

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 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.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from December 27, 2016. Commissioner Holl seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners wish to congratulate the Republic County High School marching band for the awards won while marching in the Fiesta Bowl Parade.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, reported \$9,085,451.10 in taxes was collected prior to December 31, 2016. Coons also reported \$397,826.57 of Hospital sales tax has been collected since June 2016.

Republic County department heads met with the commissioners to discuss time clock issues and to facilitate better communication between the Commissioners and county employees. The department heads will meet on a quarterly basis with the Commissioners. In addition, Commissioners will schedule visits to each department.

Commissioner Splichal presented a plaque of appreciation for 16 years of service to Commissioner Holl. County employees thanked Commissioner Holl with a small reception.

Blaine Van Meter, Director of EMS, presented a letter of resignation from Randy Ainsworth as Assistant EMS Director effective January 5, 2017. Commissioner Holl made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to promote Dave Holloway to Assistant EMS Director effective immediately with a wage of \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Holl made it unanimous.

Van Meter presented travel requests for his department employees to attend various training throughout 2017.

Permission was granted for Blaine Van Meter and Dave Holloway to attend the Region IV meetings during 2017 and a KPA Safety meeting regarding pipe line safety in Concordia on February 7.

Permission was granted for Blaine Van Meter, Melissa Van Meter and Jeff Beikmann to attend the KEMTA Conference in Hutchinson from February 9 to 12.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger suggested the purchase of a front end loader with a grapple fork in 2017.
- Zenger will develop a purchase rotation for road graders and dump trucks.
- Zenger requested signatures on the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with Cloud County.

- Zenger noted that the funding for two bridges through the FEMA program are not finalized.
- Zenger announced an open position open in his department.

Commissioner Holl suggested that Zenger schedule a road trip in the spring to review projects for 2017.

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

The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom at the Republic County Courthouse for the swearing in of the elected officials.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Linda Holl, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Republic County District Courtroom for the swearing-in ceremony of the new Commissioner as well as those officials who were re-elected. Rev. Kathy Aeillo offered the morning prayer. A small reception was then held in the Commissioners' room for the elected officials.

Regular session was opened by Chairman Ed Splichal at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes of the meeting in the absence of County Clerk, Kathleen Marsicek.

Reorganization of the County was held, with the first item being the nomination of the Chairman of the Board for 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom nominated Edwin Splichal for this position, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe. Motion passed.

Letters of appointment were submitted for signatures naming all who will be serving the County as an appointed Department Head, as well as all those who will serve on the various committees that are appointed by the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Bergstrom to approve these letters of appointment, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions number 2017-01 through 2017-15 were signed appointing department heads, as well as individuals, to positions named by the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Jeardoe to approve these Resolutions, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2017-1	Blaine VanMeter – Director of EMS
Resolution 2017-2	Raymond L. Raney – Emergency Manager (half time)
Resolution 2017-3	Dustin Zenger-Director of Solid Waste Department
Resolution 2017-4	Paul Hasse – Volunteer Assistant Emergency Management
Resolution 2017-5	Danielle White – Director of Health Department
Resolution 2017-6	Mike Nondorf – Director of Weed Department
Resolution 2017-7	Dustin Zenger-Director of Transportation
Resolution 2017-8	Dustin Zenger - Highway Administrator
Resolution 2017-9	Raymond L. Raney – Director of Communications (half time)
Resolution 2017-10	David Holloway – Assistant Director EMS
Resolution 2017-11	Raymond L. Raney – County Hazardous Material Advisor
Resolution 2017-12	Raymond L. Raney – County Flood Plain Manager
Resolution 2017-13	Raymond L. Raney – Safety Officer
Resolution 2017-14	Raymond L. Raney – 9-1-1 Coordinator
Resolution 2017-15	Raymond L. Raney – Radiological Officer

A list of the appointments is attached hereto for reference.

Accounts Payable vouchers were signed totaling \$375,521.52.

Chairman Splichal moved to approve the Commission Minutes of January 3rd, 2017, and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, advised that the Food Mart had paid off their RCD loan, and submitted for the Commissioners' signatures the necessary documents to release the Food Mart's obligation to the County.

The Commission Chairman signed a Lease Agreement with Jerry Strnad relating to the relay of radio communications signals for the year 2017.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

Commissioners approved the purchase of the mower and grader.

- A purchase is being made for a Schulte XH1000 mower for a sale price of \$20,425.00 from Sellers Equipment.
- Also, a 2010 12M Cat Motor Grader with 1800 hours is being purchased from Foley Equipment for a purchase price of \$127,540.00.
- The new tractor that has already been purchased is in and will be delivered soon.
- Discussion was held concerning other equipment needs for the Highway Department for which Mr. Zenger is seeking bids and information.
- Washington County has advised that they are short-handed in their recycle program and may no longer be in a position to take Republic County recyclables. Mr. Zenger is discussing options with Mr. Bruna to schedule more efficient delivery of the Republic County trailers, as well as looking into other avenues for recyclable disposal.
- Geisler Roofing is 90% finished with repair on the shop roof.
- County employees are working on tree removal around the County.

Sheriff Ron Blad requested permission to seek bids to replace one vehicle for his department.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, submitted a signature card from American State Bank and Trust Company for the Commissioners' signatures, adding Commissioner Jear DOE and removing former Commissioner Holl on Republic County accounts held at that Bank.

The Commissioners toured the 911 Communications Center to observe the updates made in that department to stay current with the latest equipment.

With no further scheduled items on the Agenda, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jear DOE.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th, 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

Melvin Jear DOE, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 9, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to an ice storm in Republic County, no commissioner meeting was held on January 16, 2017.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$127,897.71.

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

Mike Nondorf requested signatures on the annual Noxious Week report.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Karla Jeardoe and David Jeardoe as Lincoln Township Treasurer and Trustee respectively. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. It was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Permission to travel was granted to Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurers' Legislative Conference and continuing education classes in Topeka February 7 to 10, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Kathleen Marsicek to attend a Legislative training regarding the Tax Lid budgeting in Topeka January 24 to 25.

Permission to travel was granted to Peggy Frint to attend the Register of Deeds training and continuing education classes in Salina February 7 to 10, 2017.

Raymond Raney, Director of Emergency Management, informed the commissioners that the county communication tower sustained storm damage. Raney filed a claim with KCAMP and presented estimates for either to replace the current lighting system, replacing the system with LED lights or paint the entire tower.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to replace the current lighting system with LED lights to be installed by Pierce Electric. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Raney also asked for permission to proceed with the purchase of a new communication system. The equipment is funded through budgeted RP 911 funds and a state grant for communication equipment.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to grant permission to purchase the new communication system. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioners approved an RCD voucher for Courser Lapo in the amount of \$1318.00.

Blaine Miller-Honorable Mayor of Belleville and Neal Lewis-Belleville Manager discussed issues pertaining to the City of Belleville.

- The demolition of the buildings on M Street will begin in February and
- AT the next Belleville City Council meeting, there will be discussion regarding the Belleville police department.
- The Travel Information Center will remain open until KDOT closes 12th street and future re-opening is still pending.
- Lewis stated that the disposal of recycled items has become a challenge since the Cloud County and Washington County recycling centers no long accept items.

Commissioner Splichal commended the City of Belleville on the new sidewalks installed last fall.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Presented a Solid Waste fee agreement between Republic County and the City of Scandia.
- Discussion regarding selling old equipment on Purple Wave or Ritchie Brothers
- Zenger announced that neither Washington County recycling nor Cloud County recycling centers will accept recycling from Republic County after February 1. However, Jewell County recycling at Mankato is accepting recycling from Republic County.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, requested permission to purchase a manual cot for the ambulance. Bids were submitted for a new cot and a cot used for demonstration.

- Used Power PRO-XT from Stryker \$12,900
- New Power PRO-XT from Stryker \$18,450

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the new cot. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Van Meter announced that an EMT class will be held in Scandia starting February 20 and ending May 30, 2017.

With no further scheduled items on the Agenda, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

Pastor Robert Frasier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from January 23, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Joan Holmberg as Richland Township Clerk. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 8:43 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:53 a.m., taking no action.

Jeremy Strnad, county citizen and a representative from Big Iron Auction, announced that Big Iron is an online auction site to buy and sell equipment. Big Iron has been in business since 2009. Strnad represents Republic, Cloud, Jewell and Ottawa Counties for Big Iron and would like to work with Republic County road and bridge department assisting in the selling of used equipment.

Discussion regarding designated paid holidays in Republic County and surrounding counties was held. Consensus of the commissioners is to maintain the current paid holidays.

A flyer was received from Larry Baxa announcing the 31st Annual Consignment sale of the Concordia Optimist Club on March 11, 2017. All profits go to support youth organizations and activities of Cloud County and neighboring counties.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- The new road grader was delivered.
- Zenger stated that he visited with Jeremy Strnad about the services of Big Iron Auction.
 - Zenger explained that Big Iron charges a 10% sellers' fee and they come to the site to take pictures and equipment does not leave the premises.
 - Zenger noted that Purple Wave charges a 10% buyers' fee and the equipment stays on the premises.
 - Zenger also noted Ritchie Brothers Auction sells large equipment for a 10% sellers fee, however; the equipment is taken to their auction site.

Gary Cline, Mayor of Scandia, joined the meeting to discuss the disposal of recycling since Cloud and Washington Counties are no longer accepting recycling from Republic County.

Zenger explained that the reason Washington County does not take recycling from other counties is due to a shortage of staff and funding. Commissioner Jeardoe will contact the Washington County Commissioners to work out a solution for both counties.

- Zenger asked for clarification on budget funding for road and bridge and other funds under his supervision.
- Zenger requested signatures on solid waste agreements between Republic County and the cities of Belleville and Cuba.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the Fourth Quarter financial statement with a balance on hand of \$16,181,747.12. Coons asked permission to renew the service contract on the computer server for 2017.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to renew said contract. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. It was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the tower rental agreement between Republic County and Joe Strnad. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

With no further scheduled items on the Agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from January 30, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to sign the ACH direct deposit contract with American State Bank. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas Local Emergency Planning Commission sanitarian, presented the 2016 LEPC annual reports.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons and Beth Ball to attend new election equipment training in Topeka on February 10, 2017. Also, permission to travel was granted for Beth Ball and Kathleen Marsicek to attend a HUB University 2017 Employee Benefits Legal Update in Wichita on March 9, 2017.

Commissioners approved a Republic County Development (RCD) voucher for Courser Lapo in the amount of \$473.10.

It was announced that there would not be an RCD meeting will be held in February.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director announced the new ambulance should be delivered in April

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Those in attendance were the commissioners, Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:22 a.m., not taking action until further discussion.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), presented the RCED annual report. Also, Mahin placed a conference call with Sam Massey, NextEra, for an update on the Washington/Republic County Windfarm. Massey announced that 40,000 acres are under contract and approximately 13,000 additional acres have contracts pending. Massey has received a very positive response from land owners. Testing should be completed in a year.

Mark Stenson, Hardy Fire Department, inquired if burn permits are issued in Republic County before making a controlled burn. Jewell County and counties in Nebraska require a permit so fire districts are aware of these burns. Stenson will fax a copy of the Jewell County permit for commissioner review.

Stenson asked for an update on the replacement of a drainage tube under Elm Rd between 20 Rd and 30 Rd. Commissioner Splichal stated that Zenger will be notified about the request for an update.

Zenger joined the meeting and discussed the replacement of the drainage tube near Stenson farm ground. Zenger will schedule the work and will notify Stenson.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger stated that the bull dozer used by the landfill needs repair and, because of the age, Zenger suggested replacing it. A newer dozer could be purchased from road and bridge funds and leased to landfill. Zenger has contacted Sellers Inc and Foley Equipment for repair cost verses estimate cost of a different dozer. Casey Fraser from Foley Equipment presented two quotes for dozers. Further discussion was tabled until a quote from Sellers, Inc is received.
- Zenger is planning a countywide cleanup during March. He will send letters to each city with instructions regarding which items can be included in the cleanup.
- Zenger asked permission to contact Ritchie Brothers Auction service to sell a road grader. Permission was granted.
- Zenger plans to seal 28 miles of asphalt on the west side of the county during 2017.

At 11:00 a.m., a telephone conference call between Republic County commissioners and Washington County commissioners was held to discuss recycling. Washington County noted a shortage of staff to process recyclable material. Republic County expressed the possibility of shared expense for the additional personnel. However, an estimated wage of \$3,000 a month with benefits for an additional person is cost prohibitive. Subsequently, Republic County will deliver recyclable material to the Jewell County recycling center on a trial basis.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded. It was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to change the EMS Director position from hourly wages to salary. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioners will meet with Van Meter on Monday, February 13, 2017 to negotiate the wages and benefits.

With no further items on the Agenda, Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 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

Melvin Jear DOE, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Commissioner Melvin Jeardoe was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Accounts payable vouchers for \$465,348.97 were approved.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the minutes from February 6, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Nicole Kraus to attend the Woman Infant Child (WIC) training in Concordia on February 13.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, shared a concern with the current Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The program does not address eligibility for construction spanning two fiscal years. Consensus of the commissioners is to approve the application for a project which has a portion of construction completed in the previous year, with the understanding that construction completed the previous year is not eligible for funding from NRP.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, informed the commissioners that some of the courthouse holiday decorations must be replaced and presented designs for approval. Discussion was tabled until all commissioners could review the designs.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented his weekly update:

- Zenger presented sealed culvert bids.
 - D-C Wholesales –\$110,988.56
 - Welborn Sales, Inc - \$81,252.77
 - Metal Culverts, Inc - \$87,662.04
 - J & J Drainage Products Co. - \$88,610.00

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Welborn Sales bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.

- Zenger requested signatures for an agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka for solid waste fees.
- Zenger reported that the deliveries to Jewell County recycling center went well.
- Zenger reported that some concerned citizens support continued recycling in Republic County and are willing to pay an additional fee to help defray cost.

With no further items on the Agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In observation of Presidents' Day, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from February 13, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented quotes for a new patrol vehicle.

- Melton Motor Company \$44,619.00 – trade-in \$21,600 = \$22,939.17
- Autochoice.fas.gsa.gov \$31,572.60 - no trade in allowed

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Melton Motor quote. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kelvin Blecha, Mick Valek and James Popelka from the North Central Kansas Free Fair Board requested funding for updates to the commercial building on the fair grounds. Blecha will develop a design and anticipated cost of suggested updates. Commissioner Splichal noted that a fund was established to assist with capital improvements. These funds can be used as matching funds for grant applications. Commissioners fully support improvements to county facilities.

Following discussion regarding new holiday decorations for the courthouse lawn, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion approve to the purchase, recommended by Patrick Comstock, of a LED lighted 3-piece nativity scene and 2 lamp posts with bows for \$555.00. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioners approved two Republic County Development (RCD) vouchers for Courser Lapo in the amount of \$965.00.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the annual claim for tax exemption from Nesika Energy LLC. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the annual claim for tax exemption from Country Living Place. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to continue services with the North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group and to pay the annual fee of \$1,500. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to proclaim February as Teen Dating Awareness Month. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the participation fee in the county compensation survey access. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal presented a written report from the quarterly Juvenile Detention meeting.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, reported on projects in his city.

- Courtland is installing some new water hydrants and water lines.
- Courtland is requesting assistance from the county to repair the center 24 feet of the asphalt on the road which includes the main street through Courtland running from US Hwy 36 to KS Hwy 148.

Dustin Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update following discussion regarding road repairs to the City of Courtland. Zenger will assess the repairs needed to the road through Courtland and schedule accordingly.

- The distributor truck was delivered.
- Zenger filed applications with the state to allow opening an addition cell at the landfill.
- Zenger visited with a CENCO business regarding crushing the brick and rock from buildings being demolished in Belleville.
- Bridge crews are installing box culverts.

Following discussion to repair a 30-year old dozer, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase a used dozer from Foley Equipment in Concordia for \$103,000.00. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer requested signatures on a \$241,024.80 check from the previous 1% sales tax bond fund to reimburse the Republic County Hospital for capital improvements.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Group, presented updates on projects for the courthouse lawn. Kasl announced that the Patriot Group has raised half of the funds needed for an Eagle Statue and has held public discussion regarding a picnic area project. Commissioners requested the Patriot Group postpone further discussion on a picnic area until the Eagle project is completed.

Kasl was concerned about trees on the fair grounds. He requested that the county assess them for removal or trimming. Commissioners suggested that Kasl contact Dusty Zenger regarding this matter.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested and additional 10 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m. with Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase EMS Director Blaine Van Meter's salary to \$46,000 effective February 1, 2017 and to adjust his benefits accordingly. Currently the Employee Handbook will be revised to specify 15 vacation days and 12 days of sick leave annually for salaried personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, announced that he is currently teaching an EMT class with 9 students.

Clerk Marsicek requested a date for the annual employee appreciation supper so the task force could plan the evening. Commissioners suggested March 27 if the 4-H building is available.

With no further items on the Agenda, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 27th, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from February 21st, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were presented and approved in the amount of \$707,503.56.

Doyle Reed from the Freedom Board, a 501(c) non-profit corporation out of Concordia, requested \$1,455.24 to purchase books and literature for Alcoholics Anonymous for Republic and Cloud Counties chapters. Some of the literature would be given to the libraries, schools and jails. As this is a new request, the Commissioners wanted more time to discuss this matter, as well as see documentation on the Freedom Board, before committing dollars to this program. An answer will be given to Mr. Reed at a later date.

Raymond Raney, Republic County Emergency Manager, met with the Commission to explain why burn permits and burn bans are not implemented within Republic County. He explained that each fire chief can issue a burn permit process within his jurisdiction, but it would be that fire chief's responsibility to enforce any violations, as well as determine the criteria for issuing the permits. The Commissioners agreed that no change in policy would be enacted at this time.

Mr. Raney reported that the new generator has been placed on the Tower, as well as the lights on the Tower are ordered and, weather permitting, should be in place shortly. Pierce Electronics will be installing new radios this week in the Dispatch Center.

Mr. Raney requested, and received, permission to hire Kade Odell as a part-time dispatcher.

Joe Chizek, Mayor of Cuba, met and invited the Commissioners to attend the annual Rock-a-thon that is to begin on March 19th. He advised of some projects that the City of Cuba is wanting to accomplish and will be asking the Road and Bridge Department for some materials to overlay a portion of the street on the north end of town. Also, they are planning to redo the slope on the east side of main street, which they have already contracted to be done.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, requested, and received, signatures on two checks, one check for Hospital sales tax on December revenues, and one check to transfer EFT funds into the main depository account.

Pike Valley USD 426 requested funds to help support their After Prom Committee. Upon motion of Commissioner Jeardoe, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom, and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal, it was determined to send \$750.00 to the Pike Valley After Prom Committee to be used for the after-prom event. This amount will be funded from the County's Alcohol Fund.

Dusty Zenger met for his weekly update:

- A letter was drafted to be sent to Republic County cities concerning the Spring Clean-up project scheduled for March 20th through March 23rd, 2017.
- The caterpillar dozer was delivered last Friday afternoon.
- On March 13th, the Highway Department will go back to four ten-hour days a week.
- Discussion was held on the signing project that was awarded to Republic County by KDOT to replace all signs on major roads within the County. This project was to have been begun in 2016, but has now been moved to begin this year. The amount of the funding awarded was \$725,000 to be used over a three-year period.
- A letter was received from KDOT concerning that the Preliminary Plans to the Local Public Authorities would be sent electronically and are to be used only for the construction engineering inspection services for the signing project.
- During next week Commissioner meeting, a road trip is planned to view different road and bridge projects that are beginning or will soon be begun around the county.

Barry Porter, Republic County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners to make them aware of the valuation changes prior to the mailing of the change of value notices that will be sent out on Wednesday, March 1st.

Jim Blecha, Mayor of Munden, advised that the City of Munden is needing to purchase a culvert from the County. He was instructed to contact Dustin Zenger, the Highway Administrator for this request.

At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal, the meeting was adjourned. Commissioner Splichal was leaving this meeting to attend the monthly Hospital Board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from February 27, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development, sent notification that there would not be monthly meeting on March 8.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to donate \$700 to the Freedom Board contingent on receiving the 501c authorization. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commission Splichal made it unanimous.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, reported that she has received two applications for the RN position.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go in to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m., taking no action.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White and Brynn Alexander to attend ICS-300 Training in Hoisington March 9-10, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Nicole Kraus to attend North Central Billers meeting in Salina on March 8, 2017.

Sheriff Ron Blad, Belleville City Mayor-Blaine Miller, Belleville City Manager-Neal Lewis and Interim Chief of Police Jeff Smith, presented a proposal for joint law enforcement for Republic County and City of Belleville. For a trial period of 90 days, starting April 1, the county will provide service from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at no charge to the City of Belleville. It is understood that the Sheriff officer(s) will perform regular county patrols but will respond to any dispatch for the City of Belleville.

Mayor Miller will present this proposal to the Belleville City Council on March 13.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented the 2016 annual report for her department. Frint explained Property Fraud Alert, a new product from Fidlar software, available for purchase by the general public to alert subscribers to fraudulent activity associated with their property.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called to order the 2017 Budget hearing for Fire District 1 and 2.

At 9:40 a.m., with no citizens attending to provide testimony, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to close the hearing and accept the 2017 Proposed Budget for Fire District 1 and 2 as submitted. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for Republic County to file an updated application for Federal Surplus goods. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dusty Zenger presented his weekly update:

- Zenger asked permission to advertise the 1998 Transportation bus for sale. Permission was granted.
- The bridge crew is working on a bridge on Cedar road.
- The road crews are working on several roads including 130 Rd and Penn Rd.

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m., taking no action.

At 10:00 a.m., the meeting was suspended while commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek toured of the county shop area, road and bridge projects and other areas of concern in the county.

The meeting reconvened in the courthouse at 1:50 p.m. With no remaining items on the agenda, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Due to conflicts of scheduling and illness, no commissioner was available to meet March 13, 2017.

No meeting was held the week of March 13-17, 2017

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting. No commissioner meeting was held March 13, 2017.

Pastor Jeremy Wittwer, Belleville Central Christian Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were approved in the amount of \$314,003.13.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 6, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Marlea James, County Attorney, joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and James. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney to attend the Spring Conference of APCO in Overland Park from April 9 to 12, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander to attend the Vision Screening training in Kansas City from March 23 to 24, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Daniella White and Brynn Alexander to attend the ICS 400 training in Hoisington from March 16 to 17, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend the NCKPHI Regional meeting in Beloit on March 29, 2017.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons and Kathleen Marsicek to attend the Spring North Central Kansas County Clerks Association meeting in Washington on March 16, 2017.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, requested an up dated schedule of the countywide clean up. Commissioner Splichal stated the dates were April 3 to 5.

Blecha asked for an update on the county tax sale. Commissioner Splichal explained that the tax sale is a topic of discussion with the county attorney.

Blecha inquired about delivery of a 40-foot culvert which was ordered by the City of Munden. Dusty Zenger joined the meeting and stated that the culvert was ordered and should be delivered within the next few weeks.

Raymond Raney and Dusty Zenger explained that Beth Reed will be retiring December 31, 2017. Her responsibilities will be reviewed and a plan to cover these responsibilities will be created and presented to the commissioners in the near future.

Dusty Zenger presented his weekly update:

- Zenger requested signatures on an agreement between Republic County and the City of Agenda for solid waste fees.
- Zenger announced that Ritchie Brothers Auction service sold the road grader for \$47,000 before commissions.
- A joint road-waterway use permit agreement was issued between Kansas Land & Cattle Co. and Republic County.
- Zenger will attend a budget training in El Dorado.

Emily Benedict, North Central Regional Planning Committee, requested a signature on a letter seeking a three-month extension from the Kansas Department of Commerce in order to allow time for the Kansas Department of Transportation to finalize all project change orders pertaining to Republic County Bridge Project \$15-PF-026. To complete the bridge project, a final Civil Rights activity will be placed in the courthouse lawn for two weeks.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented the 2018 budget for the deeds department. Frint also informed the commissioners that 41 documents of lease agreements for windfarm contracts have been filed.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the North Central Register of Deeds spring meeting in Clay Center on April 5, 2017 and granted Frint permission to hire a temp person to answer the phone on that day.

At 11:30 a.m., the meeting was suspended while commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured of the Republic County Health Department.

When the tour was finished and with no remaining items on the agenda, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

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

Accounts Payable Vouchers were approved in the amount of \$175,142.41.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 20, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Appraisal Institute class in Kansas City from March 29 to 30, 2017.

Commissioners reviewed quotes for cellular products and services from US Cellular and Nex-Tech Wireless. Noting only 2% difference in the quotes and excellent customer service from our current provider, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to continue using Nex-Tech Wireless. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dave Holloway, Assistant EMS Director, stated that Jeff Beikmann has completed the AEMT certification and is requesting an increase in wages for Beikmann from \$11.75 to \$13.00. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase Beckman's wages. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Nathan Svoboda, Honorable Mayor of Narka, announced that the new fire house project is almost complete. Another project includes building a shelter in the park as funds allow. Commissioner Splichal suggested the City of Narka apply for Duclos funds or community foundation funds.

Svoboda requested repair of a large pothole at the intersection of Main Street and Diamond Road. Commissioner Splichal will notify Dusty Zenger of this request.

Arlene Clayton, Republic County citizen, visited with the commissioners comparing our local health facilities with health facilities in southern Kansas.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, presented samples of safety strips for the stairs. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to purchase the safety stripping from Belleville Home Town Lumber. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, requested that Neal Lewis-Belleville City Manager and Brian Philips-Belleville City Maintenance Manager join the meeting to clarify the delivery of debris from the demolition of buildings in Belleville. Zenger presented the original delivery contract which requested materials be separated before disposal in the landfill with loads monitored and delivered appropriately. Costs associated with the deliveries will be researched to avoid unnecessary expense for either the city or the county. Both parties are working together to accommodate the debris from the demolition. The landfill will open new cells as needed.

Commissioner Splichal made Zenger aware of the large hole in the intersection of Diamond Road and the Main street in Narka.

The Republic County employee taskforce (Amy Havel, Lisa Jones, Kathy Calkins, Lori Benyshek, Beth Ball, Mike Nondorf, James Bueller, Laura Joy and Erna Kirk) requested more specific direction of their duties from the commissioners. In the past, the taskforce has served as spokesmen for employee suggestions to the commissioners regarding policy, procedures and employee activities. Commissioner Splichal suggested that the taskforce and the commissioners list ways the taskforce could serve their co-workers and the commissioners and meet again to establish parameters to guide the taskforce in mutually beneficial activities.

Commissioners toured the district courtroom to see the updates to ceiling tiles and blinds on the windows. Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, explained the responsibilities of the District Court Clerk.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Splichal and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from March 27, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

There will be a quarterly RCD meeting on Wednesday, April 05, 2017.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, asked permission to order a buffer. Comstock presented quotes from Central Office Supply for \$1,373.00 and Belleville Hometown Lumber for \$952.09. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Belleville Hometown Lumber. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Carol Miller, Donna Frye and Crystal Paredes from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and asked Republic County to proclaim April as such and recognize the important role CASA volunteers have in advocating for the best interests of the abused and neglected children of Republic County. Commissioners signed the Proclamation.

Miller also stated training is being offered for new volunteers. CASA will be sponsoring a movie in Concordia on Friday, April 7 to promote "Blue Day for CASA".

Commissioner Splichal commended the work of the CASA volunteers in Republic County.

The Republic County Taskforce (Lisa Jones, Retha Blecha, Mike Nondorf, Laura Joy, Beth Ball and Erna Kirk) presented two suggestions to the commissioners for approval regarding employee involvement.

- Each department hold a gathering in which the Commissioners visit and discuss duties of that department. The annual service awards could be presented and a meal provided. The gathering to be held on a Monday following the regular Commissioner meeting.
- Requested that the Republic County Policy Handbook be amended to extend the time of unused sick leave to be retained for one year and to create a separate committee to monitor and distribute excess sick leave when employees leave county employment. The group should include taskforce persons and department heads.

Blaine Miller and Deb Hadachek representing the Republic County Hospital presented a quote from DA Davidson for heating and air condition system for the hospital.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the meeting.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session to discuss trade secrets for 10 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Attending were Commissioners, Miller and Hadachek.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m. with commissioners requesting additional bids for the updating of heat and air systems of the Republic County Hospital.

Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas sent a proclamation to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and asked Republic County to pledge to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Commissioners signed the Proclamation.

Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update.

- Zenger announced the new cell at the landfill has been approved by KDHE and the estimated cost of the cells needed to contain the building debris is \$26,941.00.
- Zenger suggested that Republic County research in the coming years the possibility to purchase additional land for other cells.
- Hall Brothers will deliver cold mix in April.
- Zenger presented an agreement for signatures between Republic County and the City of Courtland for solid waste fees.
- The road crews plan to patch/seal roads in 2017 as normal, however in 2018 the plans are to patch more roads and seal less roads.
- The county wide cleanup has begun.
- Zenger presented the 2018 budget requests for Road and Bridge, Special Bridge, Transportation, Fuel Center and Solid Waste. Increase requests include wages and gravel.

Commissioner Jeardoe asked Zenger for schedule of bridges/culvert repairs in 2017. Zenger will bring a schedule with the understanding it may change due to emergency situations.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, announced the hiring Amber Sorell, RN.

White presented a permission to travel for Lori Benyshek to attend Excel training in Salina on April 18 and 19, 2017. Permission was granted.

At 11:08 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Those in attendance were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:18 a.m. Commissioners granted permission to hire part-time LPN or Aide.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioners toured the Republic County Ambulance station.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from April 3, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts Payable Vouchers in the amount of \$161,767.75 were approved.

Marlea James, County Attorney, announced that her secretary has resigned effective April 21. James will be interviewing candidates in the next few weeks. James also announced that an attorney from Concordia will be working on the 2016 Delinquent property tax sale.

Gina Aurand, Republic County High School Junior parent, requested funds for the annual Republic County High School After Prom party. Aurand explained that the students voted to go to Champions in Lincoln, NE and the students have been raising funds to pay the expenses but were asking for funds for food. Commissioner Splichal made a motion not to donate to the Republic County High School after prom party since the students will not be staying in Republic County. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Ron Blad, County Sheriff, reported that the sheriff's officers have patrolled the City of Belleville during the midnight to 7 am shift since April 1 and no emergency calls have been received. Sheriff Blad noted the scheduling of officers is not resulting in any overtime.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to close the Republic County Courthouse from noon to 2 on Good Friday for employees to attend services of their choice. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioners granted permission for Crossroads Assembly of God to hold the annual Easter Egg hunt on the courthouse lawn on April 15.

Retha Blecha, taskforce representative, asked the commissioners for a decision regarding the employee appreciation meals and the possibility of extended the sick bank hours to one year.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to hold four departmental appreciation activities instead of a single employee appreciation supper. Activities will be held at the courthouse, EMS department, Health Department and County shop. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Commissioners requested that the taskforce to set up the activities.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to amend the handbook Section No. 502B under Scope #3 to read 'An employee leaving employment of Republic County may transfer unused sick leave to

a sick leave “bank” to be held for a period of 1 year.’ Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Those attending were the commissioners. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:35 a.m., taking no action.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced that the mail box on the west side of the courthouse lawn will be moved this week to the south side of the courthouse by the postal department to make room for the Eagle Project. Kasl also announced the planting of 19 trees on the fairgrounds as part of the beautification of Republic County for the upcoming special events such as the 119 Anniversary of the North Central Kansas Free Fair and 150 Anniversary of Republic County.

Kasl has concerns about trees and tree limbs around the fair grounds that should be removed for the safety of buildings and people attending the fair. Clerk Marsicek will set a meeting at the fairgrounds with Kelvin Blecha, James Popelka, Rob Kasl, Dusty Zenger and the Commissioners on Monday, April 17 at 11:00.

Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update.

- The landfill is accepting items from the Belleville Citywide cleanup this week.
- The regrade on “L” road between 160 road and 170 road is scheduled for this year.
- Zenger is researching the Hanson grant for Republic County to be used for tire disposal and/or hazardous waste like old paint cans.
- Zenger announced the hiring of Cody Showers with the starting rate of \$11.50 per hour.
- Zenger explained the requested increase in the 2018 is due to additional gravel.
- Zenger requested signatures on the 2017 and 2018 sign projects through KDOT designating Kirkham and Michael as the consulting firm for projects 79C-4862-01 and 79C-453-01.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve project 79C-4862-01. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve project 79C-4853-01. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

David Luke, Administrator for KCAMP insurance, presented two checks for Republic County. The first check was a dividend for \$1,042.00 and the second a loss award for low losses in 2015 for \$600.00. Luke described the services offered by KCAMP are not just insurance but include Attorney assist, Risk Avoidance grants, KCAMP online University, Law Enforcement tuition reimbursement and Road Scholar tuition reimbursement.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioners toured the Register of Deeds department.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from April 10, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Peggy Frint requested permission to travel to a Spring Telenet Conference in Salina on April 25 for continuing education credit. Permission was granted.

Beth Ball, taskforce representative, suggested the dates and times for the department appreciation meals.

- Road and Bridge on May 15 following commissioners' meeting.
- Courthouse on May 22 following commissioners' meeting.
- Health Department on June 19 following commissioners' meeting.
- EMS the evening of June 21 at their monthly training.

Beth Reed will assist with the presentation of awards at each gathering.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, announced that Amber Sorrell, Registered Nurse joined her staff on March 10, 2017. White has also placed a classified ad for a part-time nurse aide or licensed practical nurse.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Attending the session were the commissioners, Beth Ball, Danielle White and Clerk Marsicek.

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

White stated she has received two quotes for renovating rooms in the health department and enclosing all the apartment windows. She is waiting for additional quotes before making any decisions.

Steve Scofield and Luke Mahin, Republic county Community Foundation, explained funding requirements of the Dane Hanson Foundation. The amount available to Republic County from this fund is \$20,000. Initially, the plan was to divide the fund evenly among all the cities of Republic County. Mahin contacted the cities in November, 2016 regarding the availability of these funds and requested that each city submit a plan for use of the funds. Currently, not all cities have responded. A discussion was held regarding use of the remaining funds for a county-wide tire cleanup or hazardous waste cleanup. Commissioner Splichal suggested contacting Dusty Zenger for a cost estimate of tire/hazardous waste disposal.

Julie Willoughby, Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVAC), presented a proclamation stating that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and asked Republic County to pledge to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney and Ron Huncovsky, Belleville Highbanks, requested additional funds for repairs to lights on the racetrack. The Belleville Highbanks association is applying for a grant and needs matching funds from Republic County. In June 2016, the commissioners agreed to donate up to \$15,000 for repairs in 2016, however, only \$4,868 was used with \$10,132 remaining. A 2017 Budget line was created for \$15,000. Raney asked if any additional funds would be available. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow an additional \$5,000. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger, Road and Bridge Administrator, presented his weekly update.

- Zenger requested signature on the Approval of Title VI Plan for the Republic County General Public Transportation.
- Zenger also requested signatures on a Pipeline Agreement between Republic County and Kansas Gas Service to construct and operate an underground transmission line in northern Republic County.
- Zenger presented an agreement between Republic County and the City of Munden for solid waste fees and requested commissioner signatures.
- The bridge crew is finishing the installment of a large tube on 40 Rd.
- Hall brothers delivered 1000 tons of cold mix to mixing strip.
- Trucks are stockpiling road gravel for summer road projects.

Commissioner Splichal explained that the commissioners advised Luke Mahin and Steve Scofield to review the costs of tire disposal and hazardous waste disposal as part of the county cleanup funded by the Dane Hanson Foundation.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Those in attendance were the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek toured the North Central Kansas Fair Grounds to assess the need for tree removal. Kelvin Blecha and James Popelka, fair board, led the tour. Commissioner Jeardoe requested quotes from the fair board for complete removal of the trees versus cutting trees and limbs with removal by t.
.he fair board members and county employees.

At 12:10 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Splichal. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 24th, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Bob Frasier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer submitted a Report of Funds on Hand and Funds Invested as of March 30th, 2017.

At 8:33 a.m., Kathy Zach met with the Commissioners regarding her status with the County. Due to HIPPA laws, an Executive Session was called upon motion of Commissioner Jeardoe, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Executive Session ended with no action being taken by the Commission. Ms. Zach was presented with a 25-year appreciation certificate marking her many years of dedication to Republic County.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were approved and signed in the amount of \$198,557.93.

During Public Forum, Kay Shoemaker advised that there will be a RCD meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd, and there will be one application for review.

The Honorable Gary Cline, Scandia City Mayor, met to discuss projects that are being either done or are pending within the City of Scandia. He noted his appreciation for the recent County-wide clean-up and the County's promptness in removing the piles of material collected. Mr. Cline questioned where we were in regard to the Tire Disposal Grant. The County is still waiting to hear from Luke Mahin on his inquiries to each city on whether or not they were interested in individually applying for funds through a grant obtained by Economic Development. This information should be known by May 1st. Republic County will then know how much money can be utilized through this grant for a possible county-wide tire disposal project.

Mr. Cline reported that the Scandia Recycle Trailer is now being delivered to Mankato, which seems to be working very well.

Mr. Cline, also, reported that as an ongoing project, the Scandia Lions Club will be sending in an application to the Duclos Foundation for funds to help renovate the old fire station into a storage unit and picnic shelter.

He advised the Commissioners that he would be talking to Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, to discuss a portion of the streets of Scandia that are needing to be resealed.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Manager, and Dustin Zenger, met to discuss the duties that are now being done by Beth Reed, who will be retiring on January 1st, 2018. As she shares duties among the Emergency Management Department, the Solid Waste Department and the Commissioners, it was the recommendation of Mr. Raney and Mr. Zenger that these duties continue as they are currently, to incorporate the duties required by the Commission. Due to the number of duties involved, it was determined that advertising for this position should begin in May so that a new employee could be brought in early enough to make a smooth transition at the first part of January, 2018. As the budgets affected by the hiring of a new employee may not be sufficient to handle the extra personnel, the Commission will visit with the County's auditor to see how to temporarily pay another employee while they are in training.

Dawn Snyder, Assistant Director of Judicial Corrections of the 12th Judicial District submitted their 2018 Budget proposal. After an explanation of the proposal, she requested the County's approval on the FY18 Department of Corrections Comprehensive Plan, as well as the FY18 Behavioral Health Grant Application. No money is being requested from Republic County, as their funding comes from the State. However, all of the counties located within the 12th Judicial District are asked to approve their Budget proposal. On motion of Commissioner Bergstrom, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe, and made unanimous by Commission Splichal, these documents were signed and approved.

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

- He requested permission to pursue the possibility of providing uniforms and the weekly cleaning of those uniforms for four of his employees, those in the shop and those on the asphalt crew. The cost would be \$5.00 per week per person. The Commissioners discussed trying something like this for a 6-month trial period, but that Mr. Zenger should also contact Ameripride for comparative initiatives.
- The sealing of roads will begin in August, as the sealing works best in hot weather.
- Asphalt patching will begin in the next couple of weeks when the weather is warmer.
- The Belleville City block project is going well, with the rest of the debris being clean rubble (rock). The City of Belleville will be stock-piling some of this rock for future use.
- KDHE will be in Belleville on this day to look at the landfill cells and to review plans for new cells.
- There is still some of our old equipment being offered for sale on Purple Wave; however, the bus will be advertised to local bidders prior to putting it on Purple Wave.
- Commissioner Bergstrom advised that Brian Larson had contacted him concerning the regrading being done by his driveway. Mr. Zenger will contact Mr. Larson regarding his concerns.

Danielle White, Health Department Director, met regarding bids she had received concerning renovation of the Health Department building. No decision was made as the Commissioners were looking into other options. Ms. White will return to the next Commissioner meeting to further discuss this project.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners toured the Sheriff's Department.

At 12:00 o'clock noon, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. From this meeting, Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal will attend the monthly Hospital Board Meeting that is being held at noon at the hospital.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Jeremy Wittwer, Central Christian Church, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from April 17, 2017 and April 24, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Due to a previous commitment on May 22, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to change the regularly scheduled commissioners meeting to 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Marlea James, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, James and Marsicek.

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

Mike Nondorf, employee taskforce, presented bids for the employee appreciation meal to be held at the Road and Bridge department on May 15.

- Food Mart \$172.85
- Casey's \$192.60
- Subway \$272.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Casey's. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented the 2016 auditor's report with suggested amounts for transfer of funds. The funds include the General fund, Road and Bridge fund and Ambulance fund.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-18 to transfer \$65,000 from the Ambulance Fund to Special Ambulance & Medical Equipment Fund. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-19 and Resolution 2017-20, transferring \$100,000 each from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund and the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, respectively. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, requested an update on the removal of trees from the fair grounds. Commissioner Splichal informed Kasl that the board toured the fairgrounds and requested that the fair board submit bids for removal of trees.

Blaine Van Meter-EMS Director and David Holloway-EMS assistant Director announced that Republic County will be receiving a matching grant for \$3,555.00 to purchase an Auto Pulse machine. Van Meter also stated that the new Ambulance will be delivered on May 12. Holloway announced the plans for a training session at the fair grounds on May 13.

Road department supervisors-Terry Cherney, Bobby Lawson, Nathan Craig and secretary-Lisa Jones visited with board and Dustin Zenger about issues concerning their department.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Those attending were the commissioners, Zenger, Cherney, Lawson, Craig, Jones and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 30 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., with the commissioners suggesting better communication between Administrator Zenger and the supervisors.

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

- Zenger will attend a conference May 8, 9 and 10.
- Zenger will provide transfer amounts and fund requests to Clerk Marsicek to prepare resolutions for the next commissioner meeting.
- Zenger presented a list of five bridges which require annual inspection by Campbell & Johnson in 2017.
- Zenger requested permission to purchase a tire inflation cage.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Sharon Segerhammer, Pawnee Mental Health, announced that May is Mental Health month and asked Republic County to proclaim and recommit to the awareness and understanding of mental health wellness and support prevention efforts. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to support this proclamation. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal informed Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, that options for relocating the health department are very limited in Belleville. Commissioners requested prioritizing repairs needed at the current location and submitting smaller renovation projects over a period of several years.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Those attending were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 2 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:52 a.m., taking no action.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Those attending were the commissioners.

The board reconvened at 12:00 noon, taking no action.

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 1, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payables vouchers in the amount of \$264,175.96 were approved.

County Attorney Marlea James introduced Kelly Gardner as the new legal assistant in her office. Gardner started May 8 with a starting wage of \$12.50 per hour.

Clerk Marsicek presented information regarding the wages of commissioners in the surrounding counties and the history of wage increases within Republic County for commissioners. The last raise for the commissioners was in 2005. The commissioners discussed the needs for 2018 budget for the Board of County Commissioners. Consensus was to increase the annual salary of the commissioners to \$15,000 and to leave the rest of the line items the same as the 2017 approved budget.

Beth Ball, employee taskforce representative, presented quotes for the employee appreciation dinner at the courthouse.

- Food Mart \$8.00 per plate
- Rick Cleveland \$6.00 per plate

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Rick Cleveland. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners, Ball and Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioners signed a letter supporting the North Central Flint Hill Area Agency on Aging.

Deb Hadachek announced to the commission that the Republic County Hospital Board had voted on Wednesday May 3, 2017 to close the Long Term Care facility.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2017-16 and Resolution 2017-17 to transfer \$100,000 and \$500,000 from the 2016 Road and Bridge general fund to Special Highway Improvement and Special

Equipment funds respectively. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-16 and Resolution 2017-17. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Luke Mahin and Steve Scofield, Republic County Community Foundation, explained that three cities in Republic County have requested funds from the Dane Hanson Foundation totaling \$8,700 of the \$20,000 allocated for Republic County. Mahin presented a bid of \$135 per ton from Champlin Tire Recycling, Inc for tire disposal in Republic County. Mahin will contact the cities for a pick-up location for the tires and will prepare the final grant application with the Dane Hanson Foundation.

Sheriff Ron Blad announced the hiring of Jeff Smith as a part-time jailer and patrol officer with a starting wage of \$14.00 per hour.

Danielle White and Nicole Kraus, Health Department, joined the meeting.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners, White, Kraus and Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., taking no action.

White and Kraus requested permission to purchase a new computer system that would streamline billing, collections and services to clients. They will be attending a demonstration of the requested system later in the month. They are requesting the purchase by June 1 if it meets the needs of the department.

At 11:30 a.m., the commissioners toured the Dispatch and 911 communication department.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 8, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend a Fidler Educational Symposium in Davenport, IA from May 21 to May 24 and to attend the Register of Deeds Spring Seminar in Dodge City from June 6 to 7.

Blaine Van Meter and David Holloway, EMS department, brought the new ambulance to the courthouse to be viewed by the BOCC.

Van Meter requested permission to purchase an EZ-Glide Evacuation Stair Chair. They presented three quotes.

- Bound Tree \$3,333.00
- EMP, INC \$3,235.95
- Stryker \$3,199.00

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness director, presented an explanation of the wage increase in his 2018 budget. The commissioners will consider the wage increase when reviewing the budgets for 2018.

Raney explained the need for an additional part-time employee in the dispatch department. Raney stated that Jeff Smith discussed working part-time in dispatch along with his hours as patrol officer/jailer and EMS employee. Raney and Sheriff Blad and Blaine Van Meter will meet to discuss the hours needed in each department.

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

- Zenger presented the request for bids on the K-28.4 replacement bridge that will be sent for publication this week.
- Zenger stated that there are openings for five full time employees in his department. He has filled the summer part time positions.
- Zenger asked permission to hire a fifth part-time employee for the summer. Permission was granted.
- Zenger presented a quote from Hall Brothers to apply an asphalt overlay to 4 miles of 290 Rd south of K148 to the Cloud County line. The total cost to apply 1.5" overlay will be \$276,000.

- Zenger announced that the debris removal from the buildings in downtown Belleville has been delivered to the landfill and final invoicing is being prepared to present to the City of Belleville.

Jimmie Blecha, Mayor of Munden, voiced his city's support of the county wide tire cleanup. It will be a good use of proposed funds from the Dane Hanson Foundation.

Luke Mahin, Economic Development and Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) representative, presented the 2016 and 2017 survey results. Mahin thanked Republic County for sponsoring 15 ROZ persons in 2017 and asked for the county's continued support in 2018.

Permission to travel was granted for Nicole Kraus and Brynn Alexander to visit Ottawa County Health Department to view a new computer system on May 22.

Permission to travel was granted for Nicole Kraus and Amber Sorell to visit Jewell County Health Department to view a new computer system on May 24.

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

Following adjournment, Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Bergstrom attended the employee appreciation lunch at the Road and Bridge location.

Due to a prior meeting scheduled, the next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. following an employee appreciation luncheon in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 15, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payables vouchers in the amount of \$133,332.46 were approved.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius and James Quillen from OCCK presented their 2016 annual report, thanked Republic County for the financial support in the past and asked for continued support in the future. Stout stated that 2017 is the 47th year of operation in North Central Kansas

Robbin Cole and Leanne DeJoia from Pawnee Mental Health presented their 2016 annual report. The report explains a deficient in funding, so Cole asked the commissioners to consider increasing the annual funding from \$26,260 to \$38,536 and asked if a commissioner would consider becoming part of committee to analyze Pawnee financial resources and future services.

Discussion was held regarding the quotes to repair the Health Department building and three quotes were presented.

- Skinner Construction \$8,524 plus materials
- Eddie Darby \$9,000 plus materials
- Larry Thiede \$17,051.85 including materials.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from either Skinner Construction or Eddie Darby, which ever one could start the project the soonest. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Blaine Miller, Honorable Mayor of Belleville, and Neal Lewis, Belleville City manager presented updates from the City of Belleville.

- The condemned buildings have been removed from downtown Belleville and the hole is filled with dirt. Lewis thanked the county crews that assisted in hauling in dirt to fill the hole.
- The recycling delivery to Mankato is working well.
- Lewis stated that having the county sheriff's department covering the mid-night shift is working well.
- Several applications for chief of police have been received.
- Discussion regarding the bathhouse in the city park is scheduled for the city council meeting tonight, May 22.
- The city pool will open May 29.

At 3:40 p.m., the commissioners toured the appraisers' department.

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

- Zenger announced that Nickolas Victory started May 22 with a starting wage of \$11.50 per hour.
- Zenger presented for commissioner signatures an agreement for federal-aid construction engineering inspection services with KDOT on project NO. 79 C-4814-01.

- Zenger presented an invoice for the City of Belleville for the debris received at the landfill totaling \$21,900. There were 249 loads at 25 yards each at a price of \$4.00 per yard minus \$3,000 for assisting with the landfill. A total of 279 loads were delivered to the landfill, however 30 loads were clean rubble at no charge.
- Zenger proposed that the county rent uniforms for the mechanics and the asphalt employees. Commissioners asked Zenger to get bids before a decision will be done.

Permission to travel was granted for Nicole Kraus to attend a billers' meeting in Salina on June 14.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend the NCKPHI Regional meeting for supervisors in Beloit on May 31.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Danielle White to attend the Kansas Immunization Conference in Salina from June 6 through 8.

Permission to travel was granted for Amber Sorell and Danielle White to attend the District 5 conference in Salina on June 21.

Permission to travel was granted for Amber Sorell and Danielle White to attend OASIS training in Junction City from July 11 through July 12.

At 5:20 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

In observance of Memorial Day, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God of Belleville, offered the morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 22, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

David Kadavy, Alan Sheets, Joelle Feight and Mike Couch from Unified School District 109 requested permission to install a weather camera on the courthouse roof. According to Kadavy, the school district received a grant to become a transmitting center for the Weatherbug system, but the schoolhouse is not tall enough to accommodate the camera. Consensus of the board is to allow the installation of the camera upon approval of the emergency preparedness director and custodian.

Carol Miller, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Child Advocacy Center (CAC) director, presented the 2016 annual report of youth services to Republic County and requested the same amount of funding for 2018 as in 2017. Miller informed the board the largest amount of the funding for CASA and CAC is from grants and community foundations. There are five CASA volunteers in Republic County.

Following the review of funding requests for 2018, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow the same amount of funding in 2018 as in 2017 to CASA, Pawnee Mental Health and Republic County Council on Aging. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to add \$1,500 per year to Raymond Raney's wages for services as Flood Plain manager for Republic County effective June 1, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioners signed an acknowledgement from the Republic County Head Start program in reference to the in-kind giving to store the buses on county property.

Permission was granted for the Belleville City Library to use the south courtyard for summer reading program on June 8, June 22 and July 6.

Patrick Comstock informed the commissioners that the courthouse pickup needs to be replaced. Commissioner Splichal suggested contacting local auto dealers for pricing of new or used vehicles.

Danielle White and Nicole Kraus from the health department presented a contract for Nightingale software. The installation/training costs are \$11,250 to be paid from county equipment reserves and the annual fee is \$6,270 which will be paid from contractual funding. White is waiting for quotes for additional computers and monitors at this time.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to purchase the Nightingale system and necessary computer equipment at the lowest bid. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

White announced that the repair work on the health department windows will begin this week by Terry Skinner Construction.

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

- Zenger requested signatures on an agreement between Republic County and JBN Telephone Co. Inc to construct and operate an underground fiber optics and copper line on public right of way.
- Zenger suggested since there are no available trucks at the road and bridge department, Patrick Comstock seek bids from local auto dealers for a county pickup.
- The storm shelter at the county shop will be completed this week.
- Zenger is interviewing applicants for the position of Operator 1.
- Zenger is researching the purchase of a dump truck and a loader.
- Zenger asked permission to advertise the 50-ton crane for sale.
- Road crews are starting to patch asphalt roads and reworking gravel roads.

The commissioners toured the offices of the County Treasurer and the County Clerk.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Robert Frasier, Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from May 30, 2017 and the special session on June 2, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Marlea James, County Attorney, explained the proposed budget for her office. James informed the commissioners that the number of court cases for 2017 is over the number of cases at this time in 2016. James is requesting funding for a part-time attorney to prepare the annual delinquent tax sale and perform the duties of county counselor.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, presented for approval his renewal agreement as appraiser for Republic and Cloud County. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the agreement between Republic County and Cloud County to share Barry Porter as appraiser until June 30, 2021. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Porter also presented Resolution 2017-22, stating that Porter will be the appraiser in Republic County.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept Resolution 2017-22. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to suspend the remodeling at the Republic County Health Department until further notice. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, reported that Republic County citizen, Wayne Pachta, is challenging sales tax charged on a vehicle he purchased. According to Pachta, the title was not processed correctly and Republic County should reimburse him the sales tax. Coons noted that she filed the title paperwork as presented. Since this is a sales tax issue, County Attorney James recommended, a letter be sent to Pachta with the address of the appeals office with the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to deny payment from Republic County and recommend that Pachta file an appeal at the state level. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Correspondence was presented from Emily Benedict from North Central Planning Committee requesting signatures on a on an extension from Kansas Department of Commerce for closing grant #15-PF-026.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept and sign the three-month extension request. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Commissioner Splichal phoned Danielle White for status on moving equipment to the new Health Department location. White reported that the building should be ready to move into on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners, Zenger, Allan Carlson and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:15 a.m., taking no action.

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

- Zenger and Raymond Raney will begin the interviewing process for the solid waste/emergency management secretary this week.
- Zenger is also interviewing applicants for employees at road and bridge.
- The asphalt crew is patching the road between Jamestown and Kackley. Queen Road in western Republic County is being graded.

Charles Johnson, Cloud County resident, inquired as to funding to inspect the fractured critical bridge on Republic County and Cloud County line south of Talmo. Zenger stated that the estimated cost to inspect this bridge is \$20,000 and the money could be used to repair other bridges instead of inspecting the fracture critical bridges.

Alisha Bond, Group Benefits Specialist (GBS), presented Republic County's Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliance report. Republic County is in complete compliance. GBS researches premiums for health insurance regularly to ensure that clients are receiving the best value for the money spent.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, requested permission to hire a summer part-time employee. The commissioners granted permission.

Lori Siemsen and Wayne Pachta from Republic County Conservation District presented their 2018 Operations Budget for county funds. The district is asking for \$37,500 which is the same as the 2017 funding.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve and sign the request. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 11:40 a.m., the commissioners toured the County Attorney office.

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Jeremy Wittwer, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from June 5, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payables vouchers in the amount of \$209,764.27 were approved.

Marlea James, County Attorney, explained the proposed agreement with Rolling Hills to lease a building for the health department and announced that she and Douglas Jackson, Rolling Hills, would be attending the commissioner meeting at 11:00 to sign the agreement.

Don McChesney, Belleville High Banks, requested permission to use the courthouse square to hold a picnic and display vintage race cars July 28-30.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to grant permission to use the courthouse square for this event. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Rob Kasl, Cruisin' Kansas Car show, requested permission to use the courthouse square to hold the annual car show activities June 16 and June 17.

Permission was granted to hold the car activities.

Kasl invited the commissioners to attend the Hansen Foundation County strategic planning meeting on June 20 at 7:00 pm at the Republic County High School cafeteria.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, invited the commissioners to attend the annual Courtland Fun day activities held July 28 through July 30. Garman asked about scheduling the blacktop repairs on the road south and west of Courtland. Dustin Zenger joined the meeting and explained the plans to patch the asphalt roads near Courtland this summer.

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

- Sealed bids for bridge K-28.4 were opened:
 - Ebert Construction, Wamego \$137,991.15
 - King Construction, Hesston \$160,440.00
 - Reece Construction, Scandia \$138,688.00
 - L & M Construction, Great Bend \$124,822.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the lowest bid pending the approval of details in the contract from Kirkham Michael engineering. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

- Road crews are installing culverts on Nickel Road.

- Zenger requested signatures on four agreements between Republic County and The City of Belleville to construct and operate an underground water line on public right of way described as follows:
 - 625' south of Birch Rd on 170 Rd
 - 1261' north of Fir Rd on 170 Rd
 - 200' north of Cedar Rd on 170 Rd
 - 2256' north of Cedar Rd on 170 Rd
- Zenger requested permission to supply uniforms for the mechanic and oil crewmen at a rate of \$4.85 per week from UniFirst. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to supply uniforms to these specific employees and offer uniforms to all other employees with payroll deduction requested. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Those attending were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Raymond Raney joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the interviewing of candidates for the secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Solid Waste. Eleven applications were received and 5 candidates were interviewed. Raney and Zenger made an offer of employment pending pre-employment screenings.

Bids were received for the employee appreciation meal for the Health Department.

- Casey's \$150.70
- Department BBQ \$159.41

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the BBQ bid. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Douglas Jackson Representative from Rolling Hills and Marlea James County Attorney presented the Lease Agreement and Resolution 2017-23 for a lease on a building owned by Rolling Hills for use by the Republic County Health Department. This is a one-year lease for \$600 monthly with utility costs shared as stated in the agreement.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the agreement with Rolling Hills and Resolution 2017-23. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development (RCD) treasurer, requested signatures on a letter to appoint Neely Kohmetscher to the Republic County Economic Development board and a letter declining a request for RCD funding.

Commissioner Splichal presented the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) for approval which includes Resolution 2017-21 which gives Republic County the authority to participate in KCAMP insurance coverage as agreed to in the Interlocal Cooperation agreement.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Resolution 2017-21. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from June 12, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to proclaim June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and urges all citizens to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, announced that Republic County is the recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the Dane Hansen Foundation to clean up in the county. Mahin has contacted cities throughout the county to designate pick up areas for used tires. The first pickup will occur in July.

Mahin stated that Emily Benedict from North Central Kansas Regional Planning is scheduled to meet with the commissioners on June 26 to present suggested grants for projects in Republic County.

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

- Zenger announced the hiring of 4 employees who started June 19.
 - Mandy Rundberg at \$11.50 per hour starting wage.
 - Ruben Ochoa at \$12.00 per hour starting wage.
 - Joel Spear at \$12.00 per hour starting wage.
 - Morris Brunsilius at \$12.00 per hour starting wage.
- Zenger stated the road crew is starting to patch the asphalt road south of Courtland.
- Sealing of roads will begin in late July.
- Zenger suggested that Resolution 2014-23 be reviewed for clarification of the Purchase Policy which grants a 10% advantage to county businesses.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 2 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Those attending were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:47 a.m., taking no action.

Patrick Comstock presented bids for used trucks from Melton Motor. Commissioners suggested that Comstock request bids for new trucks before a decision to purchase is approved.

At 11:30 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting to attend the employee appreciation lunch at the health department. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION, FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in special session on Friday, June 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Purpose of the meeting: plans to move the Republic County Health Department due to water damage to current location.

Following discussion of several locations, the commission toured the damage at the health department. Danielle White explained that she contacted the City of Belleville regarding the use of the Travel Information Center.

The commission contacted Rolling Hills as a possible location.

White and her staff inspected the Travel Information Center but felt there would not be the necessary privacy needed for clients.

The commission, health department staff and Marsicek visited the unoccupied Rolling Hills Office building. White and her staff stated that there would be sufficient room and privacy at this location.

Commissioner Splichal contacted Doug Jackson regarding a contract to rent the building. Jackson stated the building would be available by Tuesday, June 6 and the rent amount \$600 per month.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to rent the Rolling Hills building for \$600 per month. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from June 19, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers for \$110,181.08 were approved.

Commissioners Splichal and Jeardoe will be attending the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Clerk Marsicek stated that an application for Love's Express credit cards for the county was approved. However, Love's require payment through EFT or ACH. County policy is to pay all accounts via paper check unless the business is a governmental entity. Consensus of the board was to uphold the current county policy.

Mr. J.E. Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, reported that Cuba is busy planning its annual Harvest Festival on July 14 and 15. Chizek shared that a new parking area at the community hall is being completed by Hoge Construction. Chizek also asked if the county would have any asphalt to patch roads. Commissioner Jeardoe assured Chizek that Zenger would be contacted about this request.

Patrick Comstock presented quotes for new and used trucks.

- Melton Motor Used 2015 Chevy with 80,000 miles \$22,000
- Melton Motor Used 2015 Chevy with 45,000 miles \$32,000
- Melton Motor New 2017 Chevy 2WD \$24,5736.65
- Melton Motor New 2017 Chevy 4WD \$28,474.45

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid for the new 2017 Chevy two-wheel drive. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

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

- Zenger stated that patching has been suspended on the Courtland road until a large enough quantity of mix is available to finish the project. Crews are patching smaller areas south of Scandia and on Fir Road in the meantime.
- Zenger will contact the City of Courtland to discuss patching the county road through Courtland.
- Hall Brothers are applying the overlay to the Clyde road.
- Commissioner Splichal suggested that since the year is almost half over that Zenger review the available funding for materials to patch, seal and gravel roads.

- Zenger requested signatures on contracts with Kirkham Michael designating L&M Contractors, Inc as company to install the K-28.4 bridge-project #1609804.
- Commissioner Jeardoe notified Zenger that the City of Cuba is needing asphalt to patch streets and for Zenger to contact Max Wickstrum regarding quantity needed.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:35 a.m., taking no action.

Doug McKinney and Emily Benedick from North Central Kansas Regional Planning (NCKRP) and Luke Mahin from Economic Development were present to discuss the future needs of the health department buildings. McKinney stated there would be grants available to repair or replace the unoccupied building. Benedick stated that applications for CDBG grants are due by November 1 but understands the county needs to decide what the true needs are. Discussion was held regarding hiring an engineer to evaluate the old building for repair or replacement. Benedick will supply a list of engineering firms for the county to contact.

Mahin reported that 75 Republic County residents attended the Strategic planning meeting held at the Republic County High School. Attendees were asked to suggest projects for enhancing Republic County with funds from Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

At 12:10 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 3, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Due to illness, only one
commissioner was available to meet July 3, 2017.
No meeting was held the week of July 3-7, 2017

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assemble of God, offered the Morning Prayer.

A moment of reflection in memory of Commissioners Bergstrom's wife was observed.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from June 26, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

No commission meeting was held on July 3, 2017.

Account payable vouchers for \$757,447.98 were approved.

Retha Blecha, deputy appraiser, thanked the commissioners for placing a collection box for old flags to be given to the Boy Scouts for proper disposal.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, requested permission to purchase furniture for his office and staff. Commissioner Jeardoe stated at least two quotes should be submitted but the furniture update could be done. Porter also stated that the service contract on his copier will expire in August. Also, the courthouse server is 5 years old and replacement should be researched. These matters will be revisited when Porter presents quotes for the equipment.

Kay Shoemaker, Treasurer for Republic County Economic Development, requested signatures on the semi-annual Program Income report for the State of Kansas and two vouchers for loan payments to Courser Lapo.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the second quarter financial report which states \$9,731,674.81 as the total revenue on hand June 30, 2017.

Mr. Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, asked for an update on the asphalt patching of 30 Rd south of Courtland and through the City of Courtland. Commissioner Jeardoe affirmed that the patching will resume when sufficient asphalt is delivered from Hall Brothers. Dusty Zenger will contact Garman to follow up with scheduling.

Raymond Raney requested permission to attend an International APCO conference in Denver in August paid from the 910 Fund. Permission was granted.

Billy Joe Strnad, Munden resident, requested the location to deliver used tires in Munden for the county wide tire cleanup. The Munden location is one block west of the elevator where annual cleanup material is held for county pick up.

Mr. Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden shared the following during his regular commissioner visit:

- Thanked the commissioners for scheduling the tire cleanup.
- Invited the commissioners to attend the tour of the Pro-Hoe business on Friday afternoon following the tractor drive commencing at Cuba and ending in Munden.
- Ordered two culverts from Republic County
- Announced the July 13th annual budget hearing for the City of Munden.
- Asked for an update on the delinquent tax sale which should have been held in 2016. Commissioner Splichal stated the County Attorney is working on it.
- Asked Dusty Zenger if the asphalt road crew could place a seal over the seam at the center of the road south of Munden. Blecha stated the road cracks and potholes develop in the middle of the blacktop road not on the side.

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

- Zenger explained to Blecha that the asphalt roads are overlapped in the middle but Zenger would investigate the damaged areas of the road south of Munden.
- Zenger will add two culverts to the county order for the City of Munden.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained that Mayor Garman visited the meeting earlier and requested information regarding the asphalt patching south of Courtland and through the City of Courtland. Zenger will contact Garman with answers, however, asphalt is currently in short supply. Hall Brothers is in the process producing asphalt for delivery later in July.

- Zenger stated that Hall Brothers has completed the overlay on the Clyde road.
- Zenger had contacted the City of Belleville regarding the invoice for debris at the landfill and was told that the Belleville City Council would like to discuss the invoice with the commissioners.
- Zenger has mailed requests for sealed bids to several companies for a dump truck with an opening date of August 7.
- Zenger requested signatures on the agreement between Republic County and the City of Scandia for solid waste fees for the balance of 2017.

Bids were reviewed for three (3) HP laptop computers, carrying cases, mouse and software for the health department:

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| • Nex-Tech | \$5,597.88 |
| • Professional Computer Solutions (without the cases or mouse) | \$5,009.00 |
| • Best Buy | \$6,056.87 |

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek notified the commissioners that Erik Johnson from Campbell and Johnson Engineering will be evaluating the old health department building on Tuesday, July 11 at 9:00.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, stated a new truck was ordered and the electrical box controlling the sprinkler system for the south courthouse lawn was replaced by Vance Carlson. Comstock also noted there are several sprinkler heads which were damaged over time and need to be replaced. Commissioners granted Comstock permission to make the necessary repairs.

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Due to death of a commissioner's spouse, only one commissioner was available to meet July 17, 2017.

No regular meeting was held the week of July 17-21, 2017

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in special budget work session on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe joined via phone. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Purpose of the meeting: review the 2018 proposed budget as presented by auditor Randy Hofmeier from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris, Chtd.

Each fund in the budget was reviewed. Several department heads attended to support specific items in the budget.

Most departmental requests were approved as submitted. Republic County is not proposing an increase in the budget and in accordance with the mandates of the tax lid, no county election will be necessary. The 2018 budget request is 92.645 mills which is down from the 2017 request of 98.152 mills.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to set the budget hearing date for August 14 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2017 special work session. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

No regular meeting was held on July 17, 2017.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$155,034.95 were approved.

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

County Attorney Marlea James informed the commissioners that Treasurer Cindy Coons will prepare a final list of names for the delinquent tax sale and it will be sent to Condray and Thompson, LLC in Concordia to proceed with title searches. James stated there are 18 properties listed.

Quotes were presented for new desks in the appraiser's office.

- Central Office Supply \$4,964.80
- National Business Furniture \$15,009.00

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the lower bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons presented Resolution 2017-24 for approval to cancel checks which are outstanding for more than two years and redeposit funds in the county fund from which these checks were withdrawn. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding an increase of credit limit on credit cards for Emergency Preparedness and Communication resulted in a temporary increase for the next three months. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to increase the credit limit from \$1000 to \$2000 until November 1. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Clerk Marsicek will contact UMB Bank of the authorized increases.

Correspondence was read from Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson, a report from the on-site review of the Health Department building located at 1206 18th Street. Johnson noted that recent roof repairs failed and the contractor needs to take corrective action.

Contracts were signed with Unified School District (USD) 109 Republic County and USD 426 Pike Valley schools for 2017-2018 school health nursing services.

Correspondence from Luke Mahin stated that there are no updates on the wind farm study data collection.

Judge Starla Nelson and Kris Kling, District Court, presented information regarding the number of court cases from January through June 2017 and reported that Judge Kim Cudney has signed the 2018 budget request.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to nominate Jan Carlson to the Central Kansas Library Board to represent Republic County. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, submitted a voucher and requested approval for \$600 to Courser Lapo.

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

- Zenger requested approval for an agreement with Kirkham Michael as the engineering firm to provide part-time construction engineering services for bridge K-28.4. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Kirkham Michael. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion passed.
- Zenger presented information regarding hazard waste disposal and will contact Luke Mahin to assist with a possible county-wide pick-up of these items.
- Zenger received an email from Michelle Griffin from the North Central Transportation District requesting storage space for a bus in Republic County to be used through the week to transport citizens to and from medical appointments in other towns around North Central Kansas. Zenger was advised to contact the fair board for availability of space to park the bus.
- Crews are installing culverts on both the east and west sides of the county.
- Crews plan to continue south of Courtland in mid-August or when Fir Rd patching is completed.
- The tire cleanup is well underway and it appears that a large number of tires have been collected.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attendees were the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 7 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:52, taking no action.

At 11:02 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attendees were the commissioners, Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:12, taking no action.

Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek thanked the board for allowing the purchase of new election equipment. The equipment will be displayed at the North Central Kansas Free Fair the first week of August. Persons may test their knowledge of Republic County by voting in a mock election quiz.

Ball and Marsicek suggested purchase of additional software which would allow in-house programming for Republic County of election ballots saving the county money as the basic cost of a small election is \$1,500. Commissioners requested additional information and cost comparison of new software versus off site programming before further discussion.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, requested permission to replace the current computer used in the communication/solid waste department. Funds are available through the county equipment reserve. Commissioners approved the purchase.

Raney presented an update on the Belleville Highbanks race track preparations for the annual Midget National race held during the county fair.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn the meeting to attend the hospital board meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 31, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 31ST, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 31st, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Bob Frazier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered the morning prayer.

Beth Reed, with Emergency Management, introduced Susan Aaron, who will be the new employee to replace her position as Administrative Assistant at the beginning of 2018, which is the date of retirement for Ms. Reed.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from July 10th, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Commissioner Bergstrom was absent from this meeting. Commissioner Splichal moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting of July 17th, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Jeardoe joined the meeting by conference call. Commissioner Splichal moved to approve the minutes from the July 24th, 2017, meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Jeardoe was absent from this meeting.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were presented and approved in the amount of \$83,721.97.

Blaine VanMeter and David Holloway with the Emergency Medical Services Department met with the Commissioners concerning scheduling and overtime hours in that department. Mr. VanMeter explained that most EMS departments will incur overtime hours per week, and that after checking with five other EMS departments, we are well below the overtime hours compared to those other departments. However, they have, and are, implementing new procedures to help eliminate costs to their department, such as:

- No longer paying their technicians for continuing education hours.
- Offering on-line training every other month, which will eliminate the need to physically attend an education meeting.
- Rearranging how some part-time employees are scheduled.

These changes will be revisited in six-months to see how they are working to hold costs down in the EMS Department

Mr. VanMeter has hired Logan Higby as the new technician, to replace the vacancy made in the position left by Randy Ainsworth when he retired. He will need to complete his credentialing and there is possibly a grant that could be applied to help fund his paramedic schooling.

Ron Blad, Republic County Sheriff, met to report that the City of Belleville has hired a Senior Officer, who will be joining the Police Department within seven to ten days. A Police Chief will be hired at a later date. The Sheriff's Officers will be in an advisory position to the new Senior Officer. At this time, the City has only two officers. Sheriff Blad advised that as this is "Fair" week, the City will schedule their part-time officers to patrol the Midway during the day, and the Sheriff's Office will patrol the machinery and livestock areas during in the nighttime hours.

Sheriff Blad reported that Gerald Callahan has resigned from his office and is moving from the County. He will be advertising for a new officer.

County Attorney, Marlea James, met with the Commissioners concerning the roof on the Health Department building. The roof had recently be coated with roof-coating material, but is leaking and water runs into the building, causing damage to the walls, etc. It was suggested that the County Attorney write a letter to the contractor who worked on the roof to see if there is anything he could do to make this matter right. It is the understanding of the Board that there was a five-year warranty on the material used to roof the building. Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that, along with the contractor, they completely flood the roof to determine the source of the leak. The County Attorney will make contact with the contractor as requested by the Board.

The County Attorney advised that work is being done on the tax sale. They have 18 properties yet to process and the list can then be delivered to Condray and Associates to begin work on the tax sale. It is hopeful to have a tax sale in October.

Dusty Zenger met for his weekly update:

- The County's excavator was damaged during a project and is being fixed.
- Mr. Zenger is working on revamping the contract that is signed between owners and the County when work is done on phone lines or water lines. This contract will include that the contractor will be responsible to pay for any gravel or damage to the road that is incurred in the installation of the phone or water lines to restore the road to the original. The County will do the actual repairing or replacing, but the owner will be responsible for material and labor.
- Labor forces are diminishing for the year as the summer helpers are beginning to leave to return to school.
- Mr. Zenger reported on projects that are being worked on around the County. Crews have finished patching 9 miles on the East end of Fir Road, 3 miles South of Kackley, 3 miles South of Courtland, and spots South of Scandia. Crews will finish patching in the Northwest corner of the county and then return to finish the Courtland road.
- At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal moved, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom to go into a five-minute Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel. Session ended at 10:40 a.m. with no action being taken.
- A driveway on 220 Road has been reported as washing out. As the damage is affecting the County's road, the County will assist in the repair.
- The County Tire Project, hosted by Republic County Economic Development, has brought in a large amount of tires. Tires have been picked up in Scandia and Republic. Nothing has been reported for Agenda, Munden or Belleville.

Beth Ball and Kathleen Marsicek with the County Clerk's office met to discuss programming our own elections as opposed to election ware licensing. Mrs. Ball advised that paper ballots are costing the County 28 cents per ballot, where the cards to do our own would be only 8 cents per card. There would be a significant cost saving by doing our own. The cost of the software for the County would be paid for one-half in 2017 and one-half in 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal, that we purchase the software needed to conduct our own elections.

County Treasurer, Cindy Coons, requested permission to close the Treasurer's Office on Thursday afternoon so that her employees may attend the funeral of Lester Gustin, husband of a Courthouse employee. Permission was granted. The office will be closed from 1:30 a.m. and reopen at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Splichal reported that the next RCD meeting will be held on August 16th.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 7th, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Pastor Jeremy Wittwer, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from July 31, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were presented and approved in the amount of \$385,130.74.

At 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Permission was granted for Raymond Raney, Beth Reed and Susan Aaron to attend the Kansas Emergency Management Association Annual Conference in Topeka from September 12 through 15.

County Treasurer Cindy Coons and County Attorney Marlea James explained the timeline and process to complete a tax sale. Commissioners requested that the tax sale be completed before December 31, 2017. A list of properties was sent to Condray and Thomson LLC in Concordia and title searches will be completed within 30 days. This week Coons will publish a list of 2016 tax delinquent properties which are not eligible for the current tax sale but maybe on the next tax sale in 2018.

Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Committee, reported November 1, 2017 as the deadline for grant applications. Benedick noted her visit with Danielle White regarding survey information which will be needed if the county pursues a CDBG grant for a new health department building. She also explained that the county can not apply for additional funding until the bridge grant is closed.

Benedick presented Resolution 2017-25 to approve the participation and adoption of the solid waste management committee update for the region served by the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dusty Zenger presented his weekly update:

- Representatives from Summit Truck Group and Reed Manufacturing joined the meeting for the dump truck bid opening. Bids were received from Truck Center, Doonan and

Summit. Zenger will review the details of the bids and make his recommendation August 14. Representatives stated that the truck could be delivered in three to four months.

- Zenger noted over 44 tons of tires were picked up during the county wide tire cleanup.
- Zenger stated that when the road crew has finished patching on Fir Road, they will move to the Courtland road.
- Zenger is searching for used pickup trucks to replace the high mileage trucks used by the road maintenance crews.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Cynthia Scheer from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from August 7, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Splichal signed the FY17KDOC CC Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report.

Since Dusty Zenger was unavailable for his weekly update, Zenger left his recommendation to purchase the International Dump truck and Reed truck bed from Summit Truck Group.

Bids for dump truck were received as follows:

- Summit Truck Group:
 - International w/Reed bed \$138,907.00
 - Volvo w/Reed bed \$155,353.00
 - Mack w/Reed bed \$146,875.00
- Donnan:
 - Peterbilt(Cummins) w/Reed bed \$158,337.00
 - Peterbilt(Paccar) w/Reed bed \$158,132.00
- Truck Center:
 - Freightliner w/Reed bed \$139,496.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Summit Truck Group. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported damage in cell one which was caused by an inmate and will be repaired and charged to that inmate. Also, Blad is advertising for a fulltime deputy to assist with the night shift patrol.

Clerk Marsicek noted that the Salina/Belleville bus route has been finalized by Occupational Center of Central Kansas and will start September 5.

Commissioners signed an agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka concerning collection and payment of solid waste fees.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), reported that all vouchers from Cuba, Courtland and Narka must be at his office for him to present a voucher to the Dane Hanson Foundation for the \$20,000 grant. The county wide tire cleanup was success. RCED will apply for additional E-Community tax credits this fall to create additional funds for local loans.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal opened the 2018 Republic County budget hearing which was attended by the commissioners, Harold Wilber, Cindy Shearer and Clerk Marsicek.

Mr. Wilbur expressed his concern for dollars budgeted in the Road & Bridge department. Wilbur stated roads and bridges should be in much better shape considering the amount of funding for that department. Wilbur suggested there should be a 3 to 5-year plan on road repair and equipment replacement. He challenged the commissioners to take charge of county expenditures and review the budgets for each department and noted that county tax payers rely on the commissioners to create a spending policy and monitor it.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the 2018 proposed Republic County budget. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe requested detailed quarterly reports regarding the expenditures of the major departments. Clerk Marsicek will present detailed reports for Road & Bridge, Sheriff-Jail and Emergency Medical Services.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church of Belleville, offered the morning prayer which included prayer for the travelers through Republic County heading to Nebraska to experience the total eclipse.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from August 14, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$214,323.07.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:35 a.m., taking no action.

Kathy Zach, concerned citizen, visited with the board regarding the health department.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Retha Blecha, Deputy Appraiser, requested permission to notify the public of minimal services in the appraisers' office on Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25 due to installation of new office furniture. The Board granted permission.

Jim Ottot, grounds keeper for the Medical Arts facility, suggested some tree replacement around the facility and parking area. Commissioner Splichal instructed Ottot to contact the Republic County Hospital administration. Republic County owns the building but the hospital oversees the building and grounds.

Michael Hadachek, Republic County Economic Development, informed the commissioners that the Republic County bond for the Assisted Living facility matures in August 2017. Subsequently, The Republic County Assisted Living LLC needs a property deed transfer so the loan can be converted to a bank loan. Commissioner Splichal will notify the County Attorney of this request and will contact Hadachek of any questions.

Clerk Marsicek presented a breakdown of property taxes according to commissioner districts.

- District 1 \$3,561,098.22
- District 2 \$5,365,076.44
- District 3 \$2,846,864.97

Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager, suggested that Republic County review the invoice for disposal of debris at the landfill from the demolition of buildings in the city. Lewis is not disputing the tonnage, rather requesting that the county share more of the expense of this project. Dusty Zenger, solid waste director, assured Lewis that the invoice was figured with net costs of disposal and the county invoiced the minimum amount. Commissioners agreed to review the invoice and will notify Lewis of their decision.

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly road and bridge report:

- Zenger reported that his department is fully staffed.
- Zenger anticipates enough asphalt to complete the road patching scheduled for this year.
- Zenger announced that replacement bridge construction at K28.4 will begin October 1.
- Crews are scheduled to patch the asphalt near the Pike Valley School this week and work on the Courtland road will follow.
- However, road and bridge repair scheduled updates constantly changes.

For public information, Zenger noted that he consults with the road supervisors to determine when additional gravel is applied to roads and when roads in their districts should be reworked, however, emergency situations do occur and must take priority.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal opened the Solid Waste hearing.

With no objections, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to close the Solid Waste hearing at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. There will be \$8,113.90 added to the 2017 property taxes from special assessments.

Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District Community Corrections, presented for signature the FY 2017 Community Corrections Year End Outcome Report.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the FY2017 report. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Daniel Douglas business owner and Aaron Strait contractor requested that commissioners accompany them to inspect the roof on the former health department. Douglas and Strait contend the roofing product applied was silicone and not acrylic as reported by the engineer from Campbell and Johnson.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move the meeting to the former health department building to review the roof with Dan Douglas and Aaron Strait. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Commissioner Bergstrom excused himself from the tour to the health department.

At 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God, offered the morning prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from August 21, 2017. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, reported that the clerks' department received training last week to create election ballots from the ES&S Software company. She is anxious to begin work on the November General Election ballot and ballots for local school homecoming elections. There was discussion regarding fees for creating special election ballots.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m., taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented quotes for touchscreen monitors.

- Fidler \$1,330.00
- Nex-Tech \$1,229.98
- Professional Services \$1,150.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Professional Services. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, submitted a voucher and requested approval for \$1,097.98 to Courser Lapo as the final draw on their RCD load.

Commissioners tour of the former health department last week resulted in no visible damaged areas to the roof. No further action will be taken until the source of the leak is located.

Permission was granted for Patrick Comstock, custodian, to store the excess furniture from the appraiser's office in the former health department building until the next consignment sale.

Discussion regarding the invoice to the City of Belleville for debris disposal at the landfill resulted in a consensus to resubmit the invoice as previously billed. In response to the reference from Neal

Lewis, delinquent taxes for the former Crossroads Floral shop were paid by the City of Belleville. That building was not owned by Republic County.

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly road and bridge report:

- Zenger distributed a map of the 10 grader districts designating the assigned operator.
- Zenger was asked to research the possibility of reopening 180 Road between Nickel and Marble road.
- Zenger explained that there is enough land for cells at the landfill to operate for 5-10 years and suggest future planning to include an analysis of cost to haul fill material verse the cost of new land acquisition.
- Crews are patching roads in Courtland.
- The bridge crew will complete the bridge on 300 Road and move to bridge N-10.8 on Nickel Road west of 110 Road.
- Zenger purchased a 2008 Chevy pickup from the state surplus auction for \$7,000.
- In response to concerns expressed by Harold Wilber, Zenger and Wilber toured parts of the county to discuss road issues, operator training and proposed equipment updates.
- Zenger will contact the road department in Jefferson County Nebraska regarding their hazardous waste disposal process with the possibility of a third party doing all actual work which requires training and certification.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, informed the board that Republic County has been revalidated for Medicare clients, however with the new software training, clients will be limited until after mid-September. She also noted that a part-time LPN has been hired pending pre-employment testing. There are classified ads in the papers for a full time Registered Nurse.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11: 30 a.m., taking no action.

EMS Director Blaine Van Meter and Assistant EMS Director Dave Holloway suggested that the county waive the standby fees for athletic events throughout the county. Each school is responsible for \$25 per event to have an ambulance on standby. In the past, a local business and booster club covered the fees, however this year the fees will be submitted to the school districts. Consensus of the board is to continue to charge the standby fee.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending the session were the commissioners, Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11: 30 a.m., taking no action.

At 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Due to Labor Day, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe and Clerk Kathleen Marsicek. Beth Reed was present to record a portion of the minutes. Bob Frazier, pastor of the Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from August 28th, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 8:35 a.m., on motion of Commissioner Splichal, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe, and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom, a ten-minute Executive Session was called to discuss non-elected personnel. Present were the three Commissioners and County Clerk Marsicek. At 8:45 a.m. the Executive Session ended with no action taken.

Raymond Raney, 911 Communications Director, advised that each year the Bryan Trauma Center in Lincoln, Nebraska recognizes a remarkable patient, his inspirational story of survival and the extraordinary efforts of responders and caregivers to restore life. This year's patient is Brock Melton. Republic County Sheriff's Department, EMS, Republic County Hospital Trauma Team, and Communications Center have been invited to a reception honoring those who were involved in response to his incident. Mr. Raney and Courtney VanNortwick will be attending this reception representing the Republic County Dispatch Center.

Mr. Raney asked permission to purchase a Command Console for the Communications Department, which would be covered through the 911 Fund. He will be seeking bids for this purchase. He also requested that a new carpet be installed in the Communications Center. Commissioner Splichal moved that new carpet be purchased out of the Courthouse Building Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe and made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Blaine VanMeter, EMS Director, advised that there will be a Training Exercise on October 17th, 2017, and held in the Republic County Hospital meeting room. This Exercise will be sponsored by the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Mr. VanMeter reported that his hours are being changed to be in the office Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and then on Friday he will be in the office 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Continuing education classes are being offered in-house and some classes will be out-sourced.

The Appreciation Dinner for the EMS Department, sponsored by the Commissioners, will be held on September 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Station.

At this time, County Clerk Marsicek left the meeting. Beth Reed then took Minutes for the remainder of the session.

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly Road & Bridge update:

(a) Mr. Zenger requested permission to attend the MINK Conference to be held in St. Joseph, Missouri on September 20th and 21st representing the Highway Department. Permission was granted.

(b) A letter has been drafted to be sent to Kyle Railroad requesting the removal of the structure owned by Kyle Railroad which traverses County Road 190 between Marble and Nickel Roads. The structure creates a problem for our maintainers, as well as creates a drainage problem and could be a public safety issue. This structure is no longer needed and hopefully will be removed. The letter will be prepared for signature by the Commissioners at the next regular meeting.

(c) Commissioner Splichal suggested that the drainage problem behind the Medical Arts building be addressed. Discussion was held on the best way to correct this problem. Commissioner Jeardoe and Dusty Zenger will meet with Barry Bottger from the hospital to compile a work plan.

(d) Other road projects underway and pending were discussed. Work has begun on a bridge on Nickel Road between 100 Road and 110 Road. This road is being closed as of this date until work has been completed on the bridge.

County Attorney, Marlea James, presented a Special Warranty Deed from the County to Republic County Assisted Living, LLC, described as:

A tract of land in the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Three (3), Township Three (3) South, Range Three (3) West of the 6th P.M. in Republic County, Kansas, described in metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said N1/2, NW1/4, SE1/4 of said Section Three (3), Thence South 260 feet, thence running West 328.5 feet parallel to the ¼ section line, thence North 260.08 feet parallel to the 1/16 section line, thence East 329 feet on the ¼ section line to the point of beginning.

EMS Director, Blaine VanMeter, returned with bids for the EMS dinner to be held on September 20th. Bids were received from Casey's - \$120.00; Subway - \$160.00; and Blaine VanMeter for \$90.00. The bid was given to the low bid of Blaine VanMeter.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Pastor Jeremy Wittwer, Central Christian Church, offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from September 5, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$266,275.72 were approved.

Commissioner Splichal announced that there would be an RCD meeting Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Barry Porter, Danielle White, Amy Mullis-Havel and Beth Ball representing the insurance benefit committee presented their research regarding health insurance premiums for the county. After discussing the penalty for buying out the last year of insurance from the State Employee Health plan, Porter suggested that the commissioners consider remaining on the SEHP through 2018 and not increase the premium for the 2018 plan year. The committee will then diligently search quotes early in 2018 for the 2019 plan year.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported on the activities in Republic County last Thursday and Friday regarding the fugitives that were at large and were captured without incident.

Sherry Koster from North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group (NCKLEPG) presented her biannual financial report.

Blaine Van Meter, EMS Director, requested permission to purchase 3 batteries for the ambulance cots for a total of \$3,789.66.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Van Meter requested additional Visa credit cards so each ambulance would have one available for transfers.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the additional cards. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Permission to travel was granted for the Clerk's department:

- Attend State Employee Health Insurance training in Topeka on September 7.
- Attend the fall Clerk's conference in Clay Center on September 21.
- Attend PVD training in Salina on September 22.

- Tour ES&S business in Omaha on September 29. Several clerks from North Central Kansas will be car-pooling.
- Attend KPERs training in Salina on October 3.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly Road & Bridge update:

- Zenger presented letters for signatures to the City of Belleville and Kyle Railroad.
- Zenger will supply new fuel cards for the EMS and Clerk's office.
- Crews are sealing on Fir Road
- Patching has been completed south of Courtland
- A crew is building a bridge on Nickel road.

Discussion was held regarding the crumbled driveway behind the Medical Arts Building and plans to repair the water drainage in that area.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Nicole Kraus to attend the Quarterly WIC meeting in Concordia on September 18, 2017 and for Nicole Kraus to attend the Regional Billers meeting in Salina on September 13, 2017.

Emily Benedick, North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission presented for signature a time extension letter to the Kansas Department of Commerce regarding Republic County Bridge Project #15-PF-026.

Following the discussion regarding employee health insurance for 2018, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion that employees will pay the same premium share in 2018 as they paid in 2017 with the understanding this is for one year only and health insurance quotes will be researched for 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes under attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending the session were the commissioners, County Attorney Marlea James and Clerk Marsicek.

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

At 11:26 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes under attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, County Attorney Marlea James and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Jeardoe requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:36 a.m., taking no action.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to close her office on the morning of October 4 so her entire staff can attend the fall Treasurer's conference in Concordia. The treasurer's office would reopen after lunch. Permission was granted.

Peggy Frint requested permission to attend the Register of Deeds fall conference in Wichita on September 19 to 22. Permission was granted.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded, made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in special session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Purpose of the meeting: Non-Elected Personnel issues.

At 8:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session under attorney-client privilege and non-elected personnel for 45 minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were commissioners, Dave Holloway, David Strnad, Deputy Andrew Bates, County Attorney Marlea James and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested 30 additional minutes.

Board reconvened at 9:15 a.m. requesting that Blaine Van Meter join the meeting.

Blaine Van Meter joined the meeting.

At 9:16 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending the session were the commissioners, County Attorney Marlea James, Deputy Andrew Bates, Blaine Van Meter and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested 20 additional minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:36 a.m. when the following actions were taken.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to terminate the employment of Blaine Van Meter as EMS Director. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to terminate the employment of Melissa Van Meter as part-time EMT. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint David Holloway as acting Director until the position can be filled. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in Belleville.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church, offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2017 regular meeting and the September 13, 2017 special meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Allan Carlson, county employee, asked permission to use vacation hours to reimburse the county for costs occurred during his medical leave. County policy states the employee must reimburse the county for expenses accrued while on leave but does not state how. Payroll deduction for reimbursement is stated but a percentage or dollars is not specified.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow Carlson to use vacation hours to reimburse the county for these expenses. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim September as Recovery Month through Pawnee Mental Health and urges all citizens to increase awareness and understanding of substance use and mental disorders and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly Road & Bridge update:

- Road repairs on Fir Road should be completed this week and proceed to 50 Road south of Kackley.
- Bridge crew is working on Nickel Road and will proceed to a bridge on Timber Road.
- Zenger is preparing a list of excess equipment to sell on Purple Wave.

Former Commissioner Frank Rytych complimented the highway department on the overlay applied to the 290 Road.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolutions 2017-26 rescinding Resolution 2017-01 appointing Blaine Van Meter as EMS Director and Resolution 2017-27 appointing David Holloway as Acting EMS Director for the remaining months of 2017. Commissioner Splichal second. Motion passed.

With the agenda items completed and a prior commitment of Commissioner Splichal, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Splichal second. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 25th, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Edwin Splichal was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Pastor Robert Frasier, Belleville Presbyterian Church, offered the morning prayer.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$64,176.84.

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

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to authorize Manatron-Thomson Reuters to upgrade the county server for a cost of \$1,600.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to authorize the upgrade. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion passed.

Peggy Frint informed the commissioners that the county car was damaged by a hit and run accident while she attended the Register of Deeds fall meeting. A police report was filed and the county insurance company was notified.

Permission was granted for Raymond Raney to attend the annual Kansas APCO conference in Newton on October 9, 10 and 11.

Permission was granted for Rachel Schulz and Brynn Alexander to attend the 2017 Maternal Child Health Healthy Visit Fall Regional training in Beloit on October 19, 2017.

Mike Nondorf requested permission to sell a fork lift from the inventory. Permission was granted to list the fork lift on Purple Wave with other equipment from the road and bridge department.

Dusty Zenger presented the weekly Road & Bridge update:

- Zenger announced the winter hours for the road and bridge department will begin November 20.
- Zenger stated that all recommended safety issues from Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative Counties inspection have been corrected.
- Crews are sealing roads near Kackley, Courtland and Scandia.

Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that Zenger develop a lock-out/tag-out for equipment needing repairs or replacement.

David Holloway requested signatures on a letter designating David Strnad as the Drug Enforcement Associate (DEA) for Republic County EMS.

Holloway suggested Jeffrey Beikmann be appointed Acting Assistant Director until the end of 2017.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Beikmann as Acting Assistant Director. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

With the agenda items completed and the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe second. Motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 2, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Due to conflicts of scheduling and illness, only one commissioner was available to meet October 2, 2017.

No regular meeting was held the week of October 2-6, 2017

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek, Belleville, Telescope, monitored a portion of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass from the Assembly of God gave the morning prayer.

Sheila White, representing the Republic County USD 109 Junior-Senior Post Prom Committee, requested funds to help promote the After-Prom Party scheduled for April 28th, 2018. She explained that the After-Prom Party would be kept in Belleville this year instead of being taken out of the County. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to pay \$750.00 towards the After-Prom Party. This amount is to be paid from the Drug & Alcohol Fund.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from September 18, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom was absent on that day. Commissioner Jeardoe moved to approve the Minutes from the September 25th meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Splichal was absent on that day. There was no Commissioners' meeting held on October 2nd, 2017, due to lack of quorum.

Accounts Payable Vouchers were presented and approved in the amount of \$256,914.59.

The Commission had received a letter from Brian Carlson concerning the care of the Courtyard lawn. No action was taken on his recommendations. His bill for previous work in the amount of \$1,939.00 was approved.

Resolution No. 2017-28 appointing David Holloway as Assistant Director of Republic County Emergency Medical Services is rescinded effective September 25th, 2017, was signed by the Commissioners.

Resolution No. 2017-29 appointing Jeffrey Beikmann as Acting Assistant Director of Republic county Emergency Medical Services is effective as of September 25th, 2017, was signed by the Commissioners. A letter of appointment was sent to Mr. Beikmann as Assistant Director for the Republic County Emergency Medical Services, effective as of September 25th, 2017.

The Commission was advised that Cindy S. Coons, Republic County Treasurer, will be officially sworn in as Treasurer on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. This ceremony will be held in the Republic County Courtroom. Treasurers are made official the second Tuesday of October due to the tax collection season.

KCAMP requested that Republic County name a voting Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the General Membership Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, in Overland Park, Kansas. Commissioner Melvin Jeardoe was named Delegate and Edwin Splichal was named as Alternate Delegate.

The Commissioners signed a Proclamation stating the month of October as “Down Syndrome Awareness Month.”

Also, a Proclamation was signed naming October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

The Commissioners signed a Letter of Support to the Department of Kinesiology at Kansas State University. This letter supports the study of the health impacts on sedentary staff, which could help identify some of those impacts and ways to combat them. The name of this study is “Stand Up for Health.”

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Mark Stenson joined the meeting to discuss a culvert that needs attention to a driveway to allow access to semi-trucks. Mr. Zenger will view the site to determine what repairs are needed.
- Michelle Griffin, KDOT Mobility Manager had visited with Mr. Zenger concerning the “Kansas Rides 81 Connection,” a fixed route bus service for North Central Kansas. Republic County had earlier opted out of committing any funds, but will review this project at a later date to determine the success and how many Republic County citizens are using the service prior to providing any funding.
- The road crew has finished sealing the road at Courtland and is finishing the street in Belleville on this date. This will be the final sealing projects for this year.
- Work has begun on the FEMA Bridge K-28.4 located in the Narka area.
- The staking has begun for the 2016 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) signing project in the Northeast portion of the county. Kirkham and Michael are conducting the survey and staking and RFB construction is placing the signs. This is a KDOT program which is 100% reimbursed by the state. This is a three-year project; the first year will be the Northeast part of the County; the second year will be the Southeast part of the County and the third year will be the West side of the County.
- Zenger is evaluating options to implement a bulk oil system at the county shop next year.
- Mr. Zenger reported of different individuals that are unlawfully placing fencing at the edge of the road, making it difficult for the maintainers to work on the roads without destroying the fencing. It is the position of the Commissioners that a Notice should be placed in the County paper stating that any fencing unlawfully placed within the Republic County Right of Way is unacceptable. Following this notice county forces may take any necessary measures to remove them from the Right of Way. The supervisors on each side of the county will do their best to contact violators. It is the county’s responsibility to keep the Right of Way free of obstructions.
- The Bridge Crew has completed the bridge on Nickel Road between 100 Road and 110 Road. They will be moving to Timber Road to begin work on the bridge between 180 Road and 190 Road.
- Mr. Zenger is negotiating a price to purchase crushed concrete from Pavers, Inc. Their stockpile is located just outside of Belleville. This material would be used as base material in problematic areas, similar to where the 1 ½ rock has been used. The current rock is being hauled from Barnston, Nebraska and the local crushed concrete may present a cost advantage over trucking the other rock.
- Beloit Vo Tech School will be digging a cell at the Republic County Landfill. The only cost to the County will be twice the cost of the fuel used. This project is to begin in one or two months. Details will need to be worked out.
- Several items will be placed on Purple Wave for auction.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Commissioner Edwin Splichal was absent. Beth Reed was present to record the minutes in the absence of the County Clerk.

Pastor Bruce Burfield from the Belleville Baptist Church offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to accept the Minutes from October 9th, 2017, meeting. Motion approved.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners to discuss the upgrading of the Courthouse server. Our present server will be six years old in February, 2018. He presented a quote from Nex-Tech for a new HP Tower Server, with dual processor and power supply, with 4 Hard Drives with Battery BackUPS. Included in this proposal includes certain services and functionality. The investment total would be \$750.00 per month for 60 months. The Service Agreement includes installation, configuration and registration of the hardware/software. This Proposal was tabled until all three Commissioners are present, and research can be done as to which fund might be used for the purchase.

Jim Otott reported to the Board that the tree removal project at the Clinic has been completed.

No one was present for the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

Raymond Raney requested permission to purchase a new computer for the Emergency Management and Communications Departments. This will replace the existing computer that is nearing nine years old. Motion was made by Commissioner Bergstrom and seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe to approve this purchase. The computer will be funded from the Courthouse Equipment fund.

A "Letter of Support" was requested from the Republic County Commissioners to support the Kansas Department of Transportation's application for grant funds on behalf of Kyle Railroad that will upgrade 207 bridges along the 500 mile short line system. The Commissioners approved this request and signed a "Letter of Support" for this project.

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

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Discussion was held concerning solid waste fees.
- As a follow-up to the discussion held with Mark Stenson at the Commissioner meeting of October 9th, 2017, the County has viewed the culvert in question and will correct the problem.

- Purple Wave was coming to Belleville to take pictures of the equipment that will be for sale.
- The 2016 High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) signing project is to begin on this date.
- Bridge Number N-10.8 West of Belleville is now complete. Bridge Number K-28.4 by Narka is nearing completion, and work on Bridge Number T-18.8 has now started.
- Temporary help will be mowing for the County this fall to get the roadsides ready for the winter weather.
- There is still some patching that needs to be done prior to the winter season.
- Mr. Zenger is still negotiating purchasing crushed concrete from Pavers, Inc.
- The subject of people placing fences in the County's right-of-way was discussed. A Notice will be placed in the paper this week stating the County's policy on unlawful obstructions of roads.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) met for an update on their department. They advised that Angela Sjogren of Belleville has been hired as a part-time paramedic.

A Training Officer 1 and 2 School is being held at the Kansas City Community College in Kansas City on November 3rd and 4th, 2017. Mr. Beikmann asked permission to attend this school, as this will be the last one this year and he will need this training to attend the Instructor Coordinator school in 2018. The cost to attend is \$230.00 plus lodging. As we are now without an

Instructor Coordinator, Mr. Beikmann would like to complete the schooling to fill that position. Permission was granted for Mr. Beikmann to attend the Training Officer 1 and 2 School.

The EMS Department is revising some of its department policies and guidelines, which they shared with the Commissioners.

Mr. Holloway requested a \$1.00 raise for Jeff Beikman, as he has been promoted to Assistant Director. Although the County policy is that no raises are given during a year, since he has changed his title and has more responsibilities, the Commissioners granted the raise of \$1.00 per hour. This will be re-evaluated at the end of 2017.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, at 11:30, Commissioner Bergstrom moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe.

There will be no meeting on October 23rd, 2017, as two of the Commissioners have conflicts in their schedules. The next regular meeting will be on October 30th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

Due to conflicts of scheduling, only one commissioner was available to meet October 23, 2017.

No regular meeting was held the week of October 23-27, 2017

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 30, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Wade Moss from the Belleville Landmark church offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to accept the Minutes from October 16, 2017, meeting. Motion approved.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the 3rd quarter county financial report and hospital sales tax report for January to October 2017.

The task force suggested ordering meat from the two FFA groups for the employee Christmas food basket. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to split the order of meat between the two FFA groups. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign a rate stabilization program agreement between Republic County and KCAMP Insurance for the next three years. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend a Fidler workshop in Kansas City October 25 and 26.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Kevin Milner and Barry Childs to the Republic County Hospital Board for four years effective November 1, 2017 and to expire October 31, 2021. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Elizabeth (Leanne) DeJoia to serve on the Pawnee Mental Health Board effective January 1, 2018 and to expire on December 31, 2020. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Norman Shinn, county resident, reported vandalism of a bridge between 140 RD and 150 Rd on Rock Road within the last two weeks. This bridge was closed in 2011 with no official action to transfer the land or bridge to the landowners. Barricades on the westside were knocked down and there are no barricades on the eastside. Dusty Zenger will be informed to replace the barricades.

Clerk Marsicek presented the proposed payroll dates for 2018 in order to file a payroll report with KPERS for 2018. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the proposed payroll dates. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger explained that the bridge on Rock Road was reported to the sheriff department for investigation. The bridge was closed in 2011 and with no plan to close the road permanently, there is no transfer of land. Zenger recommends leaving roads open when a bridge is closed to research possible replacement of the bridges.
- Moni El-Aasar from BG Consulting reported that FEMA denied funding a replacement for the Warwick bridge north of Republic. Zenger submitted the project to KDOT as part of an off-system funding request. Funding was approved for this project with KDOT paying 80% and Republic

County 20%. Commissioner Jeardoe approved the contract with KDOT. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

- Zenger noted several responses regarding the notice in the paper about Republic County reclaiming the ditches as road way and not crop production acres.
- Zenger informed the commissioner that a road grader was involved in an accident on October 26. An accident report was filed.
- Zenger requested permission to purchase used pickup from the government surplus auction. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of the pickup. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve sale of the following equipment on the Purple Wave auction on December 5. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

- 1985 P & H RT50 crane
- 1987 Fiat-Allis 14C dozer
- 1997 John Deere 310SE backhoe
- 1970 John Deere 5020 tractor
- 1988 Corn Husker end dump trailer
- 1997 Fiat-Allis loader

Marlea James, County Attorney, presented her official resignation effective Sunday November 12, 2017. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept with regrets James' resignation. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

James presented two resolutions appoint lawyers for special cases until a replacement County Attorney is appointed. Resolution 2017-30 appoints Jennifer O'Hara for a specific juvenile case and Resolution 2017-31 appoints Kay Prather for a specific adult case.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve both Resolution 2017-30 and Resolution 2017-31. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

James informed the commissioners that the petitions for the tax sale are completed and will be filed in court this week.

At 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe moved a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bergstrom and made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal

The next regular meeting will be on November 6th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom. Commissioner Melvin Jeardoe was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Bruce Burfield from the First Baptist Church of Belleville offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Splichal moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to accept the Minutes from October 30, 2017, meeting. Motion approved.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:40 a.m., taking no action.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, left notice of an RCD meeting November 8, 2017.

Clerk Marsicek reported the tax levy valuation certification was approved by the state and Treasurer Coons will process tax statements beginning this week.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Crews finished patching the asphalt road to Narka and are working on the Munden road. Patching the road north of Scandia will follow.
- Zenger will contact the owners and renters located near the proposed road closure on Wayne Lane for placement of signs.
- Zenger is researching the purchase of a bucket truck. It was noted that the City of Belleville has a used bucket truck for sale. The commissioners recommended renting or leasing a bucket truck because this equipment that is not used regularly.
- Zenger purchased a 2009 Chevy Silverado from Government surplus for \$16,000.

With scheduled agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on November 13, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to canvass votes from the November 7th election at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God Church of Belleville offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 6, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioners canvassed the provisional ballots from the city/school election.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$299,825.82 were approved.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to place the old health department building for sale with the two local realty businesses with an asking price of \$25,000 and to present a counter offer to Rolling Hills for the purchase of the current building that houses the health department. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

A notice was received from Judge Kim Cudney appointing Elizabeth Hiltgen, Washington County Attorney, as temporary County Attorney for Republic County until a replacement has been appointed.

Kelvin Blecha, North Central Kansas Fair board, notified the commissioners of vacancies on the fair board along with a list of possible replacements.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Loren Fields, Dave McMullen, William Popelka, Mark Thomas and John Simmons to fill the vacancies on the fair board. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. The annual meeting will be December 4, 2017 at the Bel-Villa.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, updated the commissioners regarding matters pertaining to the City of Munden.

- New Christmas lights have been installed.
- Pot holes south of Munden have been repaired but he suggested that a complete overlay would improve the entire road. Blecha asked how much was the cost for the overlay on the Clyde road?
- Expressed gratitude for the purchase of new voting equipment.

- Requested a date for the delinquent tax sale and an update on the windfarm project in the county.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger stated that the cost of the overlay on the Clyde road earlier this year was \$280,000 or \$70,000 per mile.
- A check was received from FEMA to apply toward the bridge on King Road.
- Crews are finishing the bridge on Timber Road and will proceed to the bridge on 250 Road just north of US Hwy 36.
- Bids for new loader will be opened November 27.

Dave Holloway, EMS Director, and Jeff Beikmann, assistant director, notified the commissioners that the new ambulance was returned to the manufacturer to fix several issues that are under warranty. Holloway announced that there have been several transfers in the past month and no transfers were referred to other county EMS departments.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Changing the regularly scheduled day of the week that the board meets was discussed and tabled.

Justin Ferrell, candidate for County Attorney, introduced himself and expressed his qualifications to the board.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on November 20, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Bob Frasier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the minutes from November 13, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Officer presented names for the tie breaker coin toss.

- City of Agenda council persons: Susan Sterling and Vicki Kopsa.
 - Winner was Vicki Kopsa
- City of Cuba council persons: Steven J Skocny, Sr. and Westin Pachta.
 - Winner was Steven J Skocny, Sr.

Ball asked the commissioners to review a sample supervisor evaluation form the employees want to use. Commissioners will review and will notify Ball if it is approved.

Ball also asked permission to purchase two printers from the election budget. Her current printer used for election reports and payroll is 11 years old, has printed many pages and has been repaired twice. The other printer was purchased about the same time and has been repaired a few times. Quotes were presented for two printers from Nex-Tech for \$2,170 and Central Office supply for \$2599.90. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the quote from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign contracts with Roger Novak Real Estate and Realty Associates to sell the county building located at 1206 18th St. Commissioner Splichal seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser and IT, presented a quote to lease a new server, firewall, battery backup and external hard-drive from Nex-Tech for \$9,000 per year for 5 years. Commissioner Jeardoe requested a quote to purchase the same equipment from Nex-Tech before approving the lease. Sheryl Burke, Nex-Tech representative, will present the purchase quote on November 27.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages with Barry Porter. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Porter. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to purchase a used 2012 Ford Ambulance from Osage for \$32,000. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Road and bridge employees have returned to winter hours starting November 20.
- Crews are regrading part of Cedar Rd this week.
- A box culvert on Timber Road is the next project following the bridge on 250 Rd northwest of Cuba.
- Zenger stated that most of the bridge inspections are every two years.
- Zenger will create a proposed road plan for 2018.
- Zenger corrected the minutes from last week about the bid opening on November 27 for loaders. It should have stated Zenger will be submitting requests for bids on a loader by November 27.

Commissioners visited the county attorney’s office to welcome the nominated County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, then joined the courthouse staff celebrating Thanksgiving with a potluck lunch.

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

The next regular meeting will be on November 27, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish offered the morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the minutes from November 20, 2017. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal will attend the hospital board meeting at noon.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$125,289.21.

Sheryl Budke, Nex-Tech representative, discussed the differences between leasing a server package including a fire wall and backup service and a purchased server package including the same services. Included the five-year lease server service package Nex-Tech would agree to process all necessary updates from Malware and antivirus and include onsite repairs. Included in the purchase of server and additional service package, the county would be responsible for all repair costs. Nex-Tech would monitor the Malware and antivirus software and off site backup programs. The discussion was tabled until Budke could present a quote for purchased services.

Commissioner Splichal presented a letter from Dr. Cayle Goertzen resigning his position as county coroner effective January 1, 2018.

Commissioner Splichal presented a letter from the North Central Kansas Fair Board inviting the commissioner to attend their annual meeting on December 4 at the Bel-Villa.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, announced that she is cleaning out the outer storage/vault area next to the county attorney's office. The vault contains very old probate files on microfilm and old books used for genealogy research that must be retained permanently. Kling will price purchasing a micro film reader and quotes to transfer information to disc storage.

On December 5, 11 and 18th, the courthouse will be celebrating the holiday spirit by having a snack day or pot luck sponsored by each floor. Clerk Marsicek announced 24 employees in the courthouse will participate in secret Santa the week prior to Christmas, with Santa coming to visit on December 21.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the supervisor evaluation form to be distributed with the paystubs this week. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Crews are finishing bridge construction on Timber road and will be starting bridge construction on 250 road.
- Road crews are grading gravel and dirt roads.

- Bids for loaders will be opened December 11.
- Commissioner tour of county projects will be on December 11.
- Solid waste department is applying for a grant to assist in the recycling in Republic County.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages with Sheriff Ron Blad. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending were the commissioners, Sheriff Blad and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Sheriff Blad requested permission to promote Jeremiah Shockley to full-time jailer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to promote Shockley to full-time jailer at his current wage. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. to attend the Republic County hospital board meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on December 4, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Edwin Splichal was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Mabel Woodmen as Belleville Township Clerk effective December 4, 2017. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Quotes for an office furniture in the county attorney's office include:

- Central Office Supply \$1,703
- National Business Furniture \$2,295

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the Central Office Supply quote. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD secretary, delivered information packets including a meeting date of December 6.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, presented employee evaluations and two requests to travel.

Permission to travel was granted for Nicole Kraus to attend the regional billers meeting in Salina on December 13.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend NCK Regional Supervisors meeting in Beloit on December 6.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages with Danielle White. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attending were the commissioners, White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Jeardoe requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:55 a.m., taking no action.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced that two employees now have their CDL license and should receive the raise associated with the CDL.
- Crews are finishing 170 Rd north of Cedar road and they are working on the bridge on 250 Rd north of Cuba.
- The closing date for the equipment listed on Purple wave is December 5.
- Requested sealed bids for a new loader are due December 8 and opened on December 11.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger.

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

Dave Holloway and Jeff Beikman, EMS director and assistant, presented a sealed bid from the City of Belleville Fire Department for the 1998 International Braun Ambulance in the amount of \$6,000.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from the City of Belleville Fire Department. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Holloway also presented employee evaluations.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending were the commissioners, Holloway, Beikman and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Jeardoe requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:20 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at noon. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on December 11, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the November 27th minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the December 4th minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$168,240.13.

Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, cast aspersions on county employee Beth Ball for allegedly using assigned work hours, county office supplies and the county postage machine for personal use in a mailing Ball made to Republic Precinct Committee members in association with the nominating process to replace the recently resigned county attorney. Ball stated that the letter was written at home, copied and stamped during a break period and mailed from the courthouse because the Post Office is closed during her assigned lunch period from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Clerk Marsicek confirmed that employees are in fact allowed to use supplies and postage (as posted on the postage machine) as long as reimbursement is made at the time of use. Ball paid by check all expenses with this mailing.

As a response to other allegations by Hadachek, Ball volunteered to resign her position as precinct committeewomen. Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, noted that county employees fall under his care and that he didn't see any real issue. Ferrell suggested Hadachek let it rest.

Ferrell sworn in on Friday, December 1, 2017 stated he is busy reviewing open cases left by the previous attorney. Ferrell will obtain the tax sale petitions and file them in the court. Ferrell applied for a Risk management grant from KCAMP and received a check for \$2000 to assist with added security in the courthouse. Also, Ferrell is reviewing the processes of prosecuting individuals for check returned for lack of funds (instead of sending them to the city attorney).

Kay Shoemaker, RCD treasurer, presented two letters for signatures.

- A letter extending the maturity date of the loan for Tami Cakes to April 11, 2024.
- A letter allowing a refinancing of two loans to Belleville Chiropractic Clinic extending the new loan to a five-year, 4.00% loan.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the refinancing and extensions. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Taskforce representatives, Retha Blecha, Susan Aaron, Kathy Calkins and Beth Ball, presented summary evaluations of all department heads for commissioners' review. Calkins announced there was a large return of the surveys from the employees.

Clerk Marsicek reported that KCAMP does not offer additional discounts for Cyber liability.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to send a letter to Kansas Department of Health and Environment in support of the Republic County Solid Waste Grant. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented employee evaluations for review by the commissioners.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were commissioners and Cindy Coons.

The board reconvened at 9:35 a.m., taking no action.

Raymond Raney and Brad Couture, Belleville High Banks fair board, announced the USAC racing association will not be racing in Belleville during 2018, however, they have contacted the National Sprint Car Association which will provide two shows during the North Central Free Fair in 2018. Raney presented drawings to redesign the smaller racetrack. This would be very costly and the race board is researching other possibilities.

Deb Hadachek, Telescope, shared that Donald Anderson from Agenda voiced his concern about the higher taxes when the eight-year "use value" formula is dropping. Tax statements for land owners increased again and Hadachek suggested that the commissioners consider no wage increases for employees in 2018 since the county was absorbing the health insurance increases.

Don Dean, Campbell and Johnson, presented holiday treats to the commissioners and thanked Republic County for working with his firm on bridge inspections and other projects.

Beth Ball, Belleville township Republican committeewoman, presented a request to withdraw her earlier resignation as precinct committeewoman until she can contact the office of the Secretary of State and the Kansas Republican party.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Casey Frasier – Foley Equipment, Mark Neff - The Victor L Phillips Co, Scott Hartman - Van Keppel, Alden Neff - Sellers Equipment and Richard English - Reed Company, LLC were present for the loader bid opening. After a brief discussion of equipment, it was decided to table the opening until December 18 so all companies had a chance to submit like equipment.
- The new dump truck will be ready by the end of the month.
- Zenger presented information from CenCon of KS, LLC regarding crushing concrete.
- Zenger requested signatures on a solid waste agreement between Republic County and Cloud County for 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

At 11:200 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested and additional 15 minutes.

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

Raymond Raney, Director of Emergency Preparedness and communications, presented employee evaluations for discussion.

At 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were the commissioners and Raney.

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

A county tour was postponed until after the first of the year.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioners joined the courthouse for a Christmas meal sponsored by the first floor offices.

The next regular meeting will be on December 18, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the December 11th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$154,264.32.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, requested permission to purchase two computers funded through county equipment reserves. Permission was granted.

Raney also requested that unused funds from the Highbanks Racetrack carry over to 2018. Commissioners agreed to allow the carry over.

At 8:10 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss wages of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:25 a.m., taking no action.

The board meeting was moved to the appraiser's office for a computer demo of a mapping program Barry Porter is proposing to replace the current outdated program. Porter stated that Cloud County purchased the program in early 2017 and has received good reviews.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of the mapping program for \$9,850 and yearly service agreement for \$3,000 through appraiser funds. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Porter also presented a quote from Nex-Tech to purchase a server package for \$39,953.99, and a five-year lease agreement called TaaS which was proposed last week for \$750 per month. Commissioners requested that a representative from Nex-Tech joined the meeting to answer additional questions. Porter reported that Sheryl Budke would join the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to purchase a new printer with treasurer tech funds. Permission was granted.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion not to join League of Kansas Municipalities in 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, shared that Scandia was thankful for the work the county did on the streets in Scandia. Cline also stated that the recycling is working well and Scandia hopes the county will host another tire pickup in 2018.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the agreement between Republic County and Pawnee Mental Health for services during 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-32, which states that the financial report of Republic County will be prepared on cash basis for 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss wages of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called the 2017 Republic County Amended budget hearing to order.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Bids for a loader were presented as follows:
 - Van Keppel (2018) \$189,400.00
 - Foley (2018) \$198,000.00
 - Reed Co (2016) \$202,230.50
 - Reed Co (2017) \$215,632.50
 - Murphy (2018) \$190,500.00
 - Sellers (2017 JCB) \$212,366.00
 - Sellers (2017 Doosan) \$176,975.00
 - Berry (2018) \$187,841.00
 - Victory Phelps (2017) \$184,700.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Sellers bid for the Doosan. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal

- Zenger announced the new dump truck was delivered today, Monday, December 18th.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the 2017 amended budget for Republic County. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. The commissioners closed the budget hearing at 10:40 a.m.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m. taking no action.

Luke Mahin and Jimmie Blecha, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), presented a ten-year report of projects through the RCED which included the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Rural Opportunity Zone, revolving loans and recruiting new businesses to Republic County.

Sheryl Budke, Nex-Tech, explained the difference between the quote to purchase the server package and to lease the same equipment through Technology as a Service (TaaS) agreement from Nex-Tech:

- Price to purchase server and software agreements and updates (parts and labor and mileage for repairs not included) \$39,953.99
- Price to lease new server, software and service agreement for 5 years (all parts, labor and mileage included) \$750 per month or \$45,000

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign a lease agreement for TaaS with Nex-Tech. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

At 12:15 p.m., the commissioners joined the courthouse employees for a Christmas meal sponsored by the basement floor offices and continued with a working lunch to finalize voucher approvals.

At 12:55 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss wages of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 50 minutes.

The board reconvened at 2:15 p.m., with Commissioner Jeardoe making a motion to approve merit wage increases for all non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Discussion was held regarding wage increases for elected officials. The consensus was to allow a 3% increase for elected officials excluding the newly elected County Attorney.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-33, making elected officials' wages for 2018 as follows:

County Attorney	\$51,040
County Sheriff	\$50,700
County Treasurer	\$39,300
County Clerk	\$40,300
County Register of Deeds	\$34,300
County Commissioners	\$15,000

Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Due to Christmas Day on Monday, December 25, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and County Attorney Justin Ferrell monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Bob Frasier, United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the December 18th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$110,093.45.

Clerk Marsicek presented bids for copier.

- Central Office Supply, Sharp MX4050N \$5,309.00
- Central Office Supply, Sharp MX4070N \$6,172.00
- Nex-Tech, Kyocera 3552ci \$8,159.27

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Raymond Raney, Director of Emergency Preparedness, joined the meeting.

At 9:43 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were commissioners and Raney.

The board reconvened at 9:53 a.m. taking no action.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous. Attending were commissioners. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase Raymond Raney's salary by \$1,500 yearly. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced three open positions in his department.
- Discussion was held regarding the procedure for obtaining and presenting the bids to commissioners.
- Zenger stated that all equipment sold on Purple Wave auction is gone.
- Zenger is researching wages for like positions in other counties.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous. Attending were the commissioners, Zenger and Ferrell. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the renewal communication tower agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad through 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

At 12:05 p.m., the commissioners attended a retirement reception for Beth Reed in the board room.

Due to New Years' Day on Monday, January 1, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member