signatures stating that Republic County proclaims April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Paredes stated that Republic County only has three CASA volunteers currently and encourages Republic County residents to get involved as volunteers or friends of CASA. There will be a new training session in September for new volunteers.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, announced a quarterly meeting on April 6. The group will have dinner and then tour the two newest businesses funded by RCD monies.

Danielle White, Health Director, presented an update on activities and needed repairs to the health department.

- White has completed the National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) program and is certified to train parents to correctly install child car seats in their vehicles.
- After removing the awning in front of the building, additional repairs will be needed to the ceiling of the waiting room from prior water damage.
- The new phone system should be installed later this week.
- White has contacted a clearing house to assist in analysis of billing.
- White has offered the receptionist position pending completion of pre-employment testing.

Permission was granted for Danielle White to attend the Regional Quarterly Health Department meeting in Beloit on April 6.

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

- A new culvert is being installed today at Courtland in front of the Crop Production Services.
- Bridge # 8-J.5 located on 80 Road between Hickory Road and Jade Road is closed until repairs can be completed.
- All summer employees have been hired, noting that the Road and Bridge department is fully staffed.

Permission to travel for Raymond Raney to attend Kansas Chapter of APCO in Topeka from April 10 to April 13 was approved.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. Edwin Splichal 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 Rick Snodgrass, Belleville Assembly of God, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion passed.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$156,820.30.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, announced that he will be taking some time off and that Jay Lewis will assume necessary duties and will carry the custodian cell phone while Calkins is out.

James Popelka, North Central Kansas (NCK) Fair Board, announced that an architect was hired to design kitchen and bathroom additions to the commercial building at the fairgrounds. Also, Popelka requested the amount of deductible for an insurance claim for fire damage to the horse barn at the fairgrounds. Popelka will include the deductible amount on the list of damages on the police report. Plans for the week long entertainment for the 2016 NCK Free Fair has been completed.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend EBOLA Training in Salina on April 15.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Lori Benyshek to attend the Governors Public Health Conference in Topeka from April 26 to April 28.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach to attend a class "Vaccines and Public Health" at Cloud County Community College on April 28.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development treasurer, presented for approval a voucher for Central Plains Respiratory in the amount of \$9,860.

Beth Ball and Retha Blecha, Republic County Task Force, presented two bids for the Employee Appreciation Dinner to be held April 25 in the Belleville City Park. Fun in the park starts at 5:30 p.m. with the meal served at 6:30 p.m.

- TAG'S - \$10.50 per plate for either chicken or pork chops
- Food Mart - \$8.00 per plate for Chicken or \$8.50 per plate for pork chops

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Food Mart. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

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

- Zenger requested signatures for two waterline agreements between Republic County and Robison Farms.
 - East on 60th Rd to West on 60th Rd 150 feet in Section 25, T2S, R5W into Section 26, T2S, R5W.
 - East on 60th Rd to West on 60th Rd 24 feet in Section 25, T2S, R5W into Section 26, T2S, R5W.
- Zenger presented bids for Liquid Asphalt
 - Vance Brothers – CRS-1H (\$1.80/gallon), CSS-1H (\$1.80/gallon)
 - Ergon Asphalt – CRS-1H (\$1.60/gallon), CSS-1H (\$1.75/gallon)

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Ergon Asphalt. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

- The beams are installed on the Republican River Bridge.
- A crew is using the excavator on the ditches and drainage area on Granite Rd south of Republic.
- Becky Craig, concerned citizen, expressed disapproval regarding the closing of the bridge on Xavier Rd between 190 Rd and 200 Rd. Her son has a business conducted on both sides of the bridge and will need to drive extra miles on dirt roads. Zenger explained the bridge closure was due to the bridge being classed as fracture critical which requires inspection every other year at the cost of \$10,000 per inspection. Craig requested gravel on the roads leading to the business. Commissioner Holl explained the county is only required to gravel roads that are bus routes or mail routes. Craig is willing to pay for the gravel if the county will maintain the road. Zenger will research the cost to apply gravel that portion of Xavier Rd and notify Craig of the cost.

Due to a family emergency, Commissioner Holl left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Frasier, Belleville/Concordia Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion passed.

Clerk Marsicek presented a letter for signature in support of the Republic County Hospital to issue Tax Credits for the purpose of raising funds for a new Digital X-Ray room.

Commissioner Splichal and Commissioner Bergstrom approved the wage rate of \$11.00 per hour for Nicole Kraus as the receptionist at the health department. Commissioner Holl abstained.

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with Commissioner Bergstrom and Commissioner Splichal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. taking no action.

Backroads Sales submitted an unsolicited bid for grill guards for the new sheriff vehicles.

- Ranchhand Grill - \$550.00 each
- Thunderstruck Grill - \$697.00 each.

The bid was given to Sheriff Blad. When the new vehicles have been received, Blad will compare grill guards to other companies.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented her 2017 budget request that included increases in personal services and contractual spending for training. Frint also presented a release of services contract from Thomson Reuter effective June 1 for the deed office only.

Frint stated that the Fidlar system will be installed on April 26 and asked the commissioners if the county would prefer to make one or two payments for the software and installation. The total cost for the software and installation was quoted at \$18,700 but the actual cost will be \$16,560. Commissioner Splichal asked if there was a discount paying only once. Frint will contact Fidlar about this and report back to commissioners next Monday.

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

- Zenger presented bids to inspect 224 bridges in Republic County.
 - BG Consultants, Inc. - \$17,472.00
 - Campbell & Johnson Engineering, P.A. - \$15,780.80
 - Kirkham Michael - \$22,400.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Campbell & Johnson Engineering. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger presented for signatures the KDOT contract for the signage project and the Federal Fund exchange application.

- Zenger stated that a crew is using hot mix to patch on 290 Rd north of Clyde prior to the overlay later this year.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

Permission to travel was granted for Janice Dusek to attend the 6th Annual Trauma Symposium in Salina on June 3.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, announced that Republic County did not receive the grant for the monitor this year, therefore Van Meter would like to order a monitor from Zoll for the cost of \$25,050, including a trade in. Van Meter stated that Zoll would accept half payment now and the balance after January 1, 2017. Van Meter expressed concern about spending a large portion of the ambulance equipment fund when the county is needing a new ambulance. The Commissioners prefer to make one payment if the funds are available. Clerk Marsicek will discuss possible transfer of funds from 2015 to 2016 Ambulance Equipment Fund with auditor Randy Hofmeier this week for direction on the purchase of the needed monitor and new ambulance.

Van Meter stated that since the printer/copier scanner in the EMS office does not work, he is requesting permission to order a new copier through Central Office Supply (COS) for the cost of \$1,049.00. Commissioner Splichal made a motion accept the bid from COS. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Since the EMS department has an evening training on the evening of the employee appreciation dinner, Van Meter asked permission to have carry out meals for the EMS department. Clerk Marsicek will make arrangements for the carry out meals for the EMS department.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. Edwin Splichal was absent due to storm damage at his residence. 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, Scandia/Courtland United Methodist Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion passed.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$199,802.05.

Marlea James, County Attorney, asked if her compensation check from being a juror in the district court be donated to a Republic County charity instead of being returned to County General funds. Commissioner Holl requested that Clerk Marsicek investigate the possibility with the county auditor.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the revenue on hand after the first quarter of 2016 totaling \$10,749,008.47.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, presented the Appraiser budget for 2017. No increases were requested.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, reported on the City of Scandia.

- Cline asked when Republic County will have the countywide cleanup.
- The City of Scandia would like the streets of Scandia sealed this year by the county.
- Cline delivers the recycling to Concordia for Scandia every 10 days to reduce the amount of trash picked up from Scandia.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Mary Simmons to attend voter registration training in Salina from April 27 to April 28. Also permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball to attend the Kansas County Clerk and Election Officer Association in Manhattan from May 10 to May 13.

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

- Due to the storm damage in Munden, several employees and trucks are helping with the cleanup this week.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m., taking no action.

- Commissioner Holl informed Zenger that the City of Scandia wanted to know if a countywide cleanup date had been scheduled. Zenger stated at this time nothing has been scheduled but will get a date set. Also, the City of Scandia would like the streets of Scandia sealed this year. Mayor Cline had requested the sealing last year and it was not accomplished.
- Zenger discussed increasing the solid waste fees for county residents. Since the transfer station in Concordia will be increasing the county rates to dispose of solid waste by 3% per year, residents need to help defray the expense. This subject was tabled until all commissioners could discuss it.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Wanda Backstrom and Dawn Snyder from 12th Judicial District Community Corrections, presented for support a Grant application for Year 2017. Commissioner Holl made a motion to support the grant application. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented 2017 budget requests for Emergency Management, Communications and Republic County 910. Wage increases and equipment updates were included.

Dave Holloway, EMS, asked permission to hold an extrication training at the fairgrounds on April 30. Commissioner Holl suggested that EMS notify the fair board for permission. The commissioners granted permission for the EMS department to order the monitor as requested from Zoll for the cost of \$25,050.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 pm. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 from the April 25, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion passed.

Chris Brent, resident of Belleville and representative of Northeast Kansas Community Action Program (NEK-CAP), explained that NEK-CAP provides comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting family development, empowerment and economic security. It was incorporated in 1965 in northeast Kansas and is moving west across Kansas. NEK-CAP would like to understand the gaps in services in each county so they can determine how best to close those gaps. Brent asked if there is any available office space for a base of operation in Republic County. Since NEK-CAP services could assist persons that use the health department services, Brent visited with Danielle White, Health Department Administrator about a possible office at that location. White will visit with the commissioners later this morning. Clerk Marsicek will contact KCAMP about insurance issues if NEK-CAP is allowed to rent space.

Leann DeJoia, Pawnee Mental Health, presented a Proclamation designating May as Mental Health Month. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim May as Mental Health Month in Republic County. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Tim Garman, Mayor of Courtland, asked when the county would have asphalt to patch holes on the main road through Courtland. Commissioners will discuss the issue with Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, asked permission to use the courthouse square for the following activities:

- Farmers Market each Saturday from May 28 through September 24
- Three special Tuesday Night markets during the summer
- Annual Cruise-In Car Show on Friday 17
- Food stands on June 7 for Bike across Kansas when bikers will be in town overnight.

Pierson questioned the possibility of using the transportation bus to transport bikers from the high school parking lot to downtown or to other locations within Belleville?

Commissioner Holl made a motion to grant permission for all the requests from Belleville Mainstreet and Chamber except for the use of the transportation bus. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioners will contact the transportation Administrator, Dusty Zenger, for availability of a bus and driver and will notify Pierson of a decision.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, informed the commissioners that a Zoll monitor was ordered and contact was made for a quote on a new Ambulance.

In accordance with auditor Randy Hofmeier, Clerk Marsicek presented resolutions for transfer of monies from 2015 to 2016 funds:

- Resolution 2016-19, transfer \$170,000 from Road & Bridge fund to Special Highway Improvement Fund.
- Resolution 2016-20, transfer \$330,000 from Road & Bridge Fund to Special Equipment Fund.
- Resolution 2016-21, transfer \$50,000 from General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund.
- Resolution 2016-22, transfer \$75,000 from Ambulance Fund to Special Ambulance & Medical Equipment Fund.
- Resolution 2016-23, transfer \$10,000 from General Fund to Fair Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.
- Resolution 2016-24, transfer \$90,000 from General Fund to County Building Fund.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolutions 2016-19 through Resolution 2016-24 for transfer of funds. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Commissioner Holl stated that according to Tim Garman, Mayor of Courtland, asphalted is still needed in Courtland to patch the roads maintained by Republic County. Zenger will contact Garman about patching the road when the summer asphalt is received.

- Zenger talked with Sue Nelson, citizen of Courtland, during the commissioner meeting. Nelson was requesting asphalt at the end of her driveway adjoining 30 Rd south out of Courtland. Zenger advised Nelson that the county will be scheduling a delivery of asphalt to Courtland when the asphalt is available.
- Zenger is researching disposal of hazardous liquids such as oil and paint. He has contacted Washington County recycling regarding the procedure they use. According to Washington county personnel, special training is required to handle these chemicals and advised Zenger to contact the company taking possession of these hazardous wastes. Commissioners asked Zenger to contact the company for further information.
- Zenger requested the countywide cleanup be postponed until fall or next spring. The commissioners agreed to postpone the cleanup at this time.
- Because Hamm Trucking Company and Cloud County Transfer Station have been raising rates by 3% per year since 2011, and will continue to raise them at 3%, Zenger asked the commissioners to increase the solid waste fees for Republic County.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to increase the solid waste fees effective July 1, 2016 by 4% to defray the increase rates effective February 1, 2016.

- Residence rate will increase from \$6 per month to \$6.25 per month.
- Business rate will increase from \$11 per month to \$11.45 per month.

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:10 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:15 am, taking no action.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, presented budget information for the health department and explained the need for an additional line item for training in order to monitor training expenses.

White discussed the use of office space at the health department in regard to NEK-CAP. Chris Brent called White at the recommendation of Karla Jeardoe, Republic County Resource Council. White stated that yes there is an office space available but is concerned about insurance and liability.

White informed the commissioners that the roof of the health department needs repair. During the recent rains the ceiling leaked in the front reception area. The commissioners advised White to get two or more quotes to repair the roof and report back at the next commissioner meeting.

Permission was granted for Danielle White to attend PPE training in Marysville on May 17 and to the NCKPHI quarterly meeting in Beloit on June 1.

Permission was granted for Brynn Alexander and Kathy Zach to attend PPE training in Abilene on May 18.

Permission was granted for Lori Benyshek and Nicole Kraus to attend Quickbooks training in Salina on May 19 and NCKPHI quarterly meeting in Beloit on June 1.

At 11:35 am, Commissioner Splichal made a motion go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:35 am, taking no action.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented a report of the sales tax collected for the Hospital Sales Tax Bond. At the current rate of sales tax, Coons estimates all funds will be collected to pay off the Hospital Sales Tax Bond by the end of June. However; in accordance with the bond, Republic County cannot pay off the bond before June 2017.

At 11:45 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Commissioners reconvened at 11:55 am, taking no action.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 of Courtland/Scandia, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Account payable vouchers were approved for \$117,459.52.

Clerk Marsicek notified the commissioners that since no applications for funds have been received, there will not be an RCD meeting in May.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve a letter to Dane G. Hansen Foundation on behalf of the Narka Volunteer Fire Department to distribute grant money through County funds distribution. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, announced the new software for the Deeds office is up and running.

Bath Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, announced that as of today, 1630 ballots have been received for the Hospital mail ballot election. Ballots are due by Tuesday, May 10 at noon.

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

- Zenger stated that a concrete deck is being poured for the Republic River Bridge at Republic.
- Zenger asked if Republic County could offer gym memberships at the GYM for employees. Clerk Marsicek will research this possibility.
- Zenger is seeking bids for Low-Boy trailers and will report bids to the commissioners at a later date.
- Zenger asked if Republic County had an Official Code of Standards. If Republic County does not have one, Zenger will create a Code of Standards to be signed.

Jessica Norris, Nex-Tech representative, announced that the agreement with Republic County granting authorization by the state of Kansas to provide video service to cover Republic County will expire July 9, 2017. Norris contacts businesses a year in advance so the business can auto renew with no interruption. The new contract will be 5 years. Nex-Tech will pay the County of Republic an annual fee of one (\$1) dollar which the County of Republic will accept as the franchise fee.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the auto renewal agreement with Nex-Tech to be effective July 9, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding employees paying a portion of the health insurance premiums beginning January 1, 2017.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion effective January 1, 2017, that Republic County will pay all employee health insurance premiums for Plan C. If an employee chooses Plan A, the employee will pay the difference in the premium of Plan A and Plan C. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Blaine Van Meter and David Holloway from EMS presented quotes from Osage.

- #1 - 2017 Ford Chassis with 6 LED dome lights - \$90,440.00
- #2 - 2017 Ford Chassis with 8 LED dome lights and new countertops - \$93,550.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept bid number 1 for \$90,440 from Osage. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Van Meter stated that the EMS department completed the extrication training on Saturday April 30 and experienced firsthand use of the equipment on Tuesday. The training and new equipment purchased this spring decreased the amount of time to free a person in an accident.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Election Deputy, informed the commissioners there were no provisional ballots to be canvassed from the hospital sales tax mail ballot election. Ball stated that there were 1656 accepted ballots returned totaling 50.2% of the ballots mailed out and announced that the sales tax passed.

Jackie Albertson, council person from the City of Republic, inquired if the county had set a date for a countywide cleanup. The City of Republic will be cleaning up their town and they have volunteers from several groups to help persons transport goods to be disposed to a central location when a date is set. Commissioner Holl informed Albertson that the commissioners will discuss this matter with Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator.

Additionally, Albertson requested that the ditch along 60 Rd two miles north of Republic needs to be dug out to aid in drainage. Drainage from recent rains have backed up onto farm ground causing the ground to be unproductive for crops. Albertson requested that Zenger contact her husband.

Permission to travel was granted for Morgan Morley to attend a seminar on Personal Property in Salina between July 26 and July 28.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Kansas County Appraiser's Conference in Wichita, June 5th thru 8th and for Porter to attend Procedural Compliance Workshop in Topeka on June 2.

Sheriff Ron Blad requested permission to use the County Equipment fund to purchase 9 AED defibrillators for the patrol cars. Permission was granted.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, informed the commissioners the roof is leaking at the health department. Quotes for roof and ceiling repairs are being sought.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Danielle White to attend State Immunization Conference in Salina from June 7 to June 9.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to recess to an executive session for 5 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 10:05 a.m. Commissioners agreed to allow White to advertise for a full time RN instead of two part-time LPNs.

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

- Zenger announced that he received a call from the Bostwick Irrigation District regarding the temporary closing of Bridge 8-J.5 due to damage. Zenger has order the new beams but the beams will not be received until late summer.
- Zenger is working with FEMA regarding funding on the two bridges washed out in 2015 floods. FEMA is requesting additional information.
- Zenger is researching mower machines. The current machines are not adequate.

Commissioner Bergstrom informed Zenger that Jackie Albertson from Republic wants ditch work to open ditches on 60 Rd for better drainage. Zenger stated that he would contact Rick Albertson to discuss what approach would help with the drainage problems.

Commissioner Holl stated that Albertson requested a date for a county wide cleanup. The City of Republic wants to plan a clean-up. Zenger will research a date and report back to the commissioner at May 23 with a date for the countywide clean up.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. 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 Robert Frasier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payables for \$318,263.23 were approved.

Commissioners Bergstrom and Splichal will be attending the Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2016-25 to rescind Resolution 2016-23 and Resolution 2016-24 transferring funds to the Fair Grounds Improvement Reserve and County Building Fund. Marsicek presented Resolution 2016-26 requesting \$100,000 transfer of unused County General funds to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-25 and Resolution 2016-26. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball to attend a Komtek software system conference in Manhattan on May 25-26.

Blaine Miller, Honorable Mayor of Belleville and City Manager Neal Lewis presented updates for the City of Belleville.

- Crossroads Floral will be moved from the current location by July 1. The owner of the building formerly housing the Coast to Coast store has been contacted.
- Lewis is concerned about adequate space in the landfill for demolition of these buildings. Commissioner Splichal stated Dusty Zenger has permission to open a new storage cell at the landfill when this project is underway.
- Mayor Miller informed the commissioners that the City of Belleville passed an ordinance stating owners of abandoned buildings must maintain the buildings or the city will take remedial action.
- The park updates are nearly finished and the grand opening is scheduled for Saturday May 28 at 1:00 PM and the pool will be open on Monday, May 30.
- Due to construction closure of the 12th street exit from US Hwy 81, Detour signs to local businesses were installed.

Commissioner Splichal requested an update on the agreement between Republic County Dispatch and the City of Belleville. Mayor Miller stated that discussion on that matter was tabled at the council meeting but will add it to the next city council meeting agenda. Miller would like additional information regarding the actual

expenses of the dispatch department. Miller stated that there are other issues the City of Belleville wants to review in the future such as combining the city police and sheriff department. No further discussion followed.

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

- Zenger submitted wage information for summer employees who started working Monday, May 23. The starting wages:
 - Guy Filingier, \$11.00
 - Derek Vanous, \$11.00
 - Brent Klima, \$11.00
 - Phillip Christianson \$11.00
- Zenger hired Tristan Sis as fulltime Operator starting May 23 at \$11.50 per hour.
- The patching on the Clyde road is complete
- Six thousand tons of cold mix will be delivered this week (5,300 tons for the county and 700 tons for Belleville).
- Zenger requested permission to order a new tire changer. Permission was granted.
- Zenger would like to postpone the countywide cleanup to next spring, due to heavy summer workload. He will contact the cities that requested a cleanup this summer and provide assistance.
- Zenger contacted Rick Albertson regarding the drainage issue on 60 Rd and the county will work on the issue when dryer weather permits.
- Zenger presented Resolution 2016-27, Republic County Highway Department Codes and Standards for Road and Bridge Design as required by FEMA.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-27. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners moved the rest of the meeting to the Republic County Health Department to review requested repairs needed from recent rains. Commissioner advised Danielle White to get quotes for repairs and report back to the commissioners.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 am to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 31, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Bergstrom made a motion to accept the amended minutes changing the name of Neal Lewis to Blaine Miller in reference to a future discussion with Republic County from the May 23, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Holl abstained.

Permission was granted for the Belleville City Library to use the courthouse lawn for the summer library program activities on June 2, June 16 and June 23.

Dennis Erkenbrack called to schedule an appointment with the commissioners on June 6 to discuss funding for the north fairground activities.

Commissioner Splichal announced that on June 15, the quarterly meeting of the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility will meet in Belleville at the courthouse from 10 am to noon.

Beth Ball, presented a budget request for 2017 on behalf of the Area Agency on Aging. Employees of the Golden Bell Haven working an average of 30 hours a week must be offered health insurance as a specified by the Affordable Care Act. The state Agency on Aging is requesting an additional \$14,000.00 from Republic County to cover the health insurance premiums. Commissioner Holl suggested Republic County setup a fund to pay these premiums rather than send the funds through the North Central Flint Hill Area on Aging (NC-FH AAA). Ball and Clerk Marsicek will research further options with the auditor and NC-FH AAA.

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

- Zenger presented a \$3,205.43 quote to purchase a Freon Recycling machine for the county shop from Loves Auto. Commissioners granted Zenger permission to purchase the machine or a like machine if purchased in Republic County.
- Zenger plans to seal a number of blacktop roads in 2016.
- Zenger noted that the low-boy trailer will be repaired avoiding the need to purchase a new trailer at this time.
- Zenger informed the commissioners that the roof is leaking on one of the shop buildings.
- Commissioner Holl suggested a coating be applied to seal the roof.
- Zenger suggested construction of an additional building to store equipment and build parts of smaller bridges. The Commissioner discouraged any new buildings until the completion of the storm shelter which has been in the planning stages for 2 years.

Commissioner Holl requested Clerk Marsicek send a memo to all county employees using the internet for their jobs to be very careful opening even common sights. Several viruses have attacked various computers and servers. The Republic County High School and other businesses had to pay a ransom to get their data released.

Luke Mahin, Economic Development and Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ), presented survey results of the applicants using the ROZ program in Republic County. The survey was sent to 45 applicants and 21 responded. Data included average age, current zip code, number of children in household, marital status, student loan debt and current income. In the 2016 Republic County budget, there is funding for 11 applicants. Only nine persons qualified for assistance in 2016 but as many as 19 could qualify before the end of 2016. Five applicants are funded by Republic County Economic Development and two are sponsored by the Republic County Hospital. Mahin will contact the State ROZ program director for a complete list of qualified applicants before Republic County commits to a number to be sponsored.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness and Communications, requested permission to purchase a new Computer Aid Dispatch (CAD) machine for \$10,635.00. The funds are available in the 911 expenditures for 2016. The new CAD is much faster and has the capability to email dispatch notes directly to the EMS and Sheriff departments. Trouble shooting for the CAD can be processed online for quicker response.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of the CAD. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

There was a brief discussion regarding the dispatch services and billing for the City of Belleville. Raney stated that the county has been dispatching for the City of Belleville since the 1980's when dispatch was upstairs in the Sheriff's department.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 PM. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 6th, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of the County Clerk.

Mark Imel offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Minutes of Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Peggy Frint – Republic County Register of Deeds, reported on the class she took in Iowa to learn the new computer program in her office.

Melinda Pierson, Director of Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, advised that on June 7th, Belleville will host the Bicyclists Across Kansas with many activities planned for them. She advised that the Chamber and Mainstreet office has procured funding for those who will be riding the County Transportation Bus to and from these activities, so the bus driver will not need to collect from those individuals. She requested and received permission to allow children to make chalk drawings on the Courthouse walks during this event. The first Tuesday Farmers Market will be held in the evening. Some organizations are hosting a meal on the Courtyard Square, but a concerted effort has been made to include already existing establishments in the advertising of this event.

Ms. Pierson also requested permission to use the Courthouse Square on July 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Annual Ag Fest. The Commissioners granted this requested and suggested that she communicate with the Courthouse Custodian to coordinate the barricades needed for this event. Ms. Pierson thanked the Commissioners for their support to the activities planned and held by the Chamber and Mainstreet.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, advised that she had received information from Piper Jaffray & Co. setting forth the procedure for ending the present sales tax being collected for the hospital bond, and for beginning the new sales tax that was approved by the voters at the public election held earlier this spring.

Ms. Coons presented a Financial Services Agreement between Piper Jaffray & Co. and Republic County to administer the defeasance of the outstanding General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds. Upon motion of Commissioner Holl, second by Commissioner Splichal and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom, this agreement was approved and is effective as of this date.

Dennis Erkenbrack, a constituent from the Republic area, discussed his concerns and the future of the High Banks Race Track. He emphasized the importance of keeping races going and the benefits they bring to our area. He advised that he and his family have for several years been

instigative in fund raising to enhance the amount of purse that can be offered to the drivers attending. Mr. Erkenbrack stressed that the High Banks program needs to be protected for the benefit of, not only Belleville, but also for the surrounding communities.

Cynthia Scheer from the Belleville Telescope stopped by to briefly monitor the meeting.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger reported that 5500 tons of asphalt has been made and has been delivered to the KDOT mixing strip near Kackley, and the Republic County Rydal mixing strip.
- A pump is out on one of the distributing trucks, but it should be repaired yet this week.
- There are currently two equipment operator positions to fill.
- Zenger is wanting to put together a grading crew of three to four employees, who would help with re-grading so that more permanent repairs can be made while the other grader operators can focus more on maintaining their districts.
- As the roads are now dry enough, they will begin this week to blade grass from the dirt roads.
- Zenger said he was happy with the help that was hired for the summer to flag and mow, which frees other employees for other projects.
- It was noted that two constituents had notified the Commissioners to thank the Road and Bridge Department for work done to their roads that had been left dangerous by the recent rains.
- Zenger advised that he is looking into the possibility of buying a pup trailer. Discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of buying and selling on Purple Wave.

At 10:22 a.m., on the motion of Commissioner Holl, second by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal, the Commission went into a five minute Executive Session to discuss Confidential Data. After five minutes they continued for another five minutes after which no action was taken.

Representatives from North Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Child Advocacy Center (CAC) presented their proposed budget request for 2017. Those attending were: Carol Miller, Sheril L. Daniels, Julie Lindberg, Carolyn Brzon and Crystal Parades. The group advised the Commission of the ongoing, as well as expanded need in Republic County to protect our children from violence and neglect. A chart of the counties making up the 12th Judicial District, was presented setting forth the number of cases in each County, as well as the amount of money being requested to help fund these programs. The Commission will consider this proposal at the time Budgets are set for the next year.

Lien Hecker and Abby Hunter, representing Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) presented a Proclamation for signature stating June 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Commissioner Holl moved, seconded by Commissioner Splichal and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom to approve this Proclamation. The purpose of the meeting today was to make aware the need to protect our senior citizens from abuse that, unfortunately, is a growing concern throughout our nation.

At 12:10, Commissioner Bergstrom moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Holl and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th, 2016, 8:30 a.m., at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Beth Reed
Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, Scandia/Courtland Methodist Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the amended minutes from May 31 and June 6. Amendment to May 31 is to remove the invitation to general public to attend the Regional Juvenile Board meeting on June 15. In the June 6 minutes, "Julie Housholder" should be "Julie Lindberg". Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$459,461.04.

Commissioner Splichal called County Treasurer, Cindy Coons, for a status report on the 2016 Delinquent Tax Sale. Coons stated that County Attorney Marlea James was given a list. Coons noted that final paperwork for the 2015 tax sale is not completed. When the 2015 tax sale is closed, James will begin processing the 2016 tax sale. Coons anticipates final transfer of funds by the end of this week and will forward the paperwork for signature by the District Judge.

Clerk Marsicek forwarded a request from the Department Head meeting for county sponsorship of a fitness club similar to the Republic County Hospital program. As part of the wellness program, several employees would like to join a fitness club. Marsicek will contact "The Gym" for member and sponsorship information.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, invited the commissioners to join their group on Tuesday June 14 at 6:30 pm to take down the flags around the courthouse square and attend their meeting at the Belleville City Library at 7:00 pm. Representatives from "1st Impressions" will be joining the group.

Also, Kasl thanked the commissioners for allowing the use of the transportation bus and courthouse lawn for the Bike Across Kansas activities on June 7 and for the upcoming Cruise'N Car Show on June 18.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger reported 116 bikers used the transportation bus during the Bike Across Kansas Event.
- Zenger discussed the need to repair the roof on the shop building. Commissioners advised Zenger to obtain quotes to replace or repair the roof.
- Zenger presented a notice sent to all solid waste accounts pertaining to the upcoming rate increase.

Robbin Cole and Leanne DeJoia, Pawnee Mental Health, presented their annual report and requested Republic County support in 2017. Cole requested a 1% increase of the 2016 donation for a total of \$26,260. Commissioner Holl thanked Cole for her service to Pawnee Mental Health and the improved services to Republic County.

The Board of the High Banks Race Association/North Fairgrounds presented a list of repairs needed to update the grandstands for the races. Those in attendance were Brad Couture, Jared Melton, Jimmy Melton, Ron Huncovsky and Raymond Raney. Jared stated there will be 40 race cars for the National Midget Race at the fairgrounds. Through the

years, the race participation and attendance has declined due to lower purse winnings. Subsequently, funds to update the facilities are not available. Since all buildings on the fairgrounds belong to Republic County, the racing board asked for help making needed repairs.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve up to \$15,000 for fairground improvement to the grandstands, racetrack and buildings on north part of the fairgrounds. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Melinda Pierson, Belleville Mainstreet and Chamber, presented a report from local businesses and comments from the riders of the Bike Across Kansas. Pierson stated that many of the businesses saw 20 to 40% increase in customers. Riders were impressed with the avenue of flags around the courthouse, the transportation buses from the high school to businesses and the farmer's market.

At 12:00 pm, Commissioner Holl made a motion to hold an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The Board reconvened at 12:10 pm, taking no action.

At 12:10, Commissioner Holl moved to adjourn, second by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016, 8:30 a.m., at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek,
Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioners signed a permission to travel for Nicole Kraus to attend the North Central billers meeting in Salina on June 15. Clerk Marsicek notified the commissioners of the request after the close of the June 13 meeting via phone. Commissioner Splichal stated the permission to travel could be signed at the June 20th meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad announced the retirement of Gary Thoman, effective June 30. There will be a courthouse retirement lunch on June 27.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius and James Quillen from OCCK, presented their 2015 annual report and budget request of \$23,307 for 2017 which was the same as 2016. OCCK provided direct services to 69 Republic County residents in 2015. OCCK provides transportation to Salina for Medical treatment and other services in that area.

Marlea James, County Attorney, informed the commissioners that the minutes from June 13 implied that her office was responsible for the delay in starting the procedure on the 2016 tax sale. The issue is that, until the 2015 tax sale is closed, the county attorney's office cannot proceed with a new tax sale. Commissioner Holl stated that was so noted and the county treasurer said the closure of 2015 tax sale should be completed as of June 17 and James could now start the title searches for the properties submitted for the 2016 tax sale.

James explained her increased budget request by stating the need for hiring a part time assistant in the County Attorney's office. Starting July 1, the state of Kansas is requiring all court proceeding and filings to be done electronically. This will take more time in the beginning and an additional employee would aid in the distribution of duties. James stated that during 1993-2003, there was one full time assistant and most of the time at least a second part time assistant. Commissioners will consider this information when finalizing the county budget.

Honorable Tim Garman, Mayor of Courtland, explained that the repairs to the main street in Courtland have not been completed and wondered if the county could supply the needed asphalt if the Courtland maintenance man could patch the road. Garman also invited the commissioner to the Annual Courtland Fun Day planned for July 30. Commissioner Holl assured Garman that the road administrator would be contacting Garman with plans to repair the main street.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented a loan release for William and Hayley Popelka for completing the obligation by paying off their loan.

Jay Lewis presented a quote from Carlson Lawn Care to spray the courthouse yard for insects and other ground fertilizing. Commissioners instructed Lewis to have Carlson apply the needed spraying to maintain a nice courthouse yard. Commissioner Holl suggested that extra watering be applied during these dry hot days.

John Robison, Kansas Crossroads RCD, presented a request of \$700 for funding for 2017.

Lori Siemsen, Wayne Pachta, John Robison, Jerome Kieffer and Jerry Strnad from Republic County Conservation District presented an annual report and 2017 budget request for \$37,500.00. Commissioner Splichal stated the request will be considered and the final approval will be decided in August.

Commissioner Splichal reported the North Central Regional Juvenile meeting was held June 14 at Belleville.

Commissioners instructed Clerk Marsicek to contact the Pawnee Mental Health Board of Directors of the regrets that none of the Republic County Commissioners will be attending the annual meeting to be held June 28.

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

- Zenger presented utility agreements:
 - Williams Drilling and Republic County to construct and operate an underground Electric Line between Sections 35-2-5 and 36-2-5
 - Lazy S Enterprises, LLC and Republic County to construct and operate an underground waterline between Sections 22-3-5 and 23-3-5
- Zenger presented a solid waste increase letter for the rural residences and businesses.
- Zenger presented bids for a new tractor:
 - C & W Farm Supply – New Holland - \$62,000
 - CTI – John Deere - \$51,950
 - Bruna Implement – Case - \$64,950

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from CTI. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

- Commissioner Holl inquired about the asphalt needed to repair the main street in Courtland and that Tim Garman suggested if the county would supply the asphalt the City of Courtland could repair their road.
- Zenger informed the commissioners of receiving a denial letter of FEMA funds for the 2 box culverts and one bridge damaged in the 2015 flooding; however, he will file an appeal.

Blaine VanMeter, EMS Director, informed the commissioners that the next Paramedic training in North Central Kansas will be in Salina starting August 2017. He also stated that starting Thursday, June 23, all paperwork from runs taken by his department will be submitted electronically.

VanMeter announced the retirement of Randy Ainsworth in August and asked permission to start advertising for a Paramedic or an Advanced EMT. Permission was granted.

VanMeter discussed the possibility of needing to assist the City of Washington with ambulance service. The Washington City Council will vote June 20 on continuing the ambulance service to the City of Washington and surrounding communities in Washington County.

Permission to travel was granted for Blaine VanMeter to attend Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support in Mankato during June 28-29.

Permission to travel was granted for Blaine VanMeter and David Holloway to attend Trauma Combat Casualty Course in Concordia during July 14-15.

County Treasurer, Cindy Coons and Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2016-28 authorizing the execution of an escrow trust agreement to provide for the payment of the outstanding general obligation sales tax refunding bonds, Series 2010, of Republic County, Kansas and authorizing certain actions to be taken in conjunction and Resolution 2016-29 to impose a one percent (1%) county-wide sales tax for the support of the Republic County hospital general expenses approved by voters in May 2016.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-28. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion accept Resolution 2016-29. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding windfarm consultants contacting residents of Republic County. There have been two companies that have shown possible interest in the area. NextEra Windfarm representative will visit with the commissioners on June 27.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$202,471.92 were approved.

Commissioners Holl and Splichal will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting.

Marlea James, County Attorney, came before the commissioners asking about the procedure of publishing the unapproved minutes of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holl requested that James research the legal status of publishing the county minutes-unapproved or approved.

Jamie Gentile and Micheal Moor from NextEra Energy located in Florida, introduced themselves and their company. NextEra owns 110 windfarms throughout the United States. NextEra is researching the possibility of building windfarms in Republic County. Twenty five Republic County residents were in attendance to ask questions regarding NextEra's proposed research. Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, announced there will be a meeting at the Cuba Community Hall on July 6 at 8:30 am to discuss in depth the possibility of establishing windfarms in Northeast Republic County.

Honorable J.E. Chizek, Mayor of Cuba, invited the commissioners to attend the summer activities in Cuba including the Turtle Feed and Harvest Festival. Chizek requested the sealing of the main street in Cuba but said that could be done during the fall. Also, Chizek asked if the county planned on sealing the blacktop road from US 36 to Hwy 148 this year. Dusty Zenger explained that both projects are on the schedule for 2016.

Honorable Jimmie Blecha, Mayor of Munden, asked Zenger if the Munden blacktop was still on the schedule for sealing and requested an additional 400 feet north of town be sealed.

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

Commissioner Splichal informed Zenger there are some large potholes on 170 road north of Marble Road.

- Zenger explained that several roads in the county are in need of patching and sealing. A schedule has been prepared to cover as many miles as materials allow.
- Zenger stated the 1989 Tack truck (oil distributor) had a transmission installed last week but other repairs will be completed this week. Zenger recommends purchasing a new oil truck for 2017.
- Zenger stated the new tractor was delivered last week.

Commissioner Bergstrom stated that he had received calls regarding the wooden culvert on 40 Rd asking when it will be repaired.

- Zenger explained the culvert will be replaced but he does not have a specific date.

Commissioner Holl asked Zenger if he had contacted Hall Brothers about repairing the main street of Courtland.

- Zenger said that he has not contacted Hall Brothers at this time.
- Zenger announced the hiring of Blaine Blazek. Blazek starts June 27 at \$12.00 per hour.
- Zenger has submitted the Warwick Bridge to the Federal Off-System bridge program for funding.
- Zenger stated that Cloud County is researching the need to repair the bridge on the Cloud County and Republic County line south of Talmo.

Discussion was held about the new Fair Labor Standard Act regarding the County Appraiser's, Barry Porter, shared status with Cloud County. Porter will research how other counties will be handling the sharing responsibilities of the appraiser.

Brandon Clark, Kansas Mobile Veteran Services Representative, per a written request asked permission to park the Veteran Affairs Van on the Courthouse square once a month to accommodate local Veterans. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve permission for parking. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

By consensus, Commissioners approved the Proclamation to officially recognize and designate June 20-26 as Amateur Radio Week in Republic County.

Mike Nondorf announced the fairgrounds has been sprayed for weeds in preparation of the North Central Kansas Free Fair.

Kevin Calkins, custodian, announced he will be retiring August 1. Classified ads will be published for head custodian.

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Gary Thoman, Republic County Deputy, was presented a retirement plaque. Thoman has served as a law enforcement officer for a total of 32 years including 8 years at Republic County.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 AM. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Barry Porter, County Appraiser, explained the appraisers' job is to appraise the new improvements completed by the applicant. The applicant is responsible for paying the current property taxes by the due date in full. The County Treasurer then refunds the required amount to the applicant. Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, explained that the computer is set up to create NRP refund checks two times a year-January and June. In order to qualify for the refund, the property taxes must be paid in full by the due date so the distribution can be completed and funds can be sent to the State of Kansas by the required deadline.

Clerk Marsicek presented the 2017 budget request for \$16,000 for the Republic County Museum along with a note from Nancy Holt, treasurer, stating this is the same amount as 2016.

Commissioners added additional instructions regarding health insurance.

Discussion was held regarding County general expenses including Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) funding, Economic Development, Republic County Hospital maintenance fund, North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building and the North Fair Grounds so the information could be forwarded to county accountant for budget purposes.

- ROZ- \$22,500. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to cap funding for 15 persons or \$22,500 during 2017. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.
- Republic County Hospital maintenance - \$415,640
- North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building - \$13,500
- North Fair Grounds (Belleville High Banks) - \$15,000

Commissioners designated Clerk Marsicek to represent Republic County as a voting member for the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in November.

Results of the interest surveys regarding the use of the "GYM" were studied. Clerk Marsicek will contact each department with details regarding the price that would be deducted from employee wages and will request a list of employees wishing to participate.

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

- Zenger is accepting bids for dump trucks.

- Zenger presented Agreement No. 278-16 between Republic County and KDOT to authorize county road signing project during 2018.
- Zenger stated that work on “L” road will begin this week.
- Zenger explained that Andy Ashe from Cloud County has applied for Federal Off-System Bridge funding for the bridge located on the Cloud and Republic County line between 190 and 210 roads.
- Zenger announced that the bridge crew is replacing several box culverts.
- Zenger also announced that there are 224 bridges in Republic County that will be inspected in 2016.

Gary Wells, new resident to Republic County, presented his plans for a new business that will build truck trunks and utility trailers. He has concerns about available transportation out of Republic County to neighboring counties to purchase items not offered in Republic County. Commissioner Holl suggested that he contact the North Central Kansas OCK bus. Clerk Marsicek will get the phone number to Mr. Wells.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, presented a copy of a run report now prepared with the new electronic reporting. Van Meter explained it can be transmitted directly to any hospital involved with a call.

Van Meter asked permission to purchase a citizen band radio from Pierce Electronic for \$730. Permission was granted.

Van Meter will be teaching an Advanced Medical Provider class with the assistance of Robert Woody in Republic County starting in August.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Commissioners will attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 6 at 8:30 AM in Cuba, KS regarding windfarms.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 5, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$166,218.97 were approved.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented for signatures the Biannual State reports for RCD and announced there would be an RCD meeting on July 13.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney to attend Annual LEPC Conference and Flood Management Classes in Manhattan from July 20-21 and for Beth Reed to attend Annual LEPC Conference during that same time.

Resolution 2016-30 authorizing Republic County's participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Repayment Program was presented with the allocated amount of \$22,500 or 15 participates whichever is met first. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-30. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Resolution 2016-31 establishing fees to be charged to persons for permits and accessing and/or copying open public records was presented. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-31. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek announced the purchase of 7 printers for the Electronic Poll Pads for voter sign in.

Sheriff Blad announced that the sheriff's office will be receiving a new fingerprint machine. The fingerprint machine was obtained from the KBI and will be of no cost to the county.

Kelvin Blecha, member of the NCK Fairgrounds committee, requested a status report on funding to renovate the commercial building on the fairgrounds. Commissioner Holl stated that funds have been placed in a Capital building improvement fund to assist with renovating county buildings. The commissioners requested building plans and cost estimates.

Honorable Jimmie Blecha, Mayor of Munden, thanked Republic County for the use of equipment to remove debris from the storm this spring. Blecha asked if the county could dredge the south ditch on Granite road east of Munden. Blecha also asked the status of the 2016 delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Splichal stated as soon as the 2015 tax sale is closed the county attorney has authority to start the process on the 2016 tax sale.

At 10:05 am, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the board, Jay Lewis and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

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

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

- Zenger stated that the regrading of "L" road has been delayed due to weather.
- Zenger shared a letter from a county resident in regards to the increase in solid waste fees, thanking the county for their good work and that they understand fees increase and the expense needs to be shared by all residents.
- Zenger announced that the bridge crew is finishing the culvert on Jade road south of Munden and that the highway crews will be patching the Narka and Munden blacktop roads.

Kevin Calkins, courthouse custodian, expressed his disappointment in the commissioners' reaction when Calkins announced his retirement. Calkins volunteered to assist in training the new custodian once one is hired.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

There will be a special meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016 to review the proposed 2017 county budget with auditor Randy Hofmeier.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Linda Holl. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:40 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

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

At 8:46 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 8:56 am, taking no action.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, presented the 2017 Annual 12th District Court budget for signature.

Brian Carlson, Abe's Lawn Care Service, discussed with the commissioners information regarding lawn care as requested by Jay Lewis. Commissioner Holl suggested that Carlson present a quote to oversee the lawn care of the courthouse lawn, except for mowing which will be completed by the custodian.

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

- Zenger presented for signature an Agreement No. 304-16 between Republic County and KDOT to authorize county road signing project during 2018.
- Zenger presented for signature the Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Scandia for Solid Waste fees.
- Sealed bids for a new dump truck were opened but Zenger will review each bid to make sure all specifications were met before a final decision on Monday, July 25.

At 10:50 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 11:00 am, taking no action.

At 11:05 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried.

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

At 11:20 am, Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Dick Wolfe, Komtek Software, introduced his company and proposed software that he will be demonstrating to Republic County the next two days. Komtek has been in business in Kansas since 1984.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 PM. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

Due to limited schedules, auditor Randy Hofmeier will meet with the commissioners during a special commissioner meeting on Thursday, July 21 at 8:00 am to review the proposed County budget for 2017.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in special session on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of the special meeting is to review the proposed 2017 Republic County budget with auditor Randy Hofmeier.

After discussion of all levied funds, an agreeable budget with a 97.833 mill levy was approved to present to the citizens of Republic County. This is 6.99 mills decrease from the 2016 budget.

The budget hearing will be August 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioners' board room to hear any contest of the 2017 Republic County budget.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 18 and July 21 meetings. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$198,658.61 were approved.

All commissioners will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon today, July 25.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioners, the candidate and Clerk Marsicek were present. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Commissioner Holl moved to approve Resolution 2016-32 for the appointment of Elizabeth Baskerville-Hilton and Darrell Miller as special prosecuting attorneys should the need arise during absence of the Republic County Attorney attending continue education seminars. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the 2nd Quarter, Republic county financial statement. The total balance on hand is \$9,346,383.58 dispersed among all banks in Republic County and the Kansas Municipal Pool in Topeka.

Gary Wells, new county resident, explained that he will not be opening the new business in Belleville as previously announced. According to Wells, Republic County has possibilities for other businesses but not his.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the 2017 proposed budget request from the Republic County Conservation District in the amount of \$37,500. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to sign a letter in support of the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, RCD, presented a loan agreement between Republic County Development Committee (RCD) and Courser-Lapo Clinical & Family Services, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the loan request. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

A bid for mowing services was received from Brian Carlson of ABES Tree & Lawn. Commissioners decided to allow Carlson to treat the courthouse grounds for insects but the custodian will continue to mow the lawn.

Randy Hofmeier, Auditor, phoned the commissioners to discuss possible changes to the proposed budget. Hofmeier will make the budget revisions and email an updated copy to the clerk for presentation at the August 1 Commissioners Meeting.

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

- Zenger presented a recap of bids for a dump truck:
 - Summit – International \$133,025.00
 - Summit – Volvo \$138,905.00
 - Summit – Volvo TPE \$140,042.50
 - Salina Truck Center – Western Star \$138,046.00
 - Salina Truck Center – Freightliner \$134,003.00
 - Nebraska Peterbilt – Peterbilt Matt \$152,727.00
 - Nebraska Peterbilt – Peterbilt LCL \$154,577.00
 - Nebraska Peterbilt – Peterbilt Mid \$158,229.00

Zenger recommended the Summit International as his preference.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Summit for the International. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger will contact KCAMP regarding hail damage to shop buildings.
- Zenger is working with the Love's facility contractor regarding a drainage issue.
- Zenger requested a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 15 at 11:30 a.m. for the new bridge over the Republican River at Republic.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to open the Solid Waste hearing. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn the Solid Waste hearing at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to continue interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioners, the candidate and Clerk Marsicek were present. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to continue interviewing custodian candidates. Commissioners, the candidate and Clerk Marsicek were present. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss custodian candidates. Those present were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at noon to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 Bob Fraiser, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 25 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kansas Department of Revenue documented that statistical performance standards were met by the Republic County Appraiser for both the commercial/industrial and residential classes of properties.

Kansas Development Finance Authority will issue an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond to Stephan E and Rachel J Zohn (the "Beginning Farmer") to purchase land.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced there are now 200 flags poles around the courthouse yard and there will be no more. The National Honor Society students volunteered to assist in the raising and lowering the flags the week of the North Central Kansas Free Fair. Kasl is researching lights so the flags may be left over night on some occasions.

Discussion was held regarding the deed transfer from Jessica D Price to Republic County for property located at 1704 M St, Belleville, KS. Clerk Marsicek will ask County Attorney, Marlea James, to update the commissioners on Monday, August 8.

Brian Carlson, ABES Lawn Service, presented a quote of \$4,395.00 for annual lawn care of the courthouse square. The board will review the quote and contact Carlson with a decision by the next meeting.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss custodian candidates. Those present were the Commissioners. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to offer Patrick Comstock the Head Custodian position pending pre-employment testing with \$12.00 per hour starting wage to be reviewed at year end. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Clerk Marsicek is to contact Comstock and set up the pre-employment testing.

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

- Zenger requested signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Cuba for Solid Waste fees.
- Zenger along with Scott Hartman and Ash Paul presented a quote for an Asphalt Distributor truck from Van Keppel.
- Zenger stated that an insurance adjuster will inspect the shop buildings for damage from storms last spring.
- Zenger is requesting bids for road graders.
- Zenger along with the crew leader from Bridges Construction preformed a walk through on the new Republican River Bridge at Republic.

Bonnie and Pete Miller introduced services of Benefits Direct. The mission statement of Benefits Direct: “to deliver and provide our partner clients a comprehensive benefit administration and communication platform solution designed to improve employee engagement and management efficiency; all with the highest levels of customer service.” Benefits Direct combines all employee benefits under one management program. Commissioner Holl inquired what the monthly fees for these management services are. Miller stated there are no set monthly fees. Fees are based on commission of services through the brokers. The commissioners will review the literature and contact Miller later in the month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Due to canvassing ballots, the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. 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 from the August 1 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$111,369.53 were approved.

Canvassing of ballots was completed at 8:45 a.m. on August 2nd.

Patrick Comstock accepted the position of Head custodian pending pre-employment evaluations on August 8.

Under Sheriff, Eric Brunner, updated the commissioners on the accident on the Belleville High Banks Race Track on Saturday, August 6. All inquiries are being forwarded to the County Attorney.

Randy Thayer, Honorable Mayor of Republic, requested assistance from the county to repair 5 streets leading to the elevator in Republic. The City of Republic has contacted the North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) for grants, however, the project is not large enough for most contractors to bid. NCRPC suggested local assistance to repair the streets. Dusty Zenger joined the meeting to discuss repairs to Republic streets. Zenger has agreed to assist the City of Republic pending clarification of the proposed repairs. Commissioner Bergstrom suggested an option of using crushed rocks with clay balls as opposed to asphalt which does not sustain heavy truck traffic.

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

- Zenger requested signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Munden for Solid Waste fees.
- Scott Hartman, Van Keppel, presented quotes for an International Oil Distributor truck and a Peterbilt Oil Distributor truck. Purchase of a distributor has not been approved.
- Zenger requested a postponement of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Republican River Bridge near Republic, Kansas due to road work leading to and from the bridge. The Commissioners moved the ceremony to Monday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Marlea James, County Attorney, announced to the commissioners that, due to the high profile of the accident at the race track last weekend, she will handle all inquiries associated with this incident.

James will research the status of deeds for two properties which were not sold on the delinquent tax sale and subsequently reverted to Republic County ownership.

Nicole Kraus requested signatures on contracts to provide health services for schools in Republic County.

Wanda Backstrum and Jennifer Warkentin, 12th Judicial District Community Corrections, presented the Fiscal Year 2016 report and requested commissioner signatures. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the Year 2016 report. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Permission to travel was granted for Beth Reed and Raymond Raney to attend the Annual Kansas Emergency Management Association conference September 13-16 in Manhattan.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Linda Holl. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas Local Environmental Protection Grant (NCKLEPG) Sanitarian, presented the semi-annual statement for the seven counties served by NCKLEPG.

Auditor Randy Hofmeier asked the commissioners via phone to contact Marlea James, County Attorney regarding his request for information to complete the 2015 Republic County Audit. Commissioner Splichal informed Hofmeier that James will be contacted and he should have his information later this week.

At 8:47 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 8:52 a.m., taking no action.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons, Laura Joy and Kathleen Marsicek to attend an Excel Basics and Advanced software seminar in Salina from August 23-24.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal opened the 2017 County Budget hearing. Persons attending the hearing were Commissioner Splichal, Commissioner Holl, Clerk Marsicek, Dusty Zenger, Casey Frazer and Deb Hadachek.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 Republic County Budget. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Splichal closed the hearing.

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

- Zenger and Casey Frazer, Foley Equipment presented quotes for a used Caterpillar including trade-in.
 - 2010 Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader with 1994 hours \$127,200
 - 2011 Caterpillar 140M Motor Grader with 2886 hours \$126,450

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2010 Caterpillar for \$127,200. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

- Zenger stated that sealing the Cuba road would start the end of August. Sealing Old 81, Narka and Munden roads will follow.

- Zenger announced that this is the last week for the summer help.
- Zenger requested signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the following cities for Solid Waste fees.
 - Courtland
 - Belleville
 - Agenda

Marlea James, County Attorney, joined the meeting and stated that she would have the information to Randy Hofmeier, the auditor, this week.

At 11:08 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes for client/attorney confidential information with the commissioners, County Attorney James and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 11:13 a.m., taking so action.

James requested information regarding the 2017 Republic County proposed budget in regard to her office. James was informed that her request for additional funds for personal was denied and she asked for a clarification as to why. Also, James wanted to know if the commissioners consider her office adequately staffed. James explained that the new E-filing requires additional paperwork and time to process and that there are more court cases that require extensive time.

Commissioner Holl explained that although the line item of County Attorney was decreased, an additional line item was added to the county courthouse. This fund could be used for outside attorney fees if the need arises for tax sale or consulting for the windfarm contracts, so those fees need not be paid from the County Attorney's budget. Commissioner Splichal informed James that the commissioners will further discuss the additional assistance when all three commissioners meet next.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 15 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

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

Accounts payable vouchers for \$96,892.31 were approved.

Permission to travel was granted for Beth Ball to attend Poll Pad Training in Topeka on August 31.

Clerk Marsicek announced the final two deed transfers from the tax sale have been filed.

Patrick Comstock, new head custodian, was welcomed by the commissioners. Commissioners approved Comstock's starting wage of \$12.00 per hour. Commissioner Splichal informed Comstock that the department heads have compiled a list of suggested items to assist him with a cleaning schedule.

There was discussion about how long Jay Lewis would need to work fulltime before returning to his part time status. Comstock stated that he would like Lewis to assist in the fulltime status for a couple of weeks then Lewis could return to part time.

Marlea James, County Attorney, joined the meeting and presented the time line of the 2015 tax sale. The tax sale was held June 23, 2015. Judge Cudney signed the order confirming the sale in July, 2015. In August, 2015 the order to pay out costs was given to the County Treasurer, Cindy Coons, to provide information on the amounts and distribution of funds collected. This was received by the County Attorney's office in July 2016. The deeds for the unsold properties have been completed to transfer ownership to Republic County. The two properties owned by Republic County can now be offered at sealed bids.

Commissioner Splichal asked Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, to join the meeting to discuss the rules of publication of properties Republic County will be selling. Coons contacted auditor Randy Hofmeier regarding the publications needed to confirm with statutes. Hofmeier visited via phone stating that the properties must be published for three weeks. Coons will place a publication in the Belleville Telescope August 25 noting the bids will be opened on September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, visited with the commissioners regarding the recycling trailer. In the past, Cline delivered the recycling to the transfer station in Concordia but was recently notified that if Cline

was going to deliver the recycling, he would be responsible for unloading and sorting it. Cline contacted the Washington County recycling center and will be delivering to that location in the future.

Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, was asked to attend the meeting to answer questions from Cline. Cline stated that per earlier conversations with Zenger, the County would seal streets in Scandia and Cline asked for an estimated date and cost to the sealing. Zenger will develop a quote and contact Cline with the information.

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

- Zenger stated that sealing roads will begin next week and could take 3-4 weeks.
- Zenger received from KCAMP a damage estimate for \$4,500 to repair the roof on the shop building. He is still receiving local quotes to repair or replace the roof.
- Zenger stated that Rob Kasl contacted him about removing trees on the fairgrounds. The commissioners instructed Zenger to forward the message to Kelvin Blecha, president of the Fair Grounds.
- Zenger shared that the county has purchased more gravel this year than planned due to the rains throughout the county and funds for additional gravel could be needed.
- Zenger stated that the bridge crew will be starting on the bridge on 80 Rd this week.
- Zenger invited Pete Kulp from Lee Boy, Ted Terwort from Kirby-Smith and Scott Hutch from Van Keppel to discuss Oil Distributor trucks. Kulp and Terwort will prepare quotes for Zenger to present at the next meeting.
- Zenger presented for signatures Solid Waste agreements from the City of Narka and City of Republic.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to call the hearing for solid waste delinquencies to order. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made motion to adjourn the solid waste hearing. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, presented three quotes for new election equipment.

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| • Election Source – Equipment only | \$72,035.00 |
| ○ Annual Fees | \$8,409.00 |
| • Unisyn – Equipment only | \$71,133.00 |
| ○ Annual Fees | \$6,325.00 |
| • ES&S – Equipment only | \$62,140.00 |
| ○ Annual Fees | \$6,452.00 |

Ball explained that our current election equipment is 10 years old and has met its life expectancy and could be traded in. Ball proposed partial funding would come from Election Capital Outlay of \$25,000 and the balance from County Equipment reserve fund. Each company did present a possible 2 year payment plan if needed however, ES&S offered a discount if paid in full.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from ES&S and to pay it in full but requested that the purchase occur after the first of 2017. Commission Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, presented an update on quotes to repair the roof and other areas of the health department. The recent storm has led to additional areas in the building that will need

repairs. White has received one quote for \$43,800. Commissioners requested White wait to make any decisions until she has at least three quotes.

White asked permission to close the health department on September 22 to complete a full inventory of assets. All department employees would be required to assist in counting, labeling or recording all assets. Commissioners agreed to the request as long as proper notification would be publicized.

White announced the hiring of Kristin Kruse, RN, effective August 1 with wages of \$17.50 per hour.

The health department nurses will make flu shots available for county employees during September.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathy Zach and Kristin Kruse to attend the Kansas Homecare Association Annual Meeting in Wichita during September 19 to 21.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, Belleville and at 11:30 a.m. the commissioners will attend the Ribbon Cutting ceremony near Republic on the Republican River Bridge.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope and Melvin Jeardoe monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 22 meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend Agricultural Use Valuation training in Topeka from September 12 to 16.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend KCOA in Wichita from September 12 to 15.

Clerk Marsicek announced that 15 employees will obtain GYM memberships using a payroll deduction. Marsicek will contact Shannon Short to process the contract memberships.

Commissioner Splichal presented for review the Juvenile Detention Board minutes from the August meeting.

Jimmie Blecha, Mayor of Munden, announced that the City of Munden is applying for a Hanson Foundation Grant. Blecha requested signatures on a letter to verify the approval of the Republic County Commissioners and which must accompany the application. Commissioners signed the letter of approval.

Marlea James, County Attorney, joined the meeting and asked if a decision was made regarding the hiring of a part-time assistant for her department. Earlier discussion was tabled until all commissioner were present. Status of the Hardy Bridge insurance reimbursement was also discussed. Commissioner Bergstrom suggested revisiting the possibility of a part-time assistant at a later date.

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

- Zenger presented two quotes for the roof repairs in addition to the insurance adjusters' appraisal but is still waiting on another.
- Zenger stated that two trailers will be sold on Purple Wave Auction site in October.
- Zenger noted that Republic County will be processing the seeding inspection along the right of way by the new Republican River Bridge south of Republic. The bridge contractors usually perform this inspection however, the County would pay a fee for each inspection which is required after any rain until the grass is at 70% coverage.

Mike Hadachek, Republic County Development, requested signatures on a loan application for Courser Lapo Clinic and Family Services, LLC in the amount of \$25,000.00. This is a six year loan with the first year payments going to interest only.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, reported the total July Hospital sales tax would be \$52,603.22.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to Labor Day, September 5, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope and Melvin Jeardoe monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 29 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Blaine Miller and Neal Lewis, City of Belleville, informed the commissioners that during the next Belleville City Council meeting the project to remove the old buildings will be discussed and plans to let bids for demolition will be drafted. Lewis stated that Brian Philips and Dusty Zenger will be included in meetings with contractors so all persons will be aware of the specific needs during demolition. The City of Belleville plans to have the buildings removed by January 1, 2017. Miller asked if building materials would need to be separated before depositing material in the landfill and questioned space available to hold the debris. Commissioner Holl informed Miller that Zenger will be consulted about these questions and noted that an additional cell is planned to hold debris that can be buried at the landfill.

Commissioner Holl stated that after sealed bids are opened on Monday September 12, the deed for the county property can be transferred.

Lewis stated that as of September 1, the trailers containing recyclable materials from Republic County must be taken to either Washington County Recycling Center or the Jewell County Recycling Center because Cloud County will not accept materials from outside of Cloud County.

Commissioner Splichal commended the City of Belleville on a successful summer with the new pool and splash pad.

Pawnee Mental Health sent correspondence proclaiming September 2016 as Recovery Month in Republic County. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim September 2016 as Recovery Month. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding hiring high school students to participate in on the job training in the courthouse during school hours. Consensus was at this time, the positions for custodial workers is full.

Clerk Marsicek informed the commissioners that Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and tourism will be designing a new system after January 1 and the current equipment will be obsolete. In view of the future need to update computers, Marsicek requested the purchase of two computers using the Clerk's Tech fund and county equipment reserve. The clerk's current computer could be used for KDWPT and the new computers for use in the clerk's office. Marsicek presented bids for two computers from two vendors.

- Professional Services \$2,249.90 plus installation
- Nex-Tech \$2,057.98 plus installation

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Mike Nondorf, Republic County weed director, explained that he could schedule the courthouse lawn to be sprayed for weeds and fertilized during his working hours and supplies would be purchased locally.

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

- Zenger stated that the budgeted amount for gravel for 2016 exhausted and more gravel is needed to repair roads.
- Zenger suggested evaluation of buildings at shop location to determine the most efficient use of the buildings and any repairs or updating required to facilitate such use. Zenger noted that material stored in one building are not staying dry and suggested other buildings would be better used if insulated. Commissioners requested rearranging material for safe keeping and an evaluation of actual need for repairs.
- Zenger announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Republican River Bridge is planned for Monday, September 12 at 11:30.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented a voucher and draw down check for Courser & Lapo Consulting in the amount of \$3,447.00.

Alisha Bond, Group Benefits Service (GBS), presented a 2016 Service Commitment and Performance Review of services to Republic County. GBS promotes three areas of service- Financial, Compliance of ACA, and Employee Education. GBS has served Republic County since 2011 and looks forward to continued service in the future. Bond stated a service called ThinkHR that is a support for HR departments regarding upcoming rules for salaried employees. Bond will hold an open meeting with employees and spouses on October 5 to present changes in the Health Care plans and other benefits and she will assist with open enrollment on October 6.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, asked permission to purchase two desks for the EMS station. Van Meter presented two quotes.

- Central Office Supply \$1,600.00
- Amazon \$ 800.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to purchase from Amazon. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioners discussed a new law regarding non-exempt status of salaried employees earning less than \$47,476.00 annually. Marsicek noted that department heads are aware of this new law. Commissioner Holl made a motion to require all salaried personnel to “clock in” starting October 1st. HR will use these two months to set a baseline for hours worked for the commissioners to review. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Then the commissioners will attend a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Republican River Bridge south of Republic at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 6 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$429,876.96.

Commissioners signed a voucher and an RCD check for a Courser-Lapo loan for \$3,860.00.

Commissioners discussed the changes in federal law pertaining to salaried personnel. Commissioner Holl made a motion that all non-elected salaried personnel be paid hourly wages and earn vacation and sick leave based on years of service. Any unused sick leave or vacation from 2016 may be saved and added to 2017 hours; not to exceed the limits set for non-salaried employees. Raymond Raney and Barry Porter will be given an additional 60 hours vacation in appreciation for prior years of service Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. The Republic County Policy and Procedure book will be updated to reflect this action.

During Public forum, Jackie Albertson, concerned citizen, requested an update on some ditch clearing north of Republic. Albertson also requested an inspection of a culvert which is not draining properly in Section 32, Township 1, Range 5. Commissioner Splichal stated that these matters will be discussed when Dusty Zenger joins the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and that the Commissioners will be in Republic later this morning and will include a trip to the areas of concern.

Kent Kalivoda, Honorable Mayor of Agenda, announced that the elevator in Agenda was closed and asked if commissioners had any suggestions for re-opening it. The elevator is owned by UAP Distribution Inc. Kalivoda noted that some maintenance is already needed and the Agenda City Council does not want the buildings to sit empty. Commissioner Splichal suggested that the city council contact the owners for additional details regarding the closure and also contact local farmers to discuss the problems this may cause.

Beth Reed, communications secretary, informed the board that several cell phones on our contract with Nex-Tech have no usage recorded on the monthly statements and asked permission to contact Nex-Tech for removal of these phones from the contract. Permission was granted.

At 10:00 a.m., sealed bids were opened for the two properties not sold on the 2015 tax sale.

- Property A - Vacant lot in the City of Narka- one bid by James Sharp Jr for \$25.00.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from Sharp. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Property B – Lots Three (3) and Four (4), Block Seventeen (17), Original Town site of the City of Belleville – No bids were received.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to deed this property to the City of Belleville. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

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

- Zenger requested signatures on an agreement with Kirkham Michael to complete the survey and design for a single-span steel beam bridge on King Road.
- Daryl Levendofsky, concerned citizen, visited with Dusty and the commissioners regarding two dirt roads in Washington Township which need repairs. One has a large washout from a recent storm. Zenger will list the road on the repair/rebuild schedule but, until the rains let up, repairs cannot be done.
- Commissioner Splichal informed Zenger of other roads and drainage problems in the Republic area which were reported by Jackie Albertson. Zenger agreed to review those areas that afternoon after the ribbon cutting ceremony on the Pawnee River Bridge.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners, suspended the meeting to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Pawnee River Bridge located two miles southwest of Republic.

Several Republic County citizens attended the ribbon cutting, including landowners who donated land, the commissioners, Clerk Marsicek, Dusty Zenger and the North Central Kansas Planning Commission. Zenger presented a tribute to all who made the new bridge possible.

Following the ceremony, the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek inspected road concerns in the Republic area.

Upon returning from the ribbon cutting ceremony, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 12 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, explained the 2017 changes to State Employee Health Plans (SEHP) noting an increase in deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses. Ball announced that she and Clerk Marsicek will meet with employees to explain the changes prior to open enrollment set for October 6. Commissioners encouraged employees to review each plan for their specific needs noting that the employee will be responsible for partial payment of premiums starting January 1, 2017.

Blaine Van Meter, Randy Ainsworth and Dave Holloway from EMS presented a new Policy and Procedure manual for the EMS department. Van Meter suggested promoting Dave Holloway to Co-Assistant Director to be mentored by Randy Ainsworth, who will be retiring in 2017.

Van Meter presented three quotes for replacement of a commercial power washer.

- Hotsy Equipment Co. - \$1,695.00
- Professional Cleaning Systems - \$1,395.00
- Concordia Tractor Inc - \$ 975.00

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve \$975.00 for the purchase of the power washer which meets the need of the EMS Department. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal announced that there will be a free summit on "Social Media and Internet Exploitation" at Cloud County Community College on October 17 and encouraged attendance of department heads, first responders and those employees responsible for media contact with businesses.

Van Meter announced future re-certification of EMS personnel will be done by online testing which eliminates the need for continuing education classes away from the department.

In order for Blaine Van Meter to obtain necessary MOU document signatures pertaining to instructing an AEMT class, permission to travel was granted for Van Meter to travel to Jewell County hospital and EMS office on September 20.

Permission was granted for Blaine Van Meter and David Holloway to attend a Region 4 meeting in Concordia on September 22.

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

- Zenger is still waiting for additional quotes to repair the roof of the shop building after storm damage. Commissioners requested at least two quotes before making any recommendations.
- Zenger contacted the City of Scandia regarding materials needed to overlay streets. This project is on schedule for this fall.
- Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, announced delivery of a road grader and thanked the commissioners for the business from Republic County.
- Zenger requested clarification on the source of funding for repairs to the fuel system shared with the City of Belleville. A technician making minor repairs noted that the system is obsolete and recommended updating. Commissioner Holl suggested that Zenger establish a repair reserve which would make funding available when needed.

Commissioner Holl apprised Zenger that there is a large pothole on the road between Kackley and Jamestown.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to purchase computer enhancements for automatic printing of distribution checks and recording daily receipts and expenditures. Currently, this recording is done manually in books which cost 70 to 80 dollars each and filling 10 or more books every year. The cost of these enhancements is estimated at \$1,000. Commissioners granted permission to purchase the enhancements.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting for the Belleville Telescope.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 19 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$259,223.26.

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

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, requested signatures on a letter informing Chris & Christi Janssen that their obligation for the first loan was completed. Also, Shoemaker announced there will be an RCD meeting in October but no date has been set.

Patrick Comstock requested permission to have Brian Carlson assist with draining the watering system for the winter. Permission was granted.

Bonnie Miller, Benefit Direct, presented a proposal to become the benefit agent for county employee benefits. Miller explained that Benefit Direct is funded by commissions from the various insurance programs offered rather than a fee collected from the county. Commissioners will contact Miller later this week after review of her proposal and comparison with current services.

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

- Zenger stated that sealing of the Narka road will be completed this week.
- Zenger announced there were no additional bids for the roof repairs.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the \$8596.16 bid from Geisler Roofing. Commissioners Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger presented Resolution 2016-33 to rescind Resolution 2016-27 stating the Codes and Standards of bridge building must be updated with additional building instructions and date of origination.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-33. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger presented Resolution 2016-34 to replace Resolution 2016-27 to implement the Codes and Standards of bridge building in Republic County used since 1996.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-34. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger announced bids will be opened Monday, October 3 for oil trucks.

Commissioner Splichal read a note from Helen Aurand expressing the many challenges to maintain county roads and bridges citing the article "Broken Roads," from the September 2016 issue of Successful Farming.

Kris Kling, Clerk of District Court, asked permission to seek bids for new blinds for the district courtroom. Permission was granted. Commissioner Holl asked if ceiling tiles were replaced in the courtroom. Kling noted that water stained tiles are still in place but the roof repairs were completed and new tiles can be installed.

Larry Baxa, local citizen, thanked the commissioners for serving in their positions and invited them to attend the Belleville City Council meeting tonight September 26, 2016 when the council will be discussing the Travel Information Center.

Commissioner Splichal made a Proclamation to designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

There was additional discussion regarding benefit services for Republic County with no decision made. Clerk Marsicek is to contact references supplied by Benefit Direct and report her findings on October 3. Clerk Marsicek will notify Miller that no decision will be made until Monday, October 3.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Linda Holl. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting for the Belleville Telescope.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assemble of God, Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 26 meeting. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kathleen Marsicek and Beth Ball, Republic County Clerk's office, reported on their review of Benefits Direct and recommended continuing with Group Benefits Services for the healthcare open enrollment beginning October 6, 2016. Ball explained that the two products provide different services whereby, Group Benefits Services provides human resource (HR) service and Benefits Direct offers a number of voluntary insurance options. Marsicek visited with the five counties listed as references for Benefits Direct and reported that all counties are satisfied. Most of these counties use Benefits Direct for outsourcing voluntary employee insurance so their HR department can concentrate on compliance issues. The voluntary insurance options are similar to the few our county can offer through Web and Associates. Ball suggested replacing Web and Associates with Benefits Direct.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to retain Group Benefits Services, replacing Web and Associates with Benefits Direct services for like services offered for open enrollment and revisit the possibility of changing companies in the summer of 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, reported \$54,363.49 in hospital sales tax for September making the total sales collected the last four months \$222,361.31.

Commissioner Holl informed the other commissioners that she received complaints about some areas of carpet in the basement of the Medical Arts building. The carpet is old and needs replaced. Holl instructed Barry Bottger to research bids.

Clerk Marsicek presented the quotes received by Patrick Comstock for ceiling tile for the courtroom.

- Melby Home Center - \$1,777.20
- Belleville Home Town Lumber - \$1,668.96

Commissioner Splichal made motion to accept the bid from Belleville Home Town Lumber. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl abstained. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney to attend the APCO Conference in Wichita from October 17 to October 19.

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

- Zenger presented bids for an Oil Distributor.
 - Kirby-Smith, Roscoe Body - \$199,275
 - Van Keppel, Etnyre Body - \$189,865

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Van Keppel bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Delivery schedule for the distributor truck will be March 2017.

Commissioner Splichal notified Zenger of needed repairs on a gravel road south of Kackley which is a bus route. Zenger will have the road supervisor inspect the road in question.

- Zenger stated that the road crew is patching the Scandia road.
- Zenger announced that work on the Clyde road has been delayed by Hall Brothers.
- Zenger announced that Cloud County will replace the bridge located between 210 Road and 220 Road and Republic County will share the cost.

Marlea James, County Attorney, explained that she met with a representative from Next Era Windfarm on Friday, September 30. Next Era is interested in signing a lifetime exemption through the Board of Tax Appeal or a Conditional Use Resolution with Republic County if the windfarm project proceeds. Marlea will contact other counties regarding which forms they use and the county would suggest any changes in the method they choose.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, introduced Kristin Kruse, RN. Kristin joined the Health Department in August and is focusing on Home Health. White and Kruse are promoting a new program to support healthy eating and exercise for students through "Walk to School Day". This is a national program held once a year through the school. Local law enforcement, EMS and Health department personnel will assist with activities on October 5.

White was selected to attend Fellowship training through Kansas Department of Health and Environment leadership class. White is one of six health department administrators to be selected from a field of 136 applicants. The program is for 8 months including webinars and onsite trainings. Closing activity will be the Governors Health meeting in April.

Permission to travel was granted for White to attend the Public Health leadership training in Topeka from October 12 to 13.

Discussion was held regarding uniform shirts and jackets for the health department. White will research bids and the commissioners will further discuss funding since the 2017 budget is already approved.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to move to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Those attending were the commissioners, White, Kruse and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Linda Holl. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting for the Belleville Telescope.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 3 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$238,277.96.

Barry Porter, County appraiser, joined the meeting.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to move to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Those attending were the commissioners and Porter.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to re-establish the County Appraiser as a salaried position in accordance with K.S.A. 19-434. Thus, rescinding the action of September 12 which changed the position to an hourly position for compensation. This action affirms that terms of the Interlocal Agreement and Contract with Cloud County remain in force through June 30, 2017. This contract shall serve as official verification that the yearly salary stated therein remains in excess of the \$47,476 threshold set by Federal Fair Labor Standards in effect December 1, 2016. As the salary is in excess of the threshold, the position of County Appraiser shall continue to be exempt from overtime. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Porter stated in accordance with K.S. A. 19-433, appraisers are to be sworn in when contracts are official, however, he has never been sworn in since he was appointed in 1993. Clerk Marsicek will arrange for this service when his next contract is official.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander to attend a Hearing Screening Course in Lawrence from October 23 to 25.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Lori Benyshek to attend Healthy Start Home Visitor training in Minneapolis on October 18.

Permission to travel was granted for Kristin Kruse and Kathy Zach to attend a Medicare Home Care 101 class in Junction City on November 10.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, visited with the board regarding the need for street and road repairs around the City of Courtland. Commissioner Holl informed Garman that the road department will be repairing the streets and roads as materials allow.

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

- Zenger received a phone call from Commissioner Bergstrom last week regarding repairs needed to 50 Road just south of US HWY 36. The road supervisor will inspect the area for course of action.

Commissioner Holl informed Zenger that Tim Garman, Mayor of Courtland, asked for an update on the road and street repairs around the City of Courtland. Zenger anticipates applying an overlay when materials are available.

- Zenger stated that two trailers and a bucket were sold on Purple Wave.
- Zenger noted that the Landfill will begin winter hours on November 1 and the road and bridge crews will begin winter hours on November 21.
- Zenger explained the plan to seal all the asphalt roads in Republic County on a four-year rotation.
- Zenger stated that the special road fund will be used to cover the price increase for gravel and to purchase additional gravel this fiscal year.

With scheduled agenda items complete, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Linda Holl. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes of the meeting. Deb Hadachek monitored a portion of the meeting for the Belleville Telescope.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 10 meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.

Kay Shoemaker and Keith Anderson from Republic County Development (RCD) presented a loan application for approval.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve an RCD loan to Cherie Cardi for the purchase of the Cuba Cash Store in Cuba. RCD funds and E-Community funds will be used for the loan. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Shoemaker also presented a \$650.00 voucher for Courser-Lapo.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to allocate a \$50 annual uniform allowance for each Health Department employee, with the 2016 and 2017 allowances funded by the county equipment reserve and future funding included in the Health Department budgets. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Danielle White sent roof repair bids to the commissioners for action.

- Strait Construction - \$14,439
- Geisler Roofing - \$20,385

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the bid from Strait Construction. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend a Fidlar software meeting in Kansas City on October 26-27.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, asked Commissioner Splichal to speak at the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Commissioner Splichal will respond at a later date. Kasl also requested permission to use the courthouse lawn and front steps for the Veteran's Day festivities. Permission was granted.

Clerk Marsicek asked permission to allow organizations or businesses to create displays for the holidays on the courthouse lawn. Permission was granted.

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

- Zenger stated that as materials allow, road crews are repairing roads.
- Zenger notes the road crews will test a new cold asphalt mix supplied by Alsop.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Dr. Cayle Goertzen to the Republic County Hospital Board effective November 1, 2016, serving a four-year term.

Brian Carlson, Abes Lawn Care, stated that in August he presented a quote for lawn services for a year including fall care and winterization to provide nutrients through the winter. Commissioner Splichal explained that Republic County appreciated the quote and his expertise, but lawn care will be provided by our custodian and weeds director. However, the county would like Carlson's assistance to winterize the watering system as he has done in the past.

With scheduled agenda items complete, Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 24th, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of County Clerk, Kathleen Marsicek.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$86,184.20.

Approving the Minutes from the October 17th, 2016 meeting was tabled until the next meeting, due to the absences of the Commissioners.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented for signature, a \$1,000.00 draw-down voucher for Courser-Lapo Consulting.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he had attended a meeting of the Republic County Industrial Committee wherein they discussed windfarms in Republic County. He noted that Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln County attorney, is scheduled to meet with the Commission on November 7th, 2016, to discuss the progress of this project in Republic County.

Commissioner Splichal advised that he will attend the Hospital Board Meeting at noon.

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

Honorable Joe Chizek, Mayor of Cuba, met with the Commissioners for an update of things happening in Cuba. Discussed was the recent appearance and performance of Mollie B, as well as the transfer of ownership of the Cuba Cash Store. Mr. Chizek requested some more asphalt material for the streets in Cuba. Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, stated that we would not have material until next season.

Cindy Coons presented the Treasurer's Accounting for period ending September 30, 2016.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Republic County is working with Dane Barkley in developing a patching material that might work for county highways and smaller cities.
- He will be purchasing winter mix to have on hand for emergencies.
- Money will be taken from the Special Highway Fund to purchase gravel to put on the Hubbell road.
- The bridge on 80 Road north of King Road is nearly completed.
- Dusty met with the contracting firm of Green River Stone & Crushing to consider options for crushing brick and concrete at the Landfill. The Landfill will be taking in more material due to the removal of the city block in downtown Belleville. Options were, also, discussed concerning the charges we would need to bill for disposal. Dusty will meet with Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager, to discuss these options.

With no further scheduled items on the Agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 31st, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 31, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Commissioner Linda Holl was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 31. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Nicole Kraus to attend WIC Breastfeeding conference in Wichita from November 1 to November 2.

County Attorney Marlea James announced the meeting with Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln County Attorney, is scheduled for November 7th, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.

Sharon Segerhammer, Pawnee Mental Health, presented for signing a proclamation announcing the 60th Anniversary of Pawnee Mental Health.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger announced that the cost of the new trailer was \$4,200 and it was picked up last Thursday.
- Road crew will be regrading 240 Rd south of Hubbell.
- Since he will now be paid an hourly wage, Zenger asked for clarification how the vacation and sick leave will be figured. Clerk Marsicek stated that all hourly employees with less than 10 years of service earn 8 hours vacation and 4 hours sick leave per month. As an hourly employee, vacation time can accumulate up to 240 instead of losing any unused vacation each year.

Commissioner Splichal suggested that Zenger attend the meeting on November 7 in regards to windfarm information with Jennifer O'Hara.

Kay Shoemaker and Keith Anderson, Republic County Development (RCD), presented a promissory note in the amount of \$28,000 for signatures between Republic County and Cherie Cardi, Cuba Cash Store.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented for signatures, two checks for a total of \$68,725.00 draw-down vouchers for Cuba Cash Store.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, presented for signature, a \$4,087 draw-down voucher for Courser-Lapo Consulting.

With no further scheduled items on the agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and Melvin Jeardoe, concerned citizen, monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from October 10. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 31. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$100,944.59 were approved.

Sheriff Blad announced the hiring of Korin Huncovsky as jailer pending pre-employment testing.

Clerk Marsicek presented three vouchers from Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development, for loans and announced there will not be a November meeting.

Marlea James, County Attorney, stated that Lincoln County Attorney, Jennifer O'Hare will attend later to present information regarding her experience with installation of windfarms in Lincoln County. This information will be useful when negotiating with NextEra, the company seeking to build a windfarm in Republic County. James will be in court and unable to attend the meeting later this morning with Ms O'Hare.

At 9:30 a.m., Danielle White, Health Administrator, joined the meeting.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the commissioners, White and Marsicek to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. An additional 15 minutes was requested by Commissioner Holl.

The commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to increase the Registered Nurses' hourly wage by \$.50 due to extra work load. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger requested signatures on a waterline agreement to construct and operate a waterline under 190 Rd between Republic County and Nick Hansen.
- Zenger stated that after assisting the City of Belleville with sealing a few streets, the distributor truck has been winterized.
- Zenger asked how vacation will be calculated for a person formerly considered salaried, which is now designated hourly due to the new federal labor laws.

Commissioner Holl made a motion that, since Zenger's salary makes him exempt from the new federal labor law, his position will remain designated as salaried. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Holl requested that Zenger research previous equipment storage agreements with public & private land owners.

At 10:30 a.m., Washington County Commissioners-Gary Ouellette and Tim Mueller, Luke Mahin from Republic County Economic Development and Barry Porter, Republic County Appraiser joined the meeting to receive windfarm information from Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln County Attorney.

- Lincoln County created a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) resolution with the windfarm company when the conditional use permit was signed. Also, the county set up a special Wind Energy Benefit fund to track the usage of the funds and created an ESCROW account with the local bank for money to fund the development and repairs of the roads.
- O'Hare advised counties to develop a specific contract with the windfarm company regarding road improvements and repairs following completion of project because the largest county expense will be roads.
- O'Hare suggested the counties arrange a meeting with NextEra to determine what they offer "In Lieu of Taxes" and their targeted construction dates.

Luke Mahin will contact NextEra to set up a meeting.

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

Due to canvassing provisional election ballots, the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Pastor Bob Frasier, Belleville/Concordia Presbyterian Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 7, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Canvassing of 53 provisional ballots was completed at 9:30 a.m. from the November 8th election.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, reported the City of Munden received a grant to assist with debris removal from a summer storm. The materials will need to be transported to and disposed of in the county landfill or burn site. Blecha suggested monthly contracts between the City of Munden and Republic County for solid waste disposal as opposed to the semi-annual contracts. The commissioners stated that monthly contracts are not cost effective.

Kris Kling, Clerk of the District Court, presented a quote for \$4,572 from the Feathered Nest for soft vertical shades for the courtroom. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger requested signatures on a one year contract with Bob Cat in Manhattan for use of a loader.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger reported a regrade on 240 Road and construction of a storage shed at the county shop started this week.
- Zenger agreed that all solid waste contracts with the cities should remain semi-annual.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, noted that enhancements to the Fidlar software will be implemented with two new programs and may include an upgrade to digitized computer monitors.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the commissioners, Sheriff Blad and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Commissioner Elect Melvin Jeardoe and Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers totaling \$195,569.30 were approved.

Beth Ball has been hired as a part-time jailer for weekends. Her wage will be \$9.00 per hour.

Clerk Marsicek announced that Blaine Van Meter has volunteered to represent Republic County on the Kansas Selective Service board.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signature a sales order agreement with ES&S for election equipment.

Melinda Pierson, Director of Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet, requested permission to use the Courthouse Square on November 25th for the Annual Christmas on the Square. The Commissioners granted this requested and suggested that she communicate with the Courthouse Custodian to coordinate the barricades needed for this event. Pierson announced that after December 1 she will no longer be the Director of Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet.

Linda Tebow and Doane Sells, concerned citizens of Republic County, requested county support for the Travel Information Center (TIC). Currently, the City of Belleville is planning on closing the TIC. Tebow shared that the TIC is funded by the City of Belleville and revenue of crafts sold from local vendors. TIC provides referral services along with crafts. Many county businesses benefit from the travelers' patronage. Sells requested that the commissioners support the efforts to keep the TIC open by assisting in the funding from a county level. Sells asked if the county has a parks and recreation fund that could contribute to the TIC. Commissioner Holl stated that there is a Parks and Recreation fund, however, the fund is low. Commissioner Splichal encouraged Sells and Tebow to contact the Economic Development organization and apply for other local grants. The Commissioners are in support of the TIC but the county budget has already been approved for 2017.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Ruth Rahe to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors for a two year term ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger announced the project on 120 Rd is complete.
- The Road and Bridge department will be starting winter hours November 21.
- Zenger stated that the seeding along the Republican River Bridge at Republic has not been completed.
- Zenger stated that road crews have been working near Talmo on roads close to the new Kansas Wildlife area and south of Hubbell.
- Zenger shared that several roads that were scheduled for regrading have been moved to 2017.

Several concerned citizens attended the meeting to receive information regarding the developments of the windfarm in Republic County.

Sam Massey, Alan Anderson, William Leisure and Victoria Post presented information from NextEra.

- NextEra is a Fortune “200” Company.
- Project is in testing phase including discussion with land owners regarding contracts and conditional use permits with the county. This process could take 3 to 10 years.
- The conditional use permit allows NextEra to be exempt from regular utility taxes but the company would agree to a Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) to the county for the years of operation. When this is signed, it must be published for public review.
- Construction operator Leisure explained that NextEra contractors would inspect heavy haul roads and bridges then report to the road and bridge supervisor of necessary updates the contractor would do to meet the needs of supplies and equipment. When the project is complete, the roads will be in the same or better condition than when the project started. Contractor prefers to avoid asphalt roads if possible.
- Open communication is an important part of the success of the project.
- Estimated value for the PILOT would be based on the per megawatt use but the lowest basis would be 200 megawatts.
- Other PILOT agreements have been for 30 years.

County Attorney, Marlea James, and Economic Development representative, Luke Mahin will work with NextEra regarding the next steps toward the project.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion for an executive session to discuss non-elected personal for 15 minutes with the commissioners, commissioner elect-Jeardoe, Danielle White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

The board reconvened at 12:10 p.m. The commissioners gave White permission to hire a registered nurse.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Commissioner Elect Melvin Jeardoe and Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, submitted employee evaluations for her department to the commissioners.

At 8:31 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. The commissioners, Danielle White and Clerk Marsicek were present. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:56 a.m., taking no action.

Beth Reed presented the Holiday schedule for 2017 for approval. The schedule was approved. All employees scheduled to work during the holiday weekends will receive holiday pay for hours worked on the holiday(s) only (i.e. 12/24/16, 12/25/16 and 1/1/17).

Clerk Marsicek presented the schedule for 2017 paydays:

- January 17 and 30, February 15, March 1 and 15 and 30, April 14 and 28
- May 15 and 31, June 15 and 30, July 14 and 31, August 15 and 30
- September 15 and 29, October 16 and 30, November 15 and 30, December 15 and 29.

Clerk Marsicek presented census numbers of population for each township in the county to facilitate a commissioner review required by K.S.A. 19-204. Noting that the population is equally distributed among commissioner districts, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to make no changes to the current designated districts. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of adding a brick walkway and patio area in the courthouse lawn. Commissioners requested a design/plan and lawn irrigation diagram before any further discussion. Kasl will present a design/plan in the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Holl stated that the flags are a beautiful attraction to the courthouse lawn but the poles need to be taken down when not in use.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger noted that one tractor needs to be replaced in 2017.
- Zenger stated road work is continuing as weather permits.

Jackie Albertson, concerned citizen from Republic, requested an update on the road work and ditch cleaning north of Republic on 60 Rd north of Republic Lane and south and west of Republic on 20 Rd. Albertson stated that there has been a drainage issue on these roads for several years and it is affecting their farm ground. Zenger explained that many roads are needing work and ditches cleared. He is making a schedule to prioritize road work. Zenger will visit these two areas accompanied by Albertson or her husband.

Luke Mahin-Economic Development, Marlea James-County Attorney, and Jennifer O'Hare-Lincoln County Attorney presented samples of Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) agreements and Road and Bridge agreements from other counties in association with windfarms.

Commissioner Splichal suggested that James, O'Hare and Mahin contact Sam Massey from NextEra to develop a PILOT agreement, Conditional Use Agreement and any other documentation prior to the public hearing on Monday, December 5. These agreements need to include rate of payment, term of PILOT, any possible monetary increases yearly, road preparation and extended road care.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Commissioner Elect Melvin Jeardoe and Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 28, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, presented employee evaluations for his department.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the board and Porter. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Kay Shoemaker left a message that there would not be an RCD meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Permission to travel was granted employees of the Republic County Health Department as follows:

- Danielle White and Bryn Alexander to attend the Ebola Risk training in Salina on December 7.
- Danielle White to attend the North Central Kansas Public Health meeting in Beloit on December 14.
- Nicole Kraus to attend the Regional Billers meeting in Salina on December 14.

Discussion was held regarding the annual Christmas gift for employees. Clerk Marsicek announced that the designated Republic County Task Force has recommended that the county distribute \$50.00 to full time employees and \$25.00 to part-time employees. Commissioner Splichal appreciated the task force suggestion, however, the board wants to continue the food baskets. Since it is short notice, Clerk Marsicek was instructed to contact Food Mart to arrange the baskets. Commissioner Holl suggested a turkey and dessert.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to veto the prior motion to move all salaried employees to hourly wages and return the method of payment to salaried and salaried vacation and sick leave, however, salaried employees are still to clock in and out. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger presented employee wage requests for 2017.
- Zenger shared that most of the roadways have been mowed for the final time.
- Road crews have completed regrading the Hubbell road.
- Zenger stated that he had invited representatives from Kirkham and Michael consulting to attend the hearing with NextEra since they have worked with NextEra in the Pratt area.

Commissioner Splichal requested that the transportation department schedule pick up locations for local residents to tour the Rocky Pond Christmas lights and to contact the Republic County Area on Aging regarding fees.

At 10:00 a.m., the meeting was moved to the District Courtroom for a public hearing regarding NextEra Windfarm. A complete list of persons attending will be attached to permanent minutes.

- Sam Massey introduced NextEra Energy and explained who they are and their plans to build a windfarm in Republic County and Washington County.
- Massey explained that five conditions must be met before construction can begin.
 - There must be a wind supply.

- Landowner participation
- Transmission of the energy
- Regulatory framework
- Customer to purchase the energy
- Massey stated the testing has started but construction could take 3 to 9 years.

Discussion followed and at 11:00 a.m., the meeting returned to the board room.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss confidential data. Commissioner Holl seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Those attending were the board, NextEra representatives, County Attorney Marlea James, Commissioner Elect-Melvin Jeardoe, Luke Mahin-Economic Development and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 30 minutes. At 11:50, Tanner Yost and John Riggins- Kirkham and Michael joined the session.

The board reconvened at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Holl made a motion to authorize County Attorney James to prepare the Conditional Use Agreement and present it at the commissioner meeting on December 12, 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 12:10 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to break for lunch. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Holl requested an update from Attorney James regarding the 2016 Tax sale. James stated that her assistant has started the process but James has been working on the windfarm project. Commissioner granted James permission to hire an outside contractor to prepare the tax sale work. James will contact another attorney to assist with the tax sale preparation.

At 1:05 p.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to enter an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personal with the board and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 25 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m., taking no action at this time.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. Edwin Splichal was absent but available via phone. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Commissioner Elect Melvin Jear DOE and Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from December 5, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$103,891.02.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-36, a one year Lease Agreement with BSB Capital, Inc for use of a 2016 Bobcat Compact Loader. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to appoint Michael JuneK as Richland Township Trustee. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, notified the commissioners the design/plan for the proposed brick walkway and patio has not been completed. Kasl will present the plan/design at the next commissioner meeting on December 19. The estimated cost of table and benches for each area is \$2,700.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal joined the meeting via phone conference.

Sam Massey, Alan Anderson, Victoria Post all from NextEra; Luke Mahin-Republic County Economic Development and Republic County Attorney Marlea James were present to review and take action on a resolution for the Conditional Use Agreement regarding the wind tower project. The testing process will continue for a full year then additional agreements will be discussed. Massey informed the commissioners that he is always available if questions arise.

Commissioner Holl, acting chairperson, made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-35 to approve the Conditional Use Permit Agreement with NextEra. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

With no further scheduled items on the Agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motioned carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED:

Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the minutes from December 12, 2016. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$188,761.26.

Blaine Van Meter, Director of EMS, requested permission to apply for a 50/50 county match grant through Kansas Revolving Application Funds in the amount of \$16,330 to purchase an AUTOPULSE from Zoll. Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, informed the commissioners that the carry over funds from the appraiser's budget for 2016 will be less than projected. Porter stated that changes in the personal for 2017 will compensate for this.

On behalf of the department heads, Porter requested a meeting with the commissioners and department heads to suggest ideas for better communication between the commissioners, department heads and employees.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-37 increasing elected officials' wages \$.50 per hour. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Elected official wages shall be:

County Attorney	\$51,040
County Sheriff	\$49,200
County Treasurer	\$38,120
County Clerk	\$39,120
County Register of Deeds	\$33,120
County Commissioners	\$12,000

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2016-38 for the financial statements and financial reporting for the year of 2017 to be in conformity of General Accounting Practices (GAP).

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-38. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, announced that \$2,245,799.32 in property taxes were paid through December 15, 2016.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to approve the contract with Pawnee Mental Health for services during 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, expressed appreciation to the Republic County road crew for assisting the City of Scandia with sealing streets this year and requested the county's assistance with sealing additional streets in 2017.

Cline encouraged the commissioners to support the Travel Information Center (TIC). There are many travelers who have stopped in Scandia because of referrals from the TIC. Commissioner Splichal stated that Republic County is in support of TIC and will assist where it can.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Holl left the meeting.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update and suggestions for 2017:

- Zenger requested new landfill rates for contractors:
 - Under 5 yards of material \$25.00
 - 5-10 yards of material \$30.00
 - 11-25 yards of material \$40.00
 - 25 and over yards of material \$50.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the increase in landfill rates effective January 1, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

- Discussion was held regarding the use of Alsop Sand asphalt mix of millings and oil to repair roads in 2017.
- Zenger presented two quotes for a new tractor. Since the purchase will not occur in 2016, Commissioner Bergstrom requested that Dusty research other suppliers and create a list of other equipment that Zenger deems necessary in 2017.
- Zenger presented an agreement between Republic County and Cloud County regarding solid waste fees for 2017.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, presented the design/plan for the proposed brick walkway and patio. Kasl stated the picnic tables and benches will be coated steel like those in the Belleville park. If the commission agrees to the construction, the Patriot group will pay all expenses incurred, such as adjustments to the water sprinkling system for the courthouse lawn. No approval was granted until further discussion may be held with all commissioners present.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve merit raises for non-elected personnel effective January 1, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, stated that she visited the Cloud County Health Department for home health training. White asked permission to adjust office hours each Monday so all Health Department employees may attend staff meetings.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to allow the Republic County Health department to delay opening on Monday mornings until 8:30. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approved the 2017 Accounts Payable schedule. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

In celebration of the Christmas holiday, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Linda Holl and Marvin Bergstrom. Edwin Splichal was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Commissioner-Elect Melvin Jeardoe monitored the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from December 19, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$12,836.72.

The Republic County Commissioners will not be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting today.

Beth Ball, Election Deputy, requested permission to dispose of old ballot bags. Permission was granted.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve two Proclamations from the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas declaring January 2017 as National Stalking Awareness and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons and Kathleen Marsicek to attend Homestead Training in Abilene on January 5.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, clarified the content of the letter received from the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services regarding the Initial Course of Instruction AEMT IC2016-141 stating three signatures were missing when the paperwork was submitted to the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services. All necessary signatures have been submitted.

Van Meter informed the board that the new ambulance box should be delivered late April.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger stated that the new tractor purchased last summer has 355 hours of use.
- Zenger requested bids from three business for a tractor. William Popelka was available to answer questions regarding the Concordia Tractor Inc.(CTI) bid.
 - CTI - \$47,900
 - C&W Tractor Supply - \$73,219
 - Bruna Implement - no bid submitted

Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the bid from CTI. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

- Zenger presented a list of equipment for possible purchase during 2017.

At 10:43 a.m., Commissioner Holl made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attending the session were the

Commissioners, Commissioner-Elect Melvin Jeardoe and Dusty Zenger. Commissioner Holl requested an additional 20 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:18 a.m., taking no action.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, requested permission to purchase new Christmas decorations for 2017. Permission was granted. Comstock asked what the procedure is for using Road and Bridge equipment at the courthouse. Commissioner Holl explained that the Road and Bridge department and the courthouse are all under the same tax dollars and that each department is to assist where needed without charge.

Commissioner Holl made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

The courthouse is closed on Monday following New Years' Day. The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member