

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 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.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the December 26th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim January as Stalking Awareness Month and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Commissioner Splichal suggested a laptop computer and large screen monitor be purchased for the board room.

Custodian Patrick Comstock notified the board the issue with heat in the courthouse has been resolved. The boiler will remain on 24 hours a day instead of just first few hours of the work day. Comstock requested permission to purchase additional Christmas decorations for the courtyard for 2018. Comstock also requested a computer for his office to research products.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of a laptop that could be used by the commissioners in the board room and other days be used by the custodian. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous. Clerk Marsicek will acquire quotes for the January 8th meeting.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested permission to research prices of a low boy trailer.
- Zenger is pursuing bids for bridge inspections in 2018.
- Zenger announced the power washer in the shop needs replaced.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employer-employee negotiation regarding the secretary position at road and bridge. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were the commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m., taking no action.

Due to Dr. Cayle Goertzen's resignation as coroner, Dr. Andy Walker and Dr. Nolan Beavers will be the county coroners and will receive an additional \$600 per year each.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 8, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 Travis Long, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the January 2nd minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$491,268.08.

Commissioner Bergstrom nominated Edwin Splichal as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to distribute unofficial minutes to the media effective January 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Resolution numbers 2018-01 through 2018-14 and letters of appointment were submitted for signatures naming all who will serve the County as an appointed Department Head, as well as all those who will serve on the various committees who are appointed by the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Splichal to approve these appointments and resolutions. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Resolutions as follow:

- Resolution 2018-01 Raymond Raney ½ Time Emergency Manager
- Resolution 2018-02 Raymond Raney ½ Time Communication Director
- Resolution 2018-03 Raymond Raney Advisor for Hazardous Material
- Resolution 2018-04 Raymond Raney Flood Plain Manager
- Resolution 2018-05 Raymond Raney Safety Officer
- Resolution 2018-06 Raymond Raney 9-1-1 Coordinator
- Resolution 2018-07 Raymond Raney Radiological Officer
- Resolution 2018-08 Dustin Zenger Highway Administrator
- Resolution 2018-09 Dustin Zenger Transportation Director
- Resolution 2018-10 Dustin Zenger Solid Waste Director
- Resolution 2018-11 David Holloway EMS Director
- Resolution 2018-12 Jeffrey Beikmann Assistant EMS Director
- Resolution 2018-13 Danielle White Health Department Director
- Resolution 2018-14 Mike Nondorf Director of Weed Department

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Economic Development Treasurer, requested signatures on a loan completion and mortgage release for Terry and Carol Garman of T.A.G.'s Bar and Grill. Shoemaker also presented a Bi-annual report for the State of Kansas with a request for signatures.

Chuck Westin, concern citizen, thanked the commissioners for the continued support of the recycling program and the economic development program in Republic County. Westin also urged the commissioners to start the process of zoning in our county and support expanding Medicaid this year for the benefit of Republic County.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, noted that he received the draft copy of sixteen properties for the delinquent tax sale. Ferrell stated the tax sale will be completed this spring.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures for a one-year lease agreement with KS State Bank/White Star for use of Bobcat skid steer loader.
- Zenger will conduct interviews for a secretary for the road and bridge department this week.
- Zenger is researching a new software to accommodate the departments under his direction.
- Landfill personnel are opening a new cell at the landfill location.
- Zenger suggested during the winter months the road department could work on the parking lot behind the Medical Arts building.

Commissioner Bergstrom requested repairs on 10 Road near Hardy. Zenger will review the needed repairs with the supervisor of that area.

Danielle White and Nicole Kraus from the Health Department requested permission to close the health department the morning of February 22 for all health department employees to attend CPR recertification training. Permission was granted.

Permission to travel was granted for Brynn Alexander and Nicole Kraus to attend the Quarterly Women, Infant and Children (WIC) meeting in Concordia on January 29, 2018.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to travel to Washington, KS to cross train in Medicare/Home Health on January 11, 2018.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, White, Kraus and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:20 a.m., taking no action.

According to White the current building will require additional sinks and additional hot water access for medical clean up. White and Kraus asked if safety glass and gate could be attached to the current counter in the waiting room. Commissioner Splichal explained that minimal updates will be performed without a decision to purchase the building. White also shared there are problems with the computer server and backup. She is researching new equipment.

Doug Jackson and Marc Martin, Rolling Hills Cooperative, joined the meeting to discuss the possible selling of the Rolling Hills building to Republic County.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Jackson, Martin and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Discussion regarding the sale of the old health department building resulted in a consensus to remove it from the market on April 1 if there are no contracts at that time. Clerk Marsicek will notify the realtors.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 15, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2018, 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.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the January 8th minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, requested signatures on the 2017 annual weeds report for the state.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the following annual reports:

- Taxes collected for 2017 \$9,946,484.37
- 2017 Sales tax collected for Hospital \$600,549.29
- December 31, 2017 balance of funds on hand \$16,525,299.34

Coons requested permission to attend the 2018 Kansas County Treasurer Association Conference February 7 thru 9 in Topeka. Permission was granted.

Commissioner Jeardoe suggested advertisement in the county paper requesting sealed bids for a concrete spillway and curbing on the east side of the Medical Arts building. Commissioner Jeardoe will prepare the ad for the January 25th issue of the Belleville Telescope.

Barry Porter, County appraiser, presented a bid for three wireless boosters from Nex-Tech for a total of \$389.85 plus installation. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to a purchase the boosters. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Porter presented a bid for a GIS workstation computer and requested funding from the county equipment reserve. Nex-Tech bid was \$3,352.00 for this specialized computer which will be backed up on the courthouse server and on the DASC website. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Porter notified the board that the exemption from property taxes will expire for Nesika Ethanol Plant at the end of December 2018. Nesika will be taxed as a new business for fiscal year 2019.

Porter received notice that the current server used for the AS400 system will not be supported by IBM after September 2019 and presented a couple options.

- Purchase a third-party service agreement until the server is no longer usable.
- Purchase a PC based software system. All departments using the AS400 need to decide what is necessary and the decision should be made well ahead of September 2019.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures on Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Kansas Department of Transportation and Republic County for the purpose of participating in the Secretary’s voluntary Federal Fund Exchange Program. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the Supplemental Agreement. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.
- Zenger reported that road supervisor, Bobby Lawson, reviewed 10 Road south of Hardy and reported the damaged area is within Jewell County’s jurisdiction.
- Zenger stated that work to remove the driveway around the Medical Arts building could start in a couple of weeks.
- Zenger ask approval to sell the 2007 Mac truck on Purple Wave. Permission was granted.
- Zenger requested signatures on the Solid Waste agreement between the City of Scandia and Republic County.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel medical issues. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe. Attending were commissioners and Zenger.

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

At 10:46 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss an employer-employee negotiation application for secretary of road and bridge. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending were commissioners and Zenger. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

Board reconvened at 10:56 a.m., taking no action.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Emergency Management Director Raymond Raney met with the board to discuss security in the courthouse, health department, EMS and the county shop. It was decided that all locations away from the courthouse would communicate with dispatch through citizens band radios or by a 911 telephone call. Blad suggested installing bullet proof glass dividers in offices in the courthouse for added security. He suggested working on a couple offices a year starting with the treasurer and clerk offices. Raney suggested a review of security procedures at the next department head meeting.

Commissioner Splichal will contact Luke Mahin regarding grants available for county projects.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018, 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.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the January 15th minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Account payable vouchers were approved for \$138,767.93.

Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal will attend the Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Carl Eyman, Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative (KWORC), presented a plaque to Republic County for the 2nd lowest claim rate in 2016 of the 73 counties insured through KWORC. Eyman also presented premium and loss information since 2010 for review.

Jim Otott, concerned citizen, notified the commissioners of a hazardous condition in the parking lot of the Medical Arts building. Runoff drainage from the roof of the front entrance is freezing on the parking lot and walk way in front of the building. Since building maintenance is under the hospitals' responsibility, Commissioner Splichal will notify Barry Bottger.

The Honorable Kim Lapo, Mayor of Belleville and Neal Lewis, Belleville City Manager, visited with the commissioners about some projects and goals of the new mayor.

- Belleville received a Community Development Building Grant to aid with water line repairs.
- City workers are assisting at the county landfill to develop a new cell. Belleville City and Republic County employees work well together to accommodate the necessary space for debris from tearing down dwellings and buildings in the county or in the city.
- There are plans to build a basketball court and shelter in the park but no confirmed designs.
- The city is requesting engineering interns to research development projects for the vacant lot on M street.
- A non-county committee was created to review areas within Belleville to recommend updates or improvements.
- Mayor Lapo will be meeting with the city council to set goals and plans for the future of Belleville.
- Police department is fully staffed and Lewis thanked the Republic County Sheriff's department for their assistance during the transition time in 2017.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced the hiring of Stacey Bowen as the secretary for Road and Bridge. Bowen will start work January 22 with an hourly rate of \$13.50.
- Zenger will send bid requests for tires, fuel and asphalt later this month.
- Zenger is researching the possibility of full-time positions for transportation drivers.

Nicole Kraus, Republic County Health Department, presented bids for a server.

- Nex-Tech -TaaS lease for 2 years \$400.00 per month plus \$99.00 for backup storage = \$11,976.00
- Nex-Tech – Outright purchase of server and installation with NO service agreement = \$10,517.00

Discussion was tabled until January 29.

Kraus presented bids for scanners:

- Professional Services \$513.00 + installation (\$80.00 per hour)
- Nex-Tech \$535.00 (installation included)

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

Kraus noted the vaccine telephone warning failed earlier this year, however, no vaccine was damaged. The cause of the failure was a frozen connection to the backup generator which was repaired.

Kraus also presented a recommended contract for the school districts for the 2018-2019 school year.

Dave Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, thanked the commissioners for the holiday food package and requested permission to purchase a vehicle for the EMS department. They presented a quote from Melton Motors for a 2011 Chevy Avalanche at \$19,400 or asked permission to use the old courthouse pick up. Currently, employees use their own vehicles when responding to calls from their homes, coming to the courthouse, attending continuing education classes and other meetings. Commissioner Splichal suggested researching bids from local vehicle dealers and Cloud County vehicle dealers and present the results at the next meeting.

Holloway commented that only 3 transfers out of 33 were turned down by his department in the past few months. Holloway stated there is a need for additional qualified EMTs to assure all transfers are covered.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. to attend the Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 29, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 29, 2018, 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 Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the January 22nd minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Splichal led discussion regarding the use of the hospital Long Term Care area as a possible location for the health department. Commissioner Splichal will contact the hospital administration for further information.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve all payments for embroidering "Republic County" on previously purchased clothing to be worn during working hours paid with individual departmental funds. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve a one-year extension maintenance contract on the IBM server through Thomson Reuter for \$1,625.03. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve an additional invoice from Bryan Carlson to replace sprinkler heads while winterizing the sprinkler system. Commissioner Splichal seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Commissioners advised Patrick Comstock, custodian, to request bids for the lawn sprinkler maintenance services during 2018.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger presented quotes for a Karcher diesel fired portable power washer.
 - Gonzo's Sales & Service \$5,200.00
 - Pressure Washer Sales & Service \$6,200.00

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

- Zenger requested signatures on the agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville for solid waste fees.
- Zenger requested signatures on the bid contract for signage fully funded by Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) from Martin Outdoor Enterprises Inc.
- Zenger requested signatures on a project programming request for signs through KDOT on minor roads.
- Zenger will advertise for a part-time transportation driver.
- Zenger announced the hiring of Rayford Franklin as an Operator 1 with starting wage of \$12.25 per hour.
- Zenger stated that the new secretary is learning quickly and operations are running smoothly.
- Discussion regarding leasing a second bobcat resulting in tabling the subject.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, and Sheryl Budke, Nex-Tech representative, presented quotes for a new server for the Health Department.

- Nex-Tech outright purchase of server and monthly backup support for 5 years \$16,517

- Nex-Tech TaaS lease program with monthly backup support for 5 years \$29,900

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid for the outright purchase with the 5-year backup support. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Dave Holloway, EMS, presented bids for a new truck from Beloit Motor and Melton Motor.

- Beloit 2018 Chevy 1500 \$27,504
- Beloit 2018 Ford F150 \$31,460
- Melton Motor 2018 Chevy 1500 Short Crew \$29,859
- Melton Motor 2018 Chevy 1500 standard Crew \$28,336

They also presented a bid for a used truck from Melton Motor.

- Melton Motor 2011 Chevy Avalanche \$19,400

Action was tabled.

Holloway asked permission for Jeff Beikmann to attend KEMPTA conference in Hutchinson from February 8 through February 11. Permission was granted.

Holloway announced the state EMS inspector was currently at the station inspecting the equipment and records.

Since the equipment used by Republic County EMS runs on analog band, Holloway requested permission to request bids for digital radios for all EMS vehicles. Permission was granted to research digital equipment and present quotes.

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 on Monday, February 5, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and Justin Ferrell, County Attorney monitored part of the meeting.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the January 29th minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

There will not be an RCD meeting in February per a message from Kay Shoemaker, secretary of Republic County Economic Development.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Tanner Johnson as a non-lawyer member of the Twelfth District Judicial Nominating Commission. This term of office will be from March 5, 2018 to March 7, 2022. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:37 a.m., Clerk Marsicek requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion for a 5-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded, motion passed 2-0. Those in the room were commissioners, County Attorney Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes. Commissioners reconvened at 8:47 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented 2 bids for new vehicle to replace the 2009 Chevy Impala.

- Melton Motor Company 2018 Chevrolet Silverado \$31,619.00
- Partners GSA 2018 GM K1500 \$30,189.91

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motor (from a local dealership within the 10% purchasing allotment). Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Republic County Soil Conservation meeting in Cuba, KS on February 1, 2018.

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

Jeff Beikmann and David Holloway from the EMS department requested an update on the purchase of a vehicle. Commissioner Splichal announced that the purchase is on hold until an acceptable used vehicle is located.

Beikmann announced that Republic County has submitted an application to the State of Kansas Board of EMS to hold an EMT training class in March. Beikmann would be the instructor along with a trainer from the state.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures for an agreement between Republic County and the City of Cuba for solid waste fees.

- Casey Fraser from Foley Equipment presented quotes for two used road graders.
 - 2012 Caterpillar 120M2AWD \$176,500.00
 - 2013 Caterpillar 12M2 \$186,700.00

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to purchase the 2013 grader. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

- Zenger requested permission to sell one old grader to defray costs on the new grader.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to allow the selling of a 1999 John Deere Motor grader. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

- Fraser and Zenger requested permission for the grader operators to attend a training session through Foley Equipment. The two-day training includes classroom time and actual operation of a motor grader.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the training classes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion passed.

- Zenger requested the signature of the chairperson on a Federal surplus authorized representative change form.
- The bridge crew will install a 10-foot culvert on Timber road instead of a box culvert.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, motion passed. Those in the room were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioners reconvened at 11:05 a.m. No action was taken.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Splichal moved to go into executive session for 3 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded, motion passed. Those in the room were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioners reconvened at 11:13 a.m. No action was taken.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, requested permission to attend two training sessions.

Permission to travel was approved for White to attend Mass fatality Exercise in Salina on February 15th and the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) training in Lindsborg on March 1.

White presented a list of services provided by the Republic County Health Department.

White presented a proposed health department floor plan for either a new facility or remodel of an existing building. White is requesting 2500 square feet to accommodate all the equipment and ample space to ensure patient privacy.

White is interviewing two candidates for the registered nurse position this week.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. 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 Travis Long, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered the Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the February 5th minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$460,540.22.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month through the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to endorse the celebration of Women in Public Office through the National Foundation of Women Legislators on March 19th in Republic County. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, announced Courtland is applying for grants for improvements to the city park and sidewalks near the school. Commissioner Splichal suggested applying for Duclos grants. Garman thanked Republic County for repairing the roads through Courtland.

At 9:45 a.m., the Commissioners, Clerk Marsicek and Deb Hadachek toured the newly remodeled dispatch area. Returning to the board room at 10 a.m.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger presented a projected schedule for the Warwick bridge with a preliminary start date of October 2019.
- Zenger presented bids for carbide blades.
 - DC Wholesale \$106.98 per foot
 - Welborn \$89.95 per foot

Consensus of the board was to accept the lowest bid.

- Zenger requested signatures on an agreement with KDOT for permanent signs on Major and Minor collector roads in the southeastern quarter of Republic County.
- Zenger announced the county shop was inspected by Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) and the suggested corrections are completed.
- The bridge crew has completed installation of the culvert on Timber Rd and will be installing a bridge on Fir Rd next.
- A new cell at the county landfill is under review by Kansas Department of Health and Environment then will be opened up for use.

Jeff Beikmann and David Holloway from the EMS department requested an update on the purchase of a vehicle. Commissioner Splichal announced that the purchase is on hold until all commissioners are in attendance.

Permission to travel was granted for Jeff Beikmann to attend Instructor/Coordinator classes the Kansas City Kansas Community College. Classes are March 9 & 10, April 6 & 7, and May 4 & 5.

Holloway requested the chairperson's signature on the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services Medical Director Appointment renewal.

Beikmann announced that once he finishes the training, EMT training classes will be held once or twice a year depending on the demand.

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

Due to President's Day on Monday, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. 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.

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

David Blecha, Novak Brothers real estate, informed the board of a possible buyer for the old health department building pending financing and agreement on purchase price. Commissioner Jeardoe requested time to consult with Commissioner Splichal before making a counter offer.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, announced the new appraised land values can be viewed on the county website. Porter also shared that the new computer server will be installed this week and the new Geographic Information System programs will be installed March 5 and 6.

A request for funds to assist with the Pike Valley After prom was presented. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the Pike Valley After Prom activities. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:17 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to contact Commissioner Splichal via phone and to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to the selling of property. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Those in the room were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to offer a counter offer of \$15,000 to the interested buyer.

David Blecha returned to the meeting and announced the purchaser has agreed to purchase the building pending loan approval through the Republic County Revolving Loan Fund and requested that the county pay all closing costs. The consensus of the board was to approve the request.

Richard Lindberg, presented an estimate for a new health department building with a wood frame and metal exterior. The subject was tabled until other bids are received and all commissioners discuss the options.

Steve Scofield, representing Hanson Foundation, announced there is \$10,000 additional funding available for cleanup projects in Republic County. The application deadline is March 1. Dusty Zenger will contact Luke Mahin to assist with the application. One suggestion is to pursue the disposal of hazardous waste.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger reported the final paperwork to close the grant on the Republic River Bridge is scheduled for March 1.
- Zenger offered positions to two bus drivers pending pre-employment testing.
- Bridge crew is working on the bridge located at F 28.7.
- Zenger requested signatures on the following county solid waste fee agreements with:
 - City of Republic
 - City of Narka
 - City of Agenda
 - City of Munden
- Zenger announced summer hours will begin on March 12.
- Zenger attended a training class in Salina on Mass Fatality procedures with several other Republic County employees.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann from the EMS department requested an update on the purchase of a vehicle. Bids were as follows:

- Beloit 2018 Chevy 1500 \$27,504
- Beloit 2018 Ford F150 \$31,460
- Melton Motor 2018 Chevy 1500 Short Crew \$29,859
- Melton Motor 2018 Chevy 1500 standard Crew \$28,336
- Concordia Chevrolet 2018 Chevy 1500 Short Crew \$29,104
- Melton Motor Used 2011 Chevy Avalanche \$19,400

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2011 Chevy Avalanche from Melton Motor for \$19,400. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In order to canvas the mail ballot election for the school bond issue, the next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 26, 2018 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, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. 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 morning prayer.

No commissioners will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the February 12th minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the February 20th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$319,820.09.

Beth Ball, Election Deputy, presented 1 ballot to be canvassed from the USD 109 school bond mail ballot election. Ball announced there was a valid ballot return of 67.08%.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, reported there is a person interested in a part-time dispatcher position.

Danielle White, Health Department Administrator, reported that several employees will assist with the cleaning at the old health department building.

White asked permission to get quotes for a new vehicle to replace a 2005 Chevrolet Malibu which is needing expensive repairs. Commissioners agreed it is better to replace this vehicle than invest in more repairs.

Permission was granted for Danielle White to attend the North Central Kansas Regional Supervisors meeting in Beloit on March 7.

Danielle voiced concern about the large utility invoices this winter at the new location.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, reported the service agreement for the copier in her office has expired and requested permission to purchase a new agreement. Permission was granted.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported that his department will be holding active shooter drills at both schools within the county.

Joe Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, invited the commissioners to attend the annual Cuba Rock-A-Thon Dignitaries Day on March 18. Chizek shared that Cuba has a new Café- Betty's Café. The City of Cuba requested assistance from Republic County road department to patch and seal the street entering the city from the northwest corner of Cuba. Commissioner Splichal will notify road administrator, Dusty Zenger to contact Mayor Chizek regarding this request.

Luke Mahin, Economic Development joined the meeting to discuss the grant application process from the Greater Salina Foundation through the Dane Hansen Grant Funds. Zenger will apply for reimbursement grants for Republic County through the Solid Waste Funds for hazardous waste removal and tire removal.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to apply for the grant funds. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced that Cindy Erickson was hired as a part-time bus driver for \$11.00 per hour.
- Zenger is delaying quotes for a tree saw pending repair quotes for the current saw.

Commissioner Splichal requested that Zenger contact Mayor Joe Chizek of Cuba regarding street repairs. Zenger will follow-up with requested repairs.

Debbie Trahan, Computer Information Concepts (CIC) representative, presented a quote for computer software. CIC also offers an Appraiser portal, Tax Portal and County website creations. CIC offers two payment plans for county purchase of software. One option is payment in full including one year of service contract plus guarantee of two additional years at a fixed rate. The second option is 10% down, with two equal payments and a two-year service contract.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) Treasurer, requested signature on a drawdown check for Belleville Chiropractic Clinic in the amount of \$23,741.59.

Mike Hadachek (RCD) and David Blecha, realtor, discussed a prospective purchaser for the old health department building and associated application requirements for an RCD loan from the county. There was also discussion pertaining to who would prepare the sale contract. Commissioner Splichal recommended the commissioners abstain from the approval process and rely on the recommendation from the RCD committee. Splichal suggested the Republic County Attorney prepare the sale contract.

With all agenda items completed, 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 on Monday, March 5, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. 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 morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the February 26th minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Snodgrass requested permission to use the courthouse lawn for the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 31.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to grant permission for this event. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Holloway, EMS Director, presented for signature the Medicare EMS certification update.

Commissions signed an agreement between Republic County and Joe Strnad for tower usage.

Clerk Marsicek presented a draft of the invoice for the Unified School District 109 mail ballot election. After discussion, the invoice needs to include the additional hours to comply with the bond company verbiage change.

One sealed bid was opened regarding the concrete spillway and driveway east and north of the Medical Arts building. Hoge Masonry & Construction submitted a bid of \$10,367.92.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Hoge Masonry. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced the hiring of Mark Van Nortwick as part-time transportation driver for \$11.00 an hour.
- Zenger stated the cost of \$11,000 to repair the cutter.

Commissioner Jeardoe requested a comparison of the cost for summer employees to mow the roadsides verses contract labor to mow the roads.

Doug Jackson and Marc Martin from Rolling Hills and Danielle White, County Health Administrator, visited with the board regarding the utility invoices at the new health department building. The utility invoices were shared 2/3 Republic County and 1/3 Rolling Hills. The winter rate increases have presented a challenge for a set budget for the health department. Jackson proposed that Rolling Hills pay 100% for the next two months and adjust the contract to a 50/50 split on utilities. Jackson will also create an extended agreement for Republic County to rent the building through December 2018.

White requested signature on grant application and presented two bids for two different vehicles.

2018 Chevrolet Equinox LS:

- Melton Motor Co \$19,215.00
- Concordia Chevy Buick \$19,682.20

2018 Chevrolet Traverse LS:

- Melton Motor Co \$24,065.00
- Concordia Chevy Buick \$24,322.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Melton Motor for the 2018 Chevrolet Equinox. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, presented a quote from Performance Lawns, Concordia, Kansas to activate the sprinkler system in the spring (checking head adjustment, valve operation and programming control) for \$125.00 and winterize the sprinkler system (remove water from all pipes, vales and heads) in the fall for \$125.00. The repairing of broken or leaking heads will be additional cost of heads and labor.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Performance Lawns. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018, 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 Robert Frasier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the March 5th minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved for \$203,834.89.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development treasurer, left a message that there would be a loan application review on March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group, presented the 2017 annual report of services to the 10 counties in her district. Koster also asked the commissioners to take action on the ballot for Fiscal year 2018 membership and agree to pay-as County match-\$1,500 for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the ballot for membership and agreement to pay. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds (ROD), informed the board that Sumner One will service the ROD copier starting March 15, 2018 and the cost will remain the same as Nex-Tech.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White and Nicole Kraus to attend the Healthcare Career Opportunity & Ed Advancement Fair in Concordia on March 15 and for Kraus to attend Kansas Department of Health Environment billers meeting in Salina on March 14.

Permission to travel was granted to Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerk's spring meeting in Cottonwood Falls on March 15. They will car pool with the Cloud County clerks.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel human resource issue. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending were commissioners, Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball.

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

Jim Otott, citizen, requested the name of the party who would be installing the concrete around the east and north sides of the North Central Kansas Medical Clinic. Commissioner Splichal announced last week it will be Hoge Masonry.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, updated the commissioners on activities in his city.

- Blecha reported on damage to some of the businesses in Munden in the storm on March 5.
- Blecha asked if the county would assist with asphalt repairs to holes in the streets in Munden with asphalt.
- He also questioned the possibility of an overlay on the road south of Munden.

- Blecha asked for an update on the past due delinquent tax sale and when this tax sale will be completed. Commissioner Splichal explained the new county attorney is reviewing the paperwork for the past due tax sale and will proceed according to statute regulations. The new delinquent tax sale cannot begin until the current sales is closed.

Dustin Zenger was unable to attend the weekly meeting but sent two agreements for signatures:

- Solid waste Agreement between Republic County and the City of Courtland.
- Federal Aid Construction Agreement between Republic County and Kansas Department of Transportation.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented bids for the meal at the annual storm spotter meeting to be held on March 27.

- Food Mart \$12.00 per plate
- TAG'S \$11.00 per plate
- Laverna Huncovsky \$9.50 per plate

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Laverna Huncovsky. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by commissioner Splichal.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 19, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Commissioners' secretary, Susan Aaron, was present to record minutes in the absence of the County Clerk. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Pastor Travis Long, Christian Church of Belleville, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Treasurer, Republic County Development (RCD), presented an RCD Original Fund loan for Bethany Swafford and requested an approval signature. Commissioner Splichal moved to approve RCD's recommendation. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried and the letter of approval for the loan was signed.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, reported a leak in the southeast corner of the third floor. Rains had occurred overnight and that morning. She also reported that occasionally some of the electrical breakers trip. She will monitor to see if there is a pattern.

Jim Otott, who does landscape work at the NCK Medical Arts Clinic, asked for an update on the concrete drainage work behind the Clinic. Per the Commissioners, construction of the new drainage way is progressing well, but not yet completed. Jim also reported a loose gutter which is allowing water to drain above the entrance into the lower level. The problem is being addressed.

Dustin Zenger, Highway Administrator, presented the Road and Bridge Department weekly update.

- Grader magnets will be used to reduce metal fragments in county gravel roads.
- Commissioner Splichal relayed Munden Mayor Jimmy Blecha's inquiries from last week's meeting about issues with the Munden road. Also, Munden has repaired a water leak where the railroad formerly crossed Main Street. Mayor Blecha has requested assistance from the County to patch Main Street where pavement was removed to fix the water leak. Mr. Zenger is researching options to provide the most cost-effective materials and means for road repair and maintenance. Zenger acknowledged the issues with the Munden Road and they will be addressed.
- Zenger reported on the management class which he attended last Monday.
- Zenger is checking into a grader class for employees.
- Zenger discussed bridge inspections.
- Zenger followed up on Commissioner Jeardoe's request to compare costs for summer employees versus a contractor to mow the roadsides. Both Zenger and Commissioner Jeardoe concluded that one person cannot do all of the mowing. Zenger will provide additional statistics at next week's Commissioner meeting.

- The Solid Waste department was awarded a recycling grant. The intent is to purchase two refurbished recycling trailers. Solid Waste will provide a 25% match of the funding.
- A hazardous materials grant was awarded from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Details are pending.
- The new landfill cell is almost ready to open.
- Commissioner Jeardoe requested Zenger to research an entity to crush the concrete at the landfill.
- Commissioner Jeardoe inquired about items for sale on Purple Wave. Zenger noted three items are listed on Purple Wave for auction in April.

Commissioners Splichal and Jeardoe, and Secretary Aaron, went to the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Clinic to tour the facilities. Lori Scofield provided the tour of the Belleville Medical Clinic, Samantha Finegan provided the tour of Republic County Family Physicians and Haley Sanders provided the tour of Fischer Family Dentistry. Commissioners also walked around the back of the building to review the drainage concrete work.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal moved to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. which was seconded by Commissioner Jeardoe. The motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 26, 2018, 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 26, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 26, 2018, 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, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from March 19th. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved for \$109,255.44.

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

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the North Central Kansas District Meeting of Treasurers and Register of Deeds in Abilene on April 20, 2018.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White and Brynn Alexander to attend Governors Public Health Conference in Wichita April 3 to April 5, 2018.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend car seat technician recertification training in Concordia on March 28, 2018.

Following a discussion regarding membership to the Kansas Association of Counties On-line Compensation Survey, consensus of the board is against membership for 2018.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to close the Republic County Courthouse from noon to 2 p.m. on Good Friday so employees may attend Good Friday Services. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Deputy Andrew Bates proposed active shooter training for Republic County. The three-day training session would involve county and city law enforcement, county schools and businesses. Bates advocates training before school is recessed for the summer. Bates will present this information to school boards this month and Brian Schultze will present it to the Belleville City Council.

Julie Snavely, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) supervisor, and nine other representatives from CASA presented a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Kansas Cole, Republic County student and Girl Scout working on her Gold Award is assisting CASA with the promotion of activities April 2-6. All persons are encouraged to wear blue on Friday, April 6 in support of Child Abuse Prevention. There will be a FREE movie at the Blair Theater for those that participate.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal thanked CASA for their work in Republic County.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger presented a map of roads indicating the asphalt, gravel and dirt roadsides maintained by the county. There are 701 miles of gravel and 84 miles of asphalt roadsides mowed by the county. The county will continue to mow these roads with no outsource.
- Zenger presented a bid from Hall Brothers to apply an overlay on 90 Rd north of Scandia to Fir Rd. The bid is \$695,025 to apply a 1.5-inch overlay. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Hall Brothers. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.
- Zenger presented a quote for Cold Mix for 2018 from Hall Brothers for 3,500 tons at \$72.25 per ton.
- Zenger reported spending \$1.2 million for asphalt in 2017 and estimates \$950,000 for 2018.

At 9:45 a.m., the board recessed the meeting to attend a town hall meeting with United States Senator Jerry Moran in Cuba, Kansas.

The board returned from the town hall meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Clerk Marsicek announced that Bonnie Miller from Benefits Direct wishes to submit a county benefit package quote. Following discussion regarding the benefits package for 2019, the consensus of the board is satisfied with our current benefit provider and no wish to change at this time.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom 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, First Baptist Church of Belleville, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from March 26th. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jeardoe to the Pawnee Mental Health Board. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the North Central Kansas District Meeting of Treasurers and Register of Deeds in Abilene on April 20, 2018.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Attending the session were the board, Sheriff Ron Blad, Deputy Clerk Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, informed the commissioners that paper work was filed in District Court for the 2016 delinquent property tax sale.

Discussion regarding past due taxes on personal property resulted in the suggestion that County Attorney Ferrell proceed with declaring these uncollected taxes for personal property dormant as defined by K.S.A. 60-2403.

Clerk Marsicek, presented two bids for two computers.

- Dell \$2,706.55
- Nex-Tech \$2,539.88

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Bridge crew is working on a bridge located on 60 Rd north of US HWY 36.
- Road crews are regrading gravel roads.
- Asphalt crew is crack-sealing roads south of Munden and east of Cuba.
- The new landfill cell is operational.
- Zenger announced April 17 as the closing date for bids on Purple Wave for three items listed for sale by Republic County.
- Zenger and a physical therapist are reviewing the lifting requirements for positions in the road and bridge department.
- Zenger is researching the option to create a light duty equipment operator position for retiree part time personnel.

- As a cost saving measure, Zenger suggested eliminating pre-employment drug testing and place summer employees on the list for random drug testing. The commissioners will consider the suggestion.
- Zenger announced that road supervisors will be the points of contact while he is out of town in May.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 9, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 9, 2018, 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 Rick Snodgrass, Crossroads Assembly of God Church of Belleville, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2nd. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$116,245.18.

Duane Swanson, Republic County citizen, asked for a decision regarding his proposal to mow all roadsides in Republic County on contract. Commissioner Jeardoe explained that the county has decided not to out-source mowing of the roadsides. The commissioners reviewed data presented by the road administrator, Dustin Zenger, regarding the number of hours needed to mow all the roadsides 3 or 4 times a year and agreed it would be extremely difficult for one person to complete this task.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball to attend the Annual Kansas County Clerk and Election Officer training in Wichita from May 8 to May 10.

Clerk Marsicek announced there would not be a Republic County Economic Development meeting in April.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger presented a report from the 81 Connection bus service between Belleville and Salina. The number of riders from Republic County during January to March was 94.
- Zenger announced the bridge inspection bid opening will be April 16.
- Zenger stated that the annual City of Belleville clean up started April 9.
- Zenger requested permission to replace the 1992 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup which was sold on the annual consignment sale, with a 2007 Ford F150 found on the state surplus list. Permission was granted.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Danielle White and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

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

Danielle White, Health Administrator, has been unable to hire a Registered nurse. White has contacted other health departments in the area regarding the starting wages and would like to increase the starting wage to draw more interest. The commissioners will discuss this option and report their decision to White.

The commissioners and Clerk Marsicek moved the meeting to the Republic County EMS station to view a demonstration of power-load equipment by Stryker Company.

Upon returning from the EMS station at 12:25 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 16, 2018, 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.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from Kansas Department of Commerce notifying Republic County of the completion of project CDBG No. 15-PF-028 (Republic River Bridge).

Ruth Rahe, concerned citizen, visited with the commissioners via phone conference regarding the advertising on KREP radio station asking for cleaning supplies to be delivered to the Republic County Health Department or Belleville Health Care Center (BHCC). Commissioners will research this project and notify Rahe of appropriate information.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, requested clarification regarding letters of rejection of applications for Neighborhood Revitalization Rebates. The commissioners support the application process that states the applicants must follow the criteria to be eligible for the rebate.

Arlene Clayton, citizen, commended the Sheriff's department for implementing the "Active Shooter Training" on April 10.

Danielle White and Nicole Kraus, Republic County Health Department, explained the advertising on KREP radio station by stating a group from the BHCC inquired if any supplies could be collected to aid with persons living at home and serviced through the home health program. White explained the home health teams assist many persons in their own home and the supplies used belong to the residents of the home and many are on fixed incomes and the home health employees would gladly disperse any supplies collected for these citizens.

At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Danielle White, Nicole Kraus and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to offer a full time License Practical Nurse position to Elizabeth Parde. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

White proposed changing the office staff hours of the Health Department to better accommodate the citizens of Republic County. The working hours of the home health staff will remain unchanged.

Proposed new hours:

- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the new office hours starting April 30, 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Jim Otott, grounds keeper at Medical Clinic, presented a request for additional landscaping to the North Central Kansas Medical Clinic for \$3,750.00.

Commissioner Jeardoe approved the additional landscaping. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger presented proposals from three vendors to preform bridge inspections of 231 Republic County bridges. Present were Donald Dean from Campbell & Johnson and Terrance Dorbins from Kirkham Michael.
 - Kirkham Michael \$21,598.50
 - Campbell & Johnson \$20,270.25
 - BG Consultants \$24,692.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the proposal from Campbell & Johnson. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger announced the hiring of Lynsey Carr and Nicholas Keierleber.
 - Carr’s starting wage is \$12.25 per hour.
 - Keierleber’s starting wage is \$11.75 per hour.
- Zenger reported the rock crushing company has not confirmed a start date.
- Zenger informed the commissioners a detour was created for person traveling on the gravel road between Narka and Mahaska until the regrade is completed.

Randy Hofmeier, auditor from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce and Faris Chtd, announced he brought three staff members to assist with the 2017 audit of Republic County financials.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m., so the auditing firm could begin the annual audit of Republic County. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 23, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 23, 2018, 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 Bruce Burfield, First Baptist Church, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Wilbur, past commissioner, expressed his appreciation for the approval for outside road grader training.

- He advised the commissioners to fully review the departmental budget requests before completing the 2019 Republic County proposed budget.
- Wilbur suggested each department try to cut spending instead of continuously increase the requested amount.
- He suggested better use of time and training for the road employees during the winter months.
- Wilbur requested a list of plans for closed bridges.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser and IT director, demonstrated the use of the new monitor and Geographic Information System (GIS) program. Porter also explained modification to the wording of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to state that the appraiser will respond with a letter of acceptance or rejection of each application.

Dave Holloway, EMS Director, requested a conclusion of a suggested dollar amount in a grant application to the Dane Hanson foundation to assist with the purchase of ambulance autoloader equipment. Consensus was to apply for no more than \$5,000.

The Honorable Mayor of Scandia, Gary Cline, updated the commissioners on activities in Scandia.

- Recycling trailer works fine, however, a couple of the bins should be replaced this year.
- Scandia would appreciate the assistance to seal streets during summer rather than waiting until fall.

Clerk Marsicek presented a letter of request to appoint Sharon Segerhammer to represent Republic County on the board of the Central Kansas Library System. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Segerhammer. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the first quarter financial statement with a balance of \$9,880,921.56 in available funding.

Permission was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer Conference in Manhattan from June 13 to 15.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger reported the final selling prices on Purple wave items were as follow:
 - Komatsu Grader \$37,000
 - Mack Truck \$59,000
 - Transportation bus \$2,600
- Road grading was started on the Narka to Mahaska road.
- Commissioner Jeardoe reviewed the areas of concern from Mr. Harold Wilbur.
- Several employees will attend road grader training next week.

- A few options were received regarding the update of the fuel center.
- Commissioner Jeardoe informed Zenger some of the bins on the recycle trailer at Scandia need to be replaced.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Peggy Frint. Commissioner Jeardoe requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:15 a.m., no action taken.

Roger Fuller, local businessman, requested permission to bid on designing and/or constructing of the new health department facility if the county decides to build a new facility.

Kay Shoemaker and Mikel Hadachek, Republic County Development, presented a loan contract between Republic County Economic Development and Bethany Swafford and requested a draw of \$5,709.00 from HUD Funds and \$26,850.00 from E-Community funds.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. so Commissioner Jeardoe could attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 30, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 30, 2018, 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.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from April 23rd. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners received a THANK YOU POSTER from Pike Valley High School for the donation to their After Prom.

Permission was granted for Nicole Kraus to attend CPS training in Concordia from May 1 to May 3.

After discussion regarding the National Marketing media coverage in Kansas and the FCC, the commissioners have asked the County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, to review options available to citizens of Republic County to receive media thru cable stations from Kansas rather than Nebraska.

Deb Hadachek, hospital board personnel, suggested that the commissioners arrange a meeting with Barry Bottger and David Paul from the hospital and Danielle White, Health Department Administrator to discuss home health services in Republic County. Hadachek advised there is a large need or Medicare home health services and if the health department is not providing this, services need to be referred to some agency.

Wanda Backstrum, 12th Judicial District committee, presented for signature and support from Republic County the FY19 Behavioral Health Programming Grant application, Comprehensive Plan Grant application and Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant application. Backstrum also supplied a funding allocation comparison for Adult and Juvenile services for the 12th Judicial District.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to support requests from the 12th Judicial District. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Jeannette Sheets, Owner of Dairy Queen (DQ) and Republic County citizen, explained her support of the commissioners to file a protest with the FCC to allow Republic County residents to have access to Kansas stations instead of just Nebraska without added fees. Sheets explained that the franchise of DQ requires a portion of sales to be sent to marketing systems and that money currently is sent to Omaha instead of anywhere in Kansas.

Due to the school bond levy increase and the increase in valuation of land, the commissioners requested that Clerk Marsicek advise the department heads that budgets requests for 2019 will be closely reviewed and may not be approved if requested amount is increased from 2018 budget.

Dustin Zenger presented his weekly update of the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger announced that the road grader training would be held May 1, 2018.
- Zenger will ask the road supervisors to attend the commissioners meeting the next two weeks in his absence.

At 9:45 a.m., the commissioners, clerk and Zenger started the tour of some projects throughout the county:

- Improvements to county shop area: oil room added to the county shop and safety shelter.
- The dirt road used for the grader training.
- Regrade preformed in 2017 on 130 Rd. and 170 Rd.
- The bridge replacement on 30 Rd.

Commissioners returned to the courthouse at 11:36 a.m. to finish business.

At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential data pertaining to financial affairs of the health department. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Danielle White, Elizabeth Parede and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:55 a.m. Consensus of the board is to not to participate in Medicare services through the Republic County Health Department but will continue with home health services currently in practice.

Commissioner Jeardoe 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 on Monday, May 7, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2018, 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.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from April 30th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$205,097.65.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD secretary, left notice that there would be no RCD meeting in May.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, explained that the Belleville Telescope was questioning the reason for the executive session held at 11:40 a.m. on April 30th. Ferrell has contacted the Attorney General's office and the KCAMP attorney assist to verify the definition of confidential data used by Clerk Marsicek for the reason for the executive session.

Ferrell reported delinquent tax sale notices will be mailed to owners of delinquent properties and is awaiting the necessary response time prior to the sale.

Ferrell also is researching the process to file a petition to the FCC to allow Kansas stations to broadcast in Republic County instead of Nebraska stations.

Leanne DeJoia, Pawnee Mental Health representative, suggested that May be Proclaimed as Mental Health Month for Fitness #4Mind4Body in Republic County.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Seegerhammar also asked who she could contact regarding the recycling trailer in Courtland. Commissioner Splichal suggested the city office of Courtland.

Kris Kling presented an Attorney General report from 1996 stating that the county commissioners are not to question vouchers presented by the district court.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to void the incorrect accounts payable check and to issue a new check for the correct amount. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the following resolutions to transfer funds from 2017 to 2018.

- Resolution 2018-18, Transfer \$50,000 from Ambulance Fund to Special Ambulance & Medical Equipment
- Resolution 2018-19, Transfer \$50,000 from General Fund to Equipment Reserve Fund
- Resolution 2018-20, Transfer \$100,000 from General Fund to Capital Improvement Reserve
- Resolution 2018-21, Transfer \$50,000 from General Fund to County Building Fund

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Danielle White, Health Administrator, reported that the state audit for the home health services has been successfully completed. White explained there will not be any changes in the home health services to current clients however the health department will not be accepting any Medicare paying clients due to lack of staffing. The health department provides skill care to qualifying aging and Home Care Basis Service (HCBS).

White reported that the new hours are providing the necessary contact hours to cover the needs of the clients.

White announced that Nicole Kraus is now certified in car seat installation and that the health department is now a licensed check station for car seats and is Safe-Kids collections area to supply car seats.

White proposed presenting a Public Service Announcement on KR92 explaining the many services available through the Republic County Health Department. Commissioners gave White their full support.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend the Register of Deeds Spring Seminar in Pittsburg from June 5 to June 8.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding the retirement in the Register of Deeds office. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 3 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:58 a.m., taking no action.

In the absence of Dustin Zenger, Supervisor Bobby Lawson presented the Road & Bridge Department:

- Lawson presented bids for Low Boy 50 ton, Triple axle detachable trailer,
 - Landoll Corporation \$73,141.25
 - G.W Van Keppel \$77,584.00
 - Felling Trailers, Inc \$73,616.28

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

- Lawson attended the grader training along with five other employees. Lawson explained that the training reinforced his prior knowledge of the proper way to maintain a road. It was a good experience for all employees.
- Discussion regarding maintaining dirt roads resulted in no change in the current practice.

Richard Wolzen, concern citizen, requested that the county remove the trimmed limbs that were dumped in the ravine on his ground. Commissioner Jeardoe assured Wolzen that the road supervisor would be notified to remove the limbs.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he attended a Kansas Association of County Planning and Zoning in Abilene and explained in his opinion that Republic County does not participate in the zoning program.

Sheila Nelson Stout and Patrick Wallerius from OCCK presented their 2017 annual report of services to Republic County residents and the request for funding support in 2019. OCCK is asking for a five percent or \$1,165 increase in financial support. Commissioner Splichal expressed appreciation for the service OCCK provides and will take under consideration the request for additional funding. When the county budget has been approved, Clerk Marsicek will notify Nelson of the approved amount of support allotted for OCCK.

Wallerius reported on the 81 Connection transportation bus. The bus travels from Belleville to Salina three times daily. There has been 119 riders from Republic County since January 1, 2018.

Sheriff Ron Blad announced that Deputy Kade Odell will receive a Life-saving award at the Chief of Police ceremony on Wednesday May 9 in Wichita for his actions associated with removing a person from a burning car in the fall of 2017.

Mel Abbot, Kanas Public Employee Retirement Services (KPERs), presented information on the Kansas Police and Fire (KP&F) retirement program available for law enforcement and firemen. Due to the hazardous duties of deputies, the sheriff's department is researching this enhanced retirement program offered by many law enforcement groups in Kansas. Both the employer and employee would contribute additional funds to this retirement program above what is contributed currently through KPERs. Beth Ball, Human Resources, explained that retirement funds are paid through employee benefits and not the sheriff's payroll and if the commissioners are considering the request to change the retirement for the deputies it must be done before the budgets are set for 2019. Commissioners will further discuss and notify Sheriff Blad of a decision.

Clerk Marsicek announced the state CPI for city and county budget will remain at 1.4%.

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 on Monday, May 14, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018, 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.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7th. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

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

Doug McKinney and Emily Benedick from North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) and Luke Mahin from Republic County Economic Development (RCED), discussed grant opportunities available if the county decides to renovate or construct a new health department facility. McKinney invited the commissioners to the next NCRPC meeting on May 24 and a homeland security training on May 31 in Beloit.

Benedick shared three options currently available.

- Community Development Block Grant
- Community Tax Credit program
- USDA Rural Development loan

Kent Kalivoda, Honorable Mayor of Agenda, visited with the board regarding property taxes on nuisance properties. Commissioner Splichal suggested that the Agenda City Council contact the City of Belleville in regard to the nuisance abatements and ordinances established in Belleville.

In the absence of Dustin Zenger, Supervisor Terry Cherney presented for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Re-grading the road between Narka and Mahaska is progressing well.
- Hall Brothers will begin work on 90 Rd North of Scandia this week.
- Cherney explained that dirt roads in his districts are maintained as needed before harvest or as requested by land owners or weed control.
- After 30 years of service to Republic County, Cherney plans to retire this fall. Commissioners applauded his years of service and wished him well when he retires.

Robbin Cole and Diane Henrick from Pawnee Mental Health presented the 2017 annual report and an appropriation request for 2019 from Republic County. Services were provided to 140 individuals from Republic County during the last year. Cole is requesting a 33% increase in funds from Republic County to assist in the cost of service to residents. The 2018 approved support is \$26,260 and the requested amount for 2019 is \$35,154.

Commissioner Splichal announced that the board will take the request under consideration as the 2019 budget is prepared.

Larry Walter, concern citizen, expressed his opinion that the commissioners must hold tight to the commitment of keeping the 2019 county budget figures at bay so the tax levies don't increase. Walter also expressed that farmers farm the roadsides to keep weeds under control. He understands the county must maintain the legal width of the road.

Commissioner Splichal assured Walter that the commissioners are concerned about the taxpayers and will make every effort to keep the taxes as low as possible.

Luke Mahin, RCED, and Salih Doughramaji, Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC), joined the meeting to discuss Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) program. Doughramaji introduced himself as the new staff person from KDOC. Doughramaji appreciates that Republic County supports the ROZ program to encourage people to return to Republic County. Currently, Republic County budgets \$22,500 which funds 15 persons on the ROZ program. Mahin and Doughramaji recommend a new Resolution each year when final budget funds are allocated.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, reported a possible issue regarding a Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA). Ferrell contacted the Attorney General's office and Kansas County Association Multiline Pool attorney assist for support in his findings that there was at most a technical violation. The information discussed in the executive session was correct, however, the type of exception was incorrect. Since legislation changed the requirements of executive sessions, Ferrell will seek information on KOMA training for city and county officials.

Ferrell will present a resolution at the next commissioners meeting regarding the fees for persons arrested.

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 on Monday, May 21, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018, 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.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

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

Accounts payable vouchers for \$185,633.10 were approved.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, presented quotes for 2 air conditioner units for the district courtroom.

- Hood Htg, Air, Plg, Electric
 - Option 1 \$6,342.00 (1 unit)
 - Option 2 \$12,926.00 (2 units)
 - Option 3 \$2,716.00 repair the 44-year old unit
- Rizek Plumbing & Heating \$19,180.00 (2 units)

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the option #2 quote from Hood Htg. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2018-22 to rescind Resolutions 2018-20 and 2018-21 (incorrect fund accounts) and Resolution 2018-23 to transfer \$150,000 from County General to Capital Improvement Reserve to replace Resolution 2018-20 with corrected transfer amount.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the Resolution 2018-22 and Resolution 2018-23. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Roger Novak, realtor, presented a proposed bid for the old health department building for \$10,000. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to suggest a counter offer of \$15,000. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by commissioner Splichal. The commissioners via telephone instructed Novak to offer a counter offer of \$15,000.

Harold Wilber, former commissioner, commended the road crew training on 150 Rd commenting that it looks great and hope the rest of the training groups continue with this workmanship.

Wilber encouraged the commissioners to visit with each department regarding their proposed budgets for 2019 seeking planned expenses for 2019 along with actual expenses of recent years.

Commissioner Splichal assured Wilber the commissioners are committed to keeping the taxes as low as possible. The commissioners have lowered the levy every year since 2014.

Stephanie Gehring, Kay Rieke and Kayla McCartney from OCCK, explained the services offered through "In My Home". They service 15 counties in North Central Kansas. It offers services that support your choice to remain in your home and community as long as possible. Gehring assured the commissioners they could work with the health department to offer services currently not available. In My Home provides services through Medicare, Medicaid, BC/BS and private pay.

Commissioners contacted Dr. John Bleeker via telephone regarding touring his office building that is for sale. A meeting was set up for Thursday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White and Brynn Alexander to attend the annual Immunization Conference in Salina from June 12 to June 14.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle White to attend North Central Kansas Preparedness meeting in Beloit on June 6 and the Regional Supervisors meeting in Beloit on May 23.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested action regarding the transfer of excess funds from Road and Bridge to Special Highway and Special Equipment.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16, transferring \$200,000 from the Road and Bridge general fund to Special Highway Improvements and Resolution 2018-17 transferring \$100,000 from the Road and Bridge general fund to Special Equipment. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Zenger informed the commissioners the asphalt cold mix will be delivered in June.
- Zenger will schedule a training for the other road grader operators.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to an executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel to discuss an employment application. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m., taking no action.

Charles Johnson, Republic County Historical Museum, requested that the annual funding for 2019 from the county will remain the same at \$16,000. Commissioner Splichal thanked Johnson for presenting this request and that the board will take it under advisement as they prepare the 2019 budget for Republic County.

Several persons attended the meeting from the Republic County Hospital, Republic County Health Department, In My Home and North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) to discuss services offered by each group that could benefit the county. Those in attendance were Barry Bottger, Deb Hadachek, Danielle White, Nicole Kraus, Emily Benedick, Stephanie Gehring, Kay Rieke and Kayla McCartney.

Barry Bottger and Deb Hadachek from the Republic County Hospital, stated that the hospital board has expressed a need for in home health care services for Republic County residents and discussed implementing these services in the future. Gehring from In My Home explained these services already exist in Republic County through In My Home and the health department. In My Home will assist the health department with Medicare patients and the health department will assist with referring those types of clients and still maintain the current home health services offered by the health department.

Commissioner Splichal announced the commissioners will be touring a possible site for the health department on Thursday, May 24 and ask Benedick if there would funding through Grants to assist with the purchase if necessary. Benedick said there are several avenues of funding, some more quickly than others. The NCRPC would assist any way requested.

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

The next meeting will be a specially called meeting on Thursday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Dr. John Bleeker's Dental office.

Due to Memorial Day, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 29, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in special session on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at 2316 G St , Belleville, Kansas. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Others present were Danielle White and Dr. John Bleeker.

Purpose of the meeting: tour a facility owned by Dr. John Bleeker.

All discussion was tabled until the next regular scheduled commissioners meeting.

At 11:50 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 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 29, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 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. Fred Arnold from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from May 21st. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting on May 24th. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Ron Blad, Amy Havel, David Holloway, Jeff Beikmann, Susan Aaron, Danielle White, Kathy Calkins and Beth Ball, representing employees of Republic County, expressed concerns that the public has no right to speak but should listen and observe while attending commissioners' meetings and comments should be made during public forum.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, presented quotes for a SonicWall for the computer system at the EMS station.

- Nex-Tech
 - Outright purchase \$1,179 plus installation and support
 - TAAS agreement \$154 per month including equipment, installation and continuous Monitoring for 36 months
- Lock IT
 - Outright purchase \$1,145
 - SECaas agreement \$181 per month including equipment, installation and continuous Monitoring for 36 months
- Firewalls.com Inc
 - Outright purchases \$1,341.90

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the quote from Nex-Tech TAAS agreement. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Holloway also announced that Republic County was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Dane G Hansen Foundation to assist with the purchase of a Stryker Auto load system.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of a Stryker Auto load cot. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Clerk Marsicek announced the dates and times of the employee appreciation meals for 2018.

- Road & Bridge June 11th at noon
- Courthouse June 18th at noon
- EMS June 27th evening meal
- Health Dept July 13th at noon

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to modify the weekly agendas to include flag salute, opening prayer and approval of that days' agenda items between 8:30 and 8:35. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Bergstrom made unanimous.

Discussion regarding the disposal of used county electronic equipment and other items that cannot be sold at the annual consignment sale resulted in a consensus to hold a garage sale once or twice a year to allow proper advertising of goods.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures on a phone line agreement between Republic County and Nex-Tech to construct and operate an underground fiber optic cable.
- Hall Brothers continue to work on 90 Rd north of Scandia.
- Bridge crew is installing a box culvert at Union and 50 Rd.
- Zenger announced that Republic County received a grant from Kansas Department of Health and Environment up to \$12,000 toward purchasing recycling trailers.
- Republic County will also receive \$5,000 from Dane G. Hansen Foundation for the removal of hazardous waste project, however, no date for this cleanup has been set.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss client/attorney privilege information on a purchase. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending were the commissioner, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess until 1:00 p.m. for lunch. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to visit with various department heads regarding requests for the 2019 budget. Commissioners will review all the requests but emphasized decreased budgets may happen to keep the total county budget under the tax lid.

Budget requests were presented by Peggy Frint-Register of Deeds, Sheriff Ron Blad-Sheriff and Jail, David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann-EMS, Danielle White-Health, Barry Porter-Appraiser and the last persons to discuss were Beth Ball and Kathleen Marsicek-Clerk, Election and employee benefits.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 4, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Clerk Marsicek read the Morning Prayer sent by Pastor Travis Long, Central Christian Church of Belleville.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 29th. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal read a letter in response to the information presented by the employees of Republic County regarding the concerns and frustrations concerning the accuracy of reports to the general public.

Clerk Marsicek announced that the 2018 Republic County assessed valuation is \$82,694,945 which is an increase of \$6,169,583 from 2017.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikman presented bids for the employee appreciation meal for EMS. Choices were brisket or pulled pork priced for each plate.

- Food Mart Brisket \$6.50 Pulled Pork \$5.50
- Cuba Cash Brisket \$6.25 Pulled Pork \$5.25

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the bid for brisket from Cuba Cash. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, reported an incident in her department regarding a telephone inquiry for historical records which are not available for some closed schools.

Permission was granted for the Belleville City Library to use the yard west of courthouse for the summer reading program on June 7, June 14, July 5 and July 12.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek, Beth Ball and Mary Simmons to attend Election equipment Cyber Security training on June 13 in Salina.

Larry Baxa, concerned citizen, inquired who was in charge of the dumpsters at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Jeardoe reported that the fair board is responsible.

Commissioner Splichal made telephone contact with Eric Johnson from Campbell and Johnson to join an executive session.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 15 minutes for preliminary discussion of land acquisition under the land acquisition exception. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending in person were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek in consultation with Eric Johnson on the telephone. Commissioner Splichal requested 10 additional minutes.

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

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, reported that the new air conditioner unit for the district court should be here in two weeks.

Commissioner Splichal notified Comstock that the old health department building was sold and all items stored in that building must be removed by Friday, June 8th.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Mark Kolman began employment on May 31 with starting wage of \$13.00 an hour.
- Zenger requested the purchase of two used recycling trailers for \$21,000 as opposed to one new trailer. The county received \$12,928 in grant money to apply to the purchase.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of two used trailers. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Zenger explained his budget requests for 2019 for Road & Bridge, Special Bridge, Fuel Center, Transportation and Solid Waste. His only increase is for salaries and additional gravel in the Road and Bridge budget.
- Zenger notified the commissioners that the Federal Exchange fund program was decreased from 90% to 75%.
- Zenger presented a list of equipment proposed for future purchase including pup-trailers and a dump truck.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, presented his 2019 budget request stating that he maintained the current budget amount however, changed line item amounts by decreasing personal services and raising contractual and capital outlay.

Ferrell requested approval for Resolution 2018-24 providing collection and disbursement of booking and processing fees as court costs. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-24. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the proposed 2019 budget for the Treasurer department.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personal performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending were commissioners and Coons.

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

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, presented his budget request for 2019.

Nondorf presented bids for the employee appreciate meal at road and bridge to include sub sandwiches, chips and dessert.

- Food Mart \$101.96 total
- Casey's \$89.00 total

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the bid from Casey's. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented budget requests for Emergency Preparedness, Communications and Republic County 910.

Raney shared a budget report from Mitchell County Communications in which employee benefits are included within each department budget and not as a separate fund. Raney also presented an annual report of calls received through the Republic County dispatch.

Raney reported the large protective glass over the county map was accidentally broken by a county employee and asked from which fund the invoice should be paid.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve to the invoice for the glass from the courthouse general fund. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raney, representing the Highbanks race track, asked if funds are available to assist in light repairs during 2018. Commissioner Splichal stated funds were approved for 2018 to be used on the Highbanks racetrack.

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess until 1:15 p.m. for lunch. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Attending the meeting were the commissioners, Justin Ferrell, Deb Hadachek and Clerk Marsicek.

At 1:20 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 20 minutes for preliminary discussion of land acquisition under the land acquisition exception. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried. Attending were commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 1:40 p.m. taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal placed a telephone call to a local business owner requesting participation in an executive session.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for preliminary discussion of land acquisition under the land acquisition exception. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek with consultation of Dr. John Bleeker on the telephone.

The Board reconvened at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion that Republic County agrees to pay \$90,000 to purchase the building owned by Dr. John Bleeker. Closing date will be in 60 to 90 days with Dr. Bleeker responsible for all closing costs. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ferrell will draw up the purchase contract.

Commissioner Splichal contacted Commissioner Bergstrom by telephone to notify him of the purchase.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 11, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4th. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$688,024.47.

Danielle (White) Swanson, Health administrator, announced her recent marriage and name change. Swanson also informed the commissioners that all health department material was removed from the former health department building. Swanson requested approval and signatures for the 2018-2019 Unified School District 426 contract.

Permission was granted for Swanson to attend the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Disease Investigation training in Salina on June 27.

Swanson announced the health records were audited by the Area Aging Agency and were found to be in excellent order.

Morgan Fellhoelter, John Robison, Jerry Strnad, Jerome Kieffer and Wayne Pachta from Republic County Conservation District requested \$37,500 funding for 2019 which is equal to the request for 2018.

Commissioner Splichal thanked the conservation board for their work and stated their funding request will be reviewed during the 2019 budget preparation.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, presented quotes for the courthouse employee appreciation meal for pork chops and asked permission to change the date from June 18 to June 25.

- TAGS \$8.00 per plate
- Rick Cleveland \$7.00 per plate

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Rick Cleveland and move the date to June 25. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Clerk Marsicek reported contact with the Mitchell County Clerk regarding employee benefits incorporated within departmental budgets. Mitchell County has prepared budgets in this manner for a number of years. Clerk Marsicek will discuss this issue with the county auditor and report to board at a later date.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, invited the commissioners to attend the Courtland Funday held July 27 and 28. Garman also requested the road department apply oil and seal Courtland streets this fall.

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personal issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending were commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger anticipates completion of the box bridge installation on Union Rd this week. Work on a box culvert on Shady and 10 Road will follow.
- Patch work on 260 Rd north of Cuba is continuing and will be complete with an application of an overlay.
- Martin Outdoor Enterprises will begin the road sign replacement in the southeastern corner of Republic County this week.
- Zenger presented Resolution 2018-25 to install a stop sign at the intersection of Queen and 170 Rd.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-25. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioners reviewed budget requests and proposed reductions.

At 12:05 p.m., Commission Splichal made a motion to recess for the employee appreciation lunch at the office of the Republic County road department. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

The board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Following discussion of the proposed 2019 budget for the sheriff’s department, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the transfer from KPERS to KP&F for the sheriff’s department starting January 1, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

With agenda items and budget reviews completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 18, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Jeardoe agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from June 11th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Nicole Kraus, health department secretary, presented bids for the employee appreciation lunch at the Health Department.

- Feathered Nest \$8.16 per plate
- Bel-Villa \$12.25 per plate

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the bid from Feathered Nest. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kraus also presented for signature the USD 109 school contact for services for 2018-2019.

Commissioner Jeardoe presented Resolution 2018-26, Affiliation from KPERS to KP&F for law enforcement only.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-26. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe designated Clerk Marsicek as a voting delegate to the Kansas Association of Counties fall meeting.

Barry Porter, Cindy Coons and Beth Ball joined the meeting to discuss possible new software. Clerk Marsicek presented information from Computer Information Concepts (CIC) and Tyler Technology. Discussion was tabled until consulting with other counties that have switched to CIC.

Kris Kling, concerned citizen, requested that the commissioners review the reasons behind separating the employee benefits into the individual department budgets. Is it because of the tax lid exemption or to actually show the cost of benefits for each employee costs? Kling would advise against separating of benefits. Commissioner Jeardoe stated this was just discussed and no decision to recalculate departmental budgets was confirmed.

Tom Tsao, buyer of county property, introduced himself and explained that he wanted to sign the contract of purchase in the commissioner meeting and to give him a chance to meet the commissioners. Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, was present for the signing of the contract and receiving the \$1,000 down payment.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger shared that the asphalt cold mix will be delivered this week.
- Road crews are finishing on the gravel north of Narka and then will begin work on the road south of Byron.
- Bridge crew is working on Shady Rd.
- Zenger stated that when the new Low Boy Trailer is delivered the old low boy trailer and other equipment will be listed on Purple Wave auction site.
- Zenger explained that the Federal Funds exchange program that was to decreased to 75% from 90% has been reinstated to 90% per Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer at a press conference on June 11, 2018.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 25, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from June 18th. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$578,106.24.

Kay Shoemaker, secretary for Republic County Development, announced that there would be a meeting on July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse. Also, Shoemaker requested signatures on a release of Mortgage for B Defined Fitness, LLC as their loan obligations are completed. Collateral Assignments from American Family Life Insurance securing the loan were also released.

Roger Novak, Realtor, requested signatures on the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Tom Tsao.

Susan Aaron, secretary for Solid Waste, suggested a solid waste hearing for residents/tenants on July 30 and a hearing for landlords on August 20 for all unpaid solid waste fees. Aaron also requested signatures on letters for residents/tenants and landlords notifying them of hearing dates.

Kelvin Blecha, Fair Board Chairman, announced July 31 to August 4 as the dates for the North Central Kansas Free Fair (NCK Free Fair). Blecha also announced that 2019 will be the 100th anniversary of the NCK Free Fair and the board is planning special events and requesting funding for these events and improvements to the fairgrounds.

The Honorable Mayor of Cuba, Joe Chizek, invited the commissioners to attend the Cuba Harvest Festival on July 20 and 21 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the City of Cuba. Chizek updated the board on improvement projects in Cuba.

Glen Loring, county farmer, requested permission to replace an irrigation pipe which is located under 90 Rd between Sections 20 and 21.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger informed Loring an installation permit is required before replacing pipe on a right of way. Zenger will meet with Loring at 11:30 a.m. to fill out the request.
- Zenger presented a letter of concern regarding rough railroad tracks just south of Scandia. The road around a railroad track is maintained by the railroad however, the county supplies the material.
- Zenger explained the recent rains washed out roads but crews are working to improve conditions of those roads.
- Zenger presented an estimate to build a tire room adjacent to the new oil room at a cost of \$8,000.
- Zenger is working with Clean Harbors to create a hazardous waste pickup in Republic County this fall. A list of acceptable items will be published.

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and human resource issues. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:58 a.m., taking no action.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. to attend the employee appreciation lunch in the courthouse. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Bob Frasier, First Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from June 25, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, expressed his disapproval regarding the change of the retirement benefits from Kansas Public Employees Retirement System to Kansas Police & Fireman Retirement System for the sheriff's officers. Wilber requested closer scrutiny of purchases noting that any purchases should improve productivity and efficiency for the county. Wilber also asked if county wages are compared with area businesses or compared only with other counties. Wilber suggested reducing purchases to support wage increases.

Mark Stenson, county resident, requested culvert repair and supporting dirt work at Elm and 30 Road.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger will schedule the additional work at Elm and 30 Road in addition to cleaning the ditches in that area. However, roads washed out by recent rains have priority.
- Road crews are patching on the Munden and Narka roads.
- Bridge crew is finishing the bridge on Shady Road next to Jewell County line.
- Zenger stated that the bridge inspections are in process and he will have a new report from the inspector in a few weeks.
- Zenger requested signatures on two waterline agreements between Republic County and
 - Glen Loring to replace and operate an underground irrigation line in Scandia Township between Sections 20 and 21.
 - Republic County Rural Water District #2 to construct and operate an underground waterline between Rose Creek and Liberty Township.

Commissioner Jeardoe asked Zenger if the road crew would assist with the removal of concrete at the new health Department facility. Zenger will schedule the project to coordinate with the renovations.

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for employee performance. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Zenger.

The board reconvened at 10:58 a.m., taking no action.

Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, explained effective July 6, the health department will offer discounted laboratory services through Lab Quest and expand testing to include HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Swanson also noted that two persons are certified to install car seats as part of the Safe Kids Coalition which also includes programs like Walk or Bike to School in October.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 9, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from July 2, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$483,056.31.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2018-27 to make an annual tax levy not to exceed one and one-half mills for a county building fund for the next two years. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-27. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Kay Shoemaker, Treasurer for Republic County Development, presented the Biannual reports for the State of Kansas and requested commissioner signatures for the report. Shoemaker also announced a quarterly meeting on July 11th at the courthouse.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented bids for a lease on a new postage machine and five-year service contract.

- Pitney Bowes \$3,147.72
- Copybos \$3,048.00
- Multiple Services \$3,588.00

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

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, requested that the commissioners research the expenses of changing from KPERS to KP&F for the sheriff's department before the budget is set for 2019. Wilber questioned whether the county can afford to invest extra funds for one department as an ongoing expense of tax dollars?

Commissioner Splichal assured Wilber the commissioners respect his opinions and suggestions on monitoring the taxes of the county residents.

Wilber also inquired about a maintenance plan for the county roads and questioned why are the roads in poor shape if the county has ample equipment and employees?

Commissioner Splichal signed a Management Representation Letter to Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered regarding the audit of the financial statement for Republic County ending December 31, 2017.

Roger Novak, local realtor, notified the commissioners that the closing date on the sale of the old health department building is July 17. Novak needs the warranty deed and a copy of meeting minutes with the commissioners' approving the sale of the property to Tom Tsao.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the warranty deed. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, discussed activities relevant to Munden.

- Blecha invited the commissioners to attend the Veteran activities on Saturday, July 14.
- The road crews are patching and sealing the road south of Munden.
- Asked when the road crew would repair the potholes on the side of the road in Munden.
- Thanked the county for the new recycling trailer.
- Asked about a date set for the delinquent tax sale. County Attorney Justin Ferrell replied that the sale should be this fall. All parties must be served by certified mail and the county is awaiting responses from those parties.
- Blecha asked, how does the county rate the roads for repair or overlay?

Ferrell reported preparation of the warranty deed for the building for the health department is pending receipt of the purchase contract from Dr. John Bleeker.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures on five solid waste agreements between Republic County and
 - City of Scandia
 - City of Cuba
 - City of Munden
 - City of Narka
 - City of Agenda
- Zenger presented a 20-year projection on purchases of used road graders. Zenger is researching the purchase of a used grader from Foley Equipment.
- Zenger noted a second training session for graders is not scheduled for 2018.
- Zenger announced the County bus transportation schedule will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily beginning July 16.
- Road crews are beginning to patch the asphalt road south of Munden.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe excused himself from the meeting.

Deb Hadachek, representing the North Central Kansas Health Care Foundation, announced the resignation of Dr. Cayle Goertzen effective December 31, 2018 and the closing of the Medical satellite clinic in Courtland in mid-July.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 16, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda items. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the 2019 budget request from the 12th Judicial District for \$83,600. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented from Kansas County Association Multiple Pool (KCAMP) the 2019 Property Appraisal Report. The report listed two options for coverage on the Historical Courthouse. All buildings are insured at replacement cost however, the option to insure the courthouse with Reproduction Cost is possible.

- Standard replacement value of courthouse \$ 5,713,700
- Reproduction costs of courthouse \$ 9,012,100

Premium estimated increase for reproduction coverage is at \$4,000.

Consensus of the board to remain with standard replacement cost on all property for 2019.

Permission to travel was granted for Retha Blecha to attend Using ArcGIS online-Beginning to End in El Dorado on July 18, 2018.

Roger Novak, Realtor, requested signatures on the closing statement regarding the sale of the old health department building. Closing date is July 17, 2018.

Randy Hofmeier, Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce and Faris Chtd, was present to prepare the final draft of the proposed 2019 Republic County budget. The estimated levy for 2019 is 85.742 mills, a decrease of 6.919 mills from 2018 budget. The budget hearing was set for August 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the commissioners' room.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept and sign the purchase contract with Dr. John Bleecker. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2018-28 authorizing the participation amount of \$22,500 in support of Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan repayment program and authorizing Luke Mahin as a signing agent for Republic County. Commissioner Jeardoe made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-28. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- The road crews are patching and sealing the road north of Cuba.
- Zenger presented an updated proposed equipment list.
- Zenger shared the estimated cost to overlay four to five miles of the asphalt road north of Cuba will be \$350,000.

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal moved to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal pertaining to an employment application. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Zenger.

The board reconvened at 10:50 a.m., where the commissioners gave Zenger permission to advertise for an open position.

Linda Swanson and Shannon Langston, AnTeaques, inquired about the property owned by Republic County and used by the Belleville Medical Clinic in Courtland for the clinic. Swanson heard July will be the last month the clinic will be open and inquired about purchasing the lot. County Attorney Justin Ferrell explained that he is researching options for disposal of the property. When the County decides they want to release this property, Ferrell will contact Swanson and Langston with information regarding how to acquire the lot.

Ferrell shared he will contact Brent Cunningham from Cunningham Cable to discuss the return of Kansas stations to the cable network.

At 11:30 a.m., the commissioners and Marsicek recessed to 2316 G St. to measure the parking lot for repairs and discuss with Dr. John Bleecker a closing date for the purchase of the building and property. The closing date is set for August 1, 2018.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 23, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from July 16, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$246,455.58.

Commissioner Splichal and Jeardoe will attend the Republic County Hospital board meeting at noon.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, announced that she is interviewing candidates for a deputy Register of Deeds.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending were the commissioners, Frint and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Nancy Sandell from Republic contacted the commissioners to express her preference for local news from Nebraska television stations rather than Kansas.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve \$37,500 for the Republic County Conservation District in the 2019 County budget. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the corrective action report from the inspection by Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties to verify all work is completed. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Due to the decrease in the 2019 budget for the Health Department, Commissioner Splichal advised Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator, to review qualifications on grants with regard to county allotments for expenditures. Swanson stated most of the grants should not be affected by the budget.

Swanson is waiting for Eric Johnson from Campbell and Johnson to present renovation plans for the new health department building.

Rob Kasl, Patriot Project, announced that a down payment was made on the Eagle statue last week and the designer will come to Belleville in the near future to evaluate the location.

Kasl requested permission to use the courthouse square for the annual Poker run during fair week. Permission was granted. Kasl asked the commissioners to contact the city and request street sweeping around the square in preparation of this activity.

At 9:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss confidential data related to financial affairs for recruiting physicians by the North Central Kansas Healthcare Foundation. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attended the session were the commissioners, County Attorney Justin Ferrell, Deb Hadachek, David-Paul Cavazes and J.H. Seitz.

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

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested approval signature on a contract from Signs up LTD DBA Haren's Trees and Critters to install road signs on the west half of Republic County. The sign project is fully funded through the State of Kansas Department of Transportation with no matching county funds. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the contract. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.
- The bridge crew is working on a bridge at Union and 220 Rd.
- Road crews are working on the Byron Rd.
- The asphalt crew is patching the road north of Cuba.
- Zenger announced the approved Low Boy trailer is scheduled for August delivery.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, Republic County EMS, announced a new Emergency Medical Technician class to start in August. Holloway will submit a grant application to the Dane Hansen Foundation for medical supplies. Holloway requested permission to purchase a second power loader and cot unit if the grant is approved. Permission was granted pending approval of the grant.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss wages of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Holloway, Beikmann and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Jeardoe requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, presented separate criteria sheets for RCD original and RCD Kansas Department of Commerce loans for approval.

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

Shoemaker announced August 8, 2018 as the next RCD meeting.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. in order to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 30, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from July 23, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission was granted for Beth Ball, Mary Simmons and Laura Joy to attend a Software Symposium in Wichita August 22 to 24.

Tom Tsao, purchaser of a building sold by the county, presented a letter from the City of Belleville containing a property nuisance filing dated prior to Tsao's purchase of the building. County Attorney Justin Ferrell assured Tsao the County will respond to any violations prior to August 20, 2018.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger requested signatures on Solid Waste agreements between Republic County and the City of Belleville and the City of Courtland.
- Zenger requested permission to purchase a 2009 Ford F350 for \$20,000 from the Federal Surplus listing.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of the used Ford F350. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- The bridge crew is working on Union Rd.
- The road crew is working on the road south of Byron.
- Zenger was contacted by the City of Cuba for asphalt to patch and seal streets in Cuba this fall.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called to order the hearing for the Delinquent Solid Waste.

Jonny Williams, concerned citizen, voiced objection to the charges for solid waste fees on the basis of home ownership status. He does not use the trash service nor the landfill. Zenger explained that all county residents are assessed a solid waste fee to assist funding for disposal of waste hauled to dump sites outside of Republic County.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to close the Solid Waste Hearing at 11:30 a.m.. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Bob Frasier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from July 30, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, secretary for Republic County Development, left a message that there would not be a meeting on August 8.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the Chief Elected Official Board Agreement with the Local Workforce Development Area 1. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Zenger and Casey Fraser from Foley equipment presented a quote for a 2012 Caterpillar for \$174,000.00 and delivery date could be the week of August 13.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Graig Anderson was hired as grader operator and started August 6 at \$14.50 per hour.
- The road crew is working on the road south of Byron.
- Asphalt crew is patching south of Cuba.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, notified the commissioners that there is \$242,767.09 in delinquent taxes from 2017.

Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, ask permission to process lab tests through the Republic County Hospital on most blood draws. Lab quest will still be used on special services.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the North Central Kansas Regional Supervisor training in Beloit on August 22 and to attend the North Central Kansas PHI meeting in Beloit on September 5.

Swanson announced that the health department is scheduling flu shots starting in September.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to election canvass, the next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 13, 2018 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, AUGUST 13, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. to canvass ballots from the August 7th Primary Election. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$321,243.61.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Retha Blecha to assist canvassing ballots in place of Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek and Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, presented Republic County 2018 Primary Election ballot totals from the 23 precincts to be verified along with 10 provisional ballots to be reviewed. Of the ten provisional ballots, only three ballots were not counted. Guests during the canvass were Theresa Barnes from the Governor Jeff Coyer campaign and Dorothy Thompson from the Kris Kobach campaign.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group (LEPG), presented the Fiscal LEPG report, the semi-annual LEPG report and the semi-annual LEPG progress report.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Kelly Melton as the Jefferson Township Treasurer. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Asphalt road crew is patching the road south of Munden.
- Bridge crew is building a bridge on Union Road.
- Zenger announced all regular summer employment was terminated last week.
- Employees from the road department will remove portions of concrete around the new health department and assist with tree removal.

Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, and Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson Engineers, presented drawings of changes needed in the new health department building to meet American Disability Act compliance. Johnson will send to the commissioners an estimate of costs for the remodeling. Sealed bids will be requested for the remodel.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to submit the application to the State of Kansas Board of Tax Appeals on the property for the new Health Department building. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 20, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6, 2018. Commissioner Splichal second. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 13, 2018. Commissioner Splichal second. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Clerk Marsicek as the voting delegate for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative of Counties annual meeting at the Kansas Association of Counties meeting on October 15. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Retha Blecha, Deputy Appraiser, expressed concern about the county schedule to observe Veteran's Day Friday, November 9 in order to canvass ballots from the November 6 General Election on Monday, November 12. The National day of observation for Veteran's Day is Monday, November 12, 2018.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to close the county offices on Monday, November 12 and to move the regular commissioner meeting to Thursday, November 15, and also canvass ballots from the 2018 General Election on the 15th (which must be held by that day according to K.S.A. 25-3104). Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal convened the 2019 Republic County budget hearing and the 2018 Republic County Amended budget hearing.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, approved the decrease in overall budget for 2019, however he voiced his protest to the increase in employee benefits for the sheriff's department. Wilber also would like to see more improvements throughout the county to offset the road and bridge budget.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe a made a motion to approve both the 2019 proposed county budget and the 2018 amended budget. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- The county received a supply of cold mix asphalt.
- Road crews will spread gravel on roads throughout the county.

- Mowers are focusing on the west Republic County in preparation for installation of new road signs.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called to order a hearing for landlords' delinquent in payment of solid waste disposal fees. With no protestors, Commissioner Splichal closed the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Delinquent fees for eighteen landlord/owners will be included with the 2018 property taxes.

David Holloway, Jeff Beikmann and Beth Ball joined the meeting to discuss modifying the county pay day schedule. Holloway and Beikmann requested that the county change to paying every two weeks from paying twice a month on the 15th and 30th. Human Resources will survey all employees and report the results to the commissioners.

Beikmann announced the next EMT classes will begin on August 23, 2018.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 27, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 27, 2018, 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. Susan Aaron recorded minutes after Clerk Marsicek left the meeting. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20, 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$85,428.02.

Luke Mahin, Rural Opportunity Zoning (ROZ) representative, presented a summary from the annual student loan repayment survey from the ROZ recipients. Twenty persons responded to the survey. Eighteen applications are waiting an opening for county funding.

Mahin announced that he has not received any information from Sam Masse from NextEra Energy regarding the windfarm tests.

Jeff Beikmann, EMS assistant director, requested signature approval for an Education Incentive Grant Program.

Mr. Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, announced the annual Highway 36 Treasure Hunt will be September 14 – 16 and Scandia will have several vendors selling products. Cline is pleased with the recycling program and the trailer with extra bins provided by the County. Cline is working with Zenger to supply cold mix to assist with street repairs and sealing.

Commissioner Jeardoe inquired about the Nesika ethanol plant. Cline noted there was a training exercise at the plant to prepare for potential emergencies.

Commissioner Splichal attended the quarterly meeting of Juvenile Detention in Junction City which included a tour of the facility.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Bridge crew is delayed due to recent rains.
- Road crew is working on Byron Road.
- Road crew will assist the City of Scandia with street repairs billing only labor and machine time.
- The new grader was delivered.

- Zenger is still working with a Fairbury, Nebraska business to schedule hazardous waste removal for Republic County.
- Zenger expressed a concern of a local citizen regarding truckers using 130 Road to bypass the weigh station. Commissioners will notify Sheriff Ron Blad.

Commissioner Jeardoe inquired about the approach to a bridge on 110 Rd south of the Leah Hammer property. He received a complaint about the need for dirt filling.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called to order the delinquent solid waste hearing.

With no protestors present, Commissioner Splichal closed the hearing at 11:10 a.m.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded and Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Tuesday, September 4, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners consulted with Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, regarding concerns from contractors about the completion date for the concrete project at the new Health Department parking lot.

Ferrell suggested notifying all contractors who submitted bids for the concrete project that all bids are put on hold until September 24. A new request for bids will be published with an extended completion date.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to republish the bid request with an extended completion date of November 30, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ferrell reported the effort to acquire access to Kansas television channels is on hold until information is received from Cunningham Cable.

Ferrell will contact Dr. Royce Resco regarding rental space in the newly acquired Health Department building.

Ferrell is updating the North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building contracts for the tenants. The new contracts will be effective January 1, 2019.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, introduced Sandee Swanson as the new employee in the office of Register of Deeds.

Sharon Segerhammer, Republic County volunteer from Pawnee Mental Health, requested commissioners proclaim September as Recovery Month.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the Proclamation. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Blad reported that security cameras are being installed in the courthouse.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- Bridge crew completed the bridge on Union Rd.
- Bridge crew will proceed with culvert work on various roads.

- Cold asphalt mix was delivered to Cuba, Belleville and Scandia in preparation for street patching in the cities this fall.
- Zenger reviewed the approach to the bridge south of the Leah Hammer property on 110 Road.

Laura Joy, deputy treasurer, and Beth Ball, deputy clerk, presented information from the Computer Information Concepts (CIC) symposium they attended in August. Ball presented a power point to show the differences between the current payroll software and CIC software. Joy explained enhancements the CIC software offers to print and sort tax statements. Ball, Joy and Mary Simmons attended many of the learning labs with hands-on training for programs available with the software. Marsicek read a report from Simmons out-lining an annual project performed by the clerk’s staff which currently requires 4 days to complete. Using the CIC software program all data was compiled and the project completed within 5 minutes.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, voiced objection to the purchase of software because of the expense and the current software works fine for her department. Coons also noted that replacing the courthouse servers every 6-7 years costs approximately \$23,000.

Clerk Marsicek quoted an amount of \$41,698 was spent in 2018 for computer maintenance, remote upgrades, website services and support plus IBM support for the server. The annual maintenance, website and support for CIC would be \$34,550. All upgrades are included with the annual fees. There are multiple servers used in the courthouse to store daily information from other departments. The CIC system would replace one that stores this software only.

The county has saved funds for several years in the County equipment reserve to update technological equipment. The current software is 35 years old. All the cost for a new system is available in this fund. New software systems from several vendors were evaluated. Most systems save data on an in-house server. Tyler Technology and CIC both offer off-premise “Cloud” saving service and PC based software. The current software company is developing a PC based software however, cloud storage it is not yet available. The Tyler Technology quote was \$191,739 not including in-house training. The CIC quote is \$144,162.50 including in-house setup and training.

Commissioners tabled a decision until next Monday, September 10.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, September 10, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2018, 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, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Bob Frasier, United Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$337,502.09.

Beth Ball, Kathy Calkins, Danielle Swanson and Clerk Marsicek presented the insurance committee recommendation for health insurance for 2019. Barry Porter joined the meeting by phone. Large increases in premiums over the last 3 years prompted formation of a committee to research alternate policies. The committee recommends the County move to Blue Cross Blue Shield in place of the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP). This would save the County approximately \$70,000.00 in yearly premiums and an additional saving of the \$12,000.00 which is the brokerage fee currently paid to Hub International. Both low and high deductible plans and dental insurance are offered with lower premium cost to employees.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the Public Health Emergency Preparedness work session and the Kansas Grant Management System training on September 20 in Beloit.

Permission to travel was granted for Mary Simmons, Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek to attend the North Central Kansas County Clerk's Fall meeting in Concordia on September 20. Also, for Simmons and Marsicek to attend mandatory Property Valuation training in Salina on September 21.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) treasurer, left a notice that there will be no RCD meeting on September 12, 2018.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, and Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, joined the meeting. Ball was available for questions regarding the health insurance and software.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal joined the meeting by phone with the purpose of making board decisions in regards to health insurance and computer software.

Following a discussion of the insurance recommendation, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to move from the SEHP to the regular Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance program. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Discussion continued from September 4 in regards to purchasing new software.

Coons expressed objection to the purchase of the Computer Information Concepts (CIC) software because of the cost. Coons will accede to the decision of the board.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to purchase the CIC software. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made the motion unanimous. Clerk Marsicek will notify CIC and request contract paperwork for the County Attorney to review before commissioners sign on September 17, 2018.

Commissioner Jeardoe read a letter from Jewell County Emergency Management thanking Republic County for the offer of Emergency Preparedness and Law Enforcement assistance relating to the incident in Jewell County on August 28.

Dustin Zenger presented the weekly report for the Road & Bridge Department:

- A signage project by Signs Up through the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin September 18 in the western half of Republic County.
- Zenger will take delivery of a LowBoy trailer on September 10.
- Zenger will compile a list of equipment to be sold this fall on Purple Wave.
- Regarding the road to Byron, the regrade is on hold to use graders on other gravel roads and to free personnel to finish mowing county secondary roads.
- Zenger stated KDOT will request bids on the Warwick bridge. Targeted completion is 2019.

Kim Lapo, Honorable Mayor of Belleville, and Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

Lapo sought clarification of County responsibility for repairs on the old health department building. Ferrell stated that the county will repair the three items listed on the nuisance letter from the City of Belleville and Mr. Tom Tsao is responsible for any other repairs.

Lapo will introduce the Belleville City Manager at the September 24th County Commissioner meeting.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, September 17, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2018, 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. Jeff Beikmann, EMS assistant director and Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 4 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 10 minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beth Ball, Kathy Calkins and Susan Aaron from the employee taskforce presented four suggestions adding to or updating the Republic County Policies and Procedures Manual. Topics covered are:

- Appropriate use of Social Media
- Resignation/Termination procedures
- Pre-employment Examinations
- Substance Abuse

Commissioners tabled discussion until next regular meeting.

Clerk Marsicek present the results from the employee survey regarding a change in pay dates from bi-monthly to every 2 weeks. One hundred employees received the survey resulting in:

- Every 2 weeks - 43
- Bi-monthly - 26
- No response - 31

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to change the pay periods to every two weeks for hourly employees and salaried employees maintain bi-monthly payday. The new pay periods begin in November. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding employee conduct. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending the session were the board, Beth Ball, Justin Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:20 a.m., taking no action.

Amy Hadachek, Charles Johnson and Rod Woods, representing the Republic County Historical Museum, thanked the commissioners for the annual support. Hadachek reported students from Pike Valley and Republic County attended a field day at the museum for a view of Republic County history.

The museum relies on donations, memberships and two fund raisers each year to maintain the museum. Hadachek announced roof damage over the tool room and requested county assistance to replace the roof and update the air conditioner in the main area. The museum is owned by the county.

Commissioners tabled discussion until quotes for the roof and air conditioner are received.

Permission to travel was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend Fidlara software training September 23 to September 26 in Davenport, Iowa.

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend a class on Kansas Property Tax Law Update in Olathe, Kansas from September 17 to September 18. Porter was also granted permission to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Conference in Overland Park October 16 to October 17.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineering, and Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, presented final remodeling plans for the new health department building.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the remodeling plans and assign Campbell & Johnson Engineering to coordinate the contractor bidding due by 11:00 a.m. on October 22. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

David Holloway, EMS Director, announced that Republic County received a \$61,000 grant from the Dane Hansen Foundation to purchase a cot lift and Stryker cot.

Commissioner Splichal make a motion to approve a letter regarding court security to the Honorable Judge Starla Nelson. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe asked Clerk Marsicek to include unfinished business items at the bottom of the weekly agenda.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, September 24, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 17th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$198,549.82.

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

Commissioner Splichal explained to Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, that the commissioners appreciated her input and concerns regarding the new software before they made their decision. Transitioning to new software will take time and planning. Coons stated that the vendor is planning an onsite visit on October 10 to plan the starting phases of the transition.

Discussion regarding the sidewalk repairs on the east side of courthouse lead to the relocation of dumpster to prevent further damage.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to schedule the board meeting the second week of November to November 13 instead of November 15 to canvass ballots from the General Election on November 6. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution 2018-29 to approve participation in and adoption of the solid waste management committee update for the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-29. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal read correspondence from the State of Kansas Division of Property Valuation explaining Republic County Appraiser and staff have successfully completed the appraisal cycle and successfully achieved substantial compliance.

The Honorable Mayor of Belleville, Kim Lapo, introduced Adam Anderson as the new City of Belleville manager. Anderson moved to Belleville from Utah.

Lapo presented updates on projects in the city to include:

- Enforcing the cities vacant building ordinance.
- Notifying the commissioners of upcoming 150th celebration of Belleville in 2019.
- Final notices have been delivered to nuisance property in the first area evaluated in 2018.
- The building of the basketball court in the park is in process.

Commissioner Splichal opened the bids for concrete repairs at the new health department.

- Budreau Construction Inc. \$34,630.00
- Hoge Masonry & Construction \$30,769.37

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the lower bid of Hoge Masonry. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Moni El-Aasar, BG Consultants, presented Dusty with KDOT approved engineering bridge plans for the Warwick bridge north of Republic. El-Aasar explained the bidding process should be complete by fall of 2019.
- Road crews are grading gravel and dirt roads in preparation of harvest.
- Due to the retirement of Terry Cherney, Bobby Lawson will supervise all the road crews.
- Bridge crew is working on 190 Road south of Highway 36.
- E.C. Thompson, concerned citizen, voiced dissatisfaction with all roads. R & B employees should not work on non-road projects.

At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel for personnel matters. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness Director, requested permission to purchase a new paging system-Alert Sense. Funding from 9-1-1 will cover 80% and the balance will be funded from communication budget.

The commissioners granted permission to purchase the system.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. to attend the Hospital board meeting.

Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, October 1, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the September 24th minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Secretary for Republic County Development, left notice of a meeting on October 10, 2018.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to pay the full amount of the 2018 Rural Opportunity Zone commitment in October instead of January 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to transfer the deed for the Courtland Medical Clinic to the City of Courtland. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Juvenile Detention meeting in Council Grove on September 13.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to sign a Proclamation stating the month of October as "Down Syndrome Awareness Month." Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

A financial decision regarding roof repairs for the Republic County Museum was tabled pending approval of a grant application to Dane Hansen.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger announced the winter hours for the road and bridge department will begin November 19.
- Zenger requested signatures on an irrigation line agreement between Republic County and Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District.
- Zenger will meet with Hoge Masonry to plan the removal of the concrete from the new health department parking lot.
- Zenger toured many county roads in preparation of harvest and found most roads in good condition.
- One mile of the Munden road was sealed.
- The bridge crew is working on a 190 Road bridge just south of US Highway 36.
- Zenger will include a road grader on the list of equipment to be sold on Purple Wave this fall.

Clerk Marsicek announced 30 employees and spouses attended the insurance meeting on August 25 presented by Alisha Bond from Group Benefits.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, presented quotes for 2 computers for his department.

- Nex-Tech \$2,367.98
- Dell \$2,604.33

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Nex-Tech quote. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Ferrell updated the commission regarding requests through his office:

- Ferrell contacted Dr. Resco regarding a rental check for August and September. There was also discussion about the furnace in the north addition of the new health building.
- Ferrell will generate paperwork to deed the medial clinic to the City of Courtland after receipt of corroborating minutes from the Courtland City County meeting approving the transfer.
- Documents for the delinquent tax sale are nearing completion and the sale date will be set after January 1, 2019.
- Rental contracts for physicians at the North Central Kansas Medical Arts building are effective January 1, 2019.
- Ferrell has no update on the issue of local television stations (Kansas verses Nebraska).

Commissioners measured the sidewalk area to be replaced on the east side of the courthouse. Clerk Marsicek will submit ads in The Belleville Telescope, Courtland Journal and Advertiser for bids to replace the concrete.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, October 8, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the October 1st minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$199,487.54.

Kay Shoemaker, Secretary for Republic County Development, left notice of the quarterly meeting on October 10, 2018 even though there are no applications to approve.

Barry Porter presented quotes for two computers and monitors.

- Computer Direct \$3,991.88 no installation
- HP Direct \$3,378.00 no installation
- Nex-Tech \$3,569.98 including installation

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

Porter notified the commissioners that he was purchasing a Mini WIFI device from Nex-Tech to use with his tablet in the field.

Jessica Jensen and Hayley Piroutek, Republic County 4-H Ambassadors, along with 4-H Extension leaders, Monica Thayer, Diane Kussman and Stacia Piroutek, requested that the commissioner proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as National 4-H week. There are seven 4-H clubs in Republic County.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to proclaim October 7-13 as National 4-H week in Republic County. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made motion to approve the contract for audit services through Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered for the next 3 years. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, notified the board of the acceptance by the City Council of Courtland regarding the land containing the Courtland Medical Clinic. Garman will send a copy of the minutes regarding the acceptance.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger requested signatures on a grant application to Kansas Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

- The sign project will begin October 9th on the western half of Republic County.
- Republic County is assisting Cloud County with road sealing.

Beth Ball and Kathy Calkins from Republic County Employee Taskforce presented the final draft of changes for approval of the Republic County Policy and Procedure handbook.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, October 15, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2018, 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.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the October 8th minutes. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger, Solid Waste director, requested that Susan Aaron, Solid Waste secretary, present information regarding additional spending authority for the solid waste departmental budget due to the purchase of two recycling trailers and increased tonnage delivered to Cloud County transfer station. Commissioners will monitor the expenditures of the solid waste department through November 15th. If necessary, an amended budget for solid waste will be prepared before December 31, 2018 to cover expenditures.

Aaron also suggested that the commissioners participate in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) trainings available online for elected officials.

Two bids were received and opened for the 14' x 21' sidewalk replacement on the east side of the courthouse.

- Johnson Lawn & Tree Service \$4,950.00
- Hoge Masonry & Construction \$2,908.75

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the lower bid from Hoge Masonry. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, reviewed information to be included in the new rental contracts with the physicians located in the North Central Kansas Medical Arts building.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, October 22, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Edwin Splichal. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$147,085.44.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the third quarter financial statement with a balance of \$7,759,531.03 in available funding.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Cayle Goertzen, MD effective October 31, 2018 as a member of the Republic County Hospital board. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, updated the board on activities in Cuba.

- Hometown Christmas opening will be November 24 followed by a dance at the community hall in honor of Joe and Dee Chizek 60th anniversary.
- Republic County Czech Festival will be October 28 in Munden.
- Cuba annual Thanksgiving lunch will be held on November 22 at noon in the community hall.
- Chizek thanked the county for assisting with the street repairs.
- New sidewalk in front of the School museum is completed and the parking area in front of the community building is completed.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger announced that Seller Inc was bought out by Berry Tractor. Berry Tractor will be used for equipment and repairs.
- Bridge inspections are complete and the report presented to commissioners.
- Zenger attended the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in Overland Park.
- Republic County will cost share the replacement of the bridge on the Cloud /Republic County line between 210 Rd and 22 Rd. The estimated cost is \$50,000.
- Computer Information Concepts (CIC) presented software for road and bridge inventory and time tracking to Dusty and Stacey.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of CIC road and bridge software. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried.

- Zenger presented a plan to use CVA as an oil provider and they will provide a bulk system at no cost to the county. The bulk system will save approximately \$5,000 in oil cost alone plus the system will be more efficient.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of bulk oil from CVA. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Crews are removing portions of the concrete driveway at the new health department parking lot, mowing road sides and grading roads.

Eric Johnson, Campbell and Johnson, opened the bids for remodeling the new health department. Others attending the opening were Mark Budreau-Budreau Construction, Darrin Saegener-Campbell & Johnson, and Brenda Compton-Compton Construction.

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| • Budreau Construction | Completion in 75 days |
| • Compton Construction | Completion in 70 days |
| • JM Custom Builders | Completion in 40 days |

A final decision was tabled until Johnson reviewed each bid for content of projected remodeling plans. Johnson will present his recommendation to the board next Monday, October 29.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development Director, requested a letter of support from Republic County Commissioners. Mahin is applying for a Dane Hansen Foundation grant to assist with hiring an intern for the summer.

Permission to travel was approved for Rachel Schulz and Elizabeth Parde to attend Safe Sleep instructor training in Wichita on October 25 and 26.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the audit report from Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties regarding the October inspection.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Republic County Hospital Board breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, October 29, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from October 22, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ami Hadachek, Republic County Museum, left a message to invite the commissioners to the annual Veteran's recognition supper at the museum on November 5.

Kathy Calkins, Laura Joy and Beth Ball representing the Republic County employee taskforce presented a suggestion for the county employee christmas gift.

- Part-time employees will receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Blair Theater and a \$15 food gift certificate from a grocery store in the county.
- Full-time employees will receive a \$15 gift certificate for the Blair Theater and a \$35 food gift certificate from a grocery store in the county.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the employee Christmas gift. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the 2019 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal announced that he attended Juvenile Detention October meeting.

Correspondence from the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc stated that Ruth Rahe completed her final term on the board of directors and the commissioners need to appoint a replacement to fill the position. Clerk Marsicek will present some names at the November 5 meeting.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney, Joseph Popelka and Susan Aaron to attend FEMA training in Salina from October 28 to October 31.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to reappoint Melvin Jeardoe to represent Republic County on the Pawnee Mental Health Services Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2021. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, Republic County EMS, requested signatures for a Duclos Foundation grant application to purchase 2 hand held radios.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the application to Duclos. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Beikmann and Holloway presented a quote to replace all analog radios with digital radios. The commissioners recommended that Beikmann and Holloway schedule a meeting with all emergency departments within Republic County and discuss the possibility of switching to digital radios.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger requested signatures on a solid waste agreement between Republic County and the City of Republic.
- Zenger announced that Jewell County sent an agreement to share the cost of replacing a bridge on the Jewell County/Republic County line which will be available for signing at the next meeting. The proposed cost to Republic County will be \$64,000.
- Zenger is monitoring the solid waste budget.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson, presented his recommendation of the bids submitted for the remodeling project at the new health department building. Johnson contacted the bidders to verify all requested updates were included. JM Custom builders needed to modify their bid. Since the bid was modified it was removed from consideration. The bids presented are:

- Compton Construction \$105,000.00
- Budreau Construction \$ 68,700.00
- JM Custom Builder \$ 60,217.40

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Budreau Construction. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, has contacted Tom Tsao regarding the bids for the nuisance repairs to the old health department building. Tsao did not have any bids available so Ferrell is researching bids for the repairs. Ferrell has contacted the City of Belleville and North Central Regional Planning Commission regarding the county repairing the property.

Ferrell is preparing the Quit Claim Deed for transfer of property to the City of Courtland.

The new computers for the County Attorney offices have been delivered and installed.

Danielle Swanson, Director of the Health Department, announced that the new health building has been cleaned out and is ready for remodeling. Permission was granted for Swanson to dispose of obsolete medical equipment left by the prior owner. Commissioners estimate the health department will be moving to the new location by mid-January 2019.

At 11:23 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employee conduct of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:38 a.m. accepting the resignation of Rachel Schulz and granted permission to submit a classified ad for homemaker.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners will be Monday, November 5, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 5, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from October 29, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary, suggested that due to the death of Junior Herring, the commission take action to write off \$2,743.31 (the balance of debt) from the RCD loan to Junior Herring.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to write off the balance of the debt. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous.

Shoemaker announced that no RCD meeting will be held in November.

Commissioners signed a Quit Claim Deed transferring Lots 23 and 24 in Block 6 of the original township of Courtland to the City of Courtland.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion stating that any employee working through September 30 (end of the 3rd quarter) and then retiring from Republic County would be eligible to receive a Christmas bonus that year from the county. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to appoint Dr. Andy Walker to the fill the Republic County Hospital board position. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal presented a letter from Principal Michael Gritten at Pike Valley Elementary requesting funds to sponsor bullying and anti-drugs programs at the K-8 in Courtland school.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to donate \$800 to the Pike Valley Elementary School for these programs. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Rod Woods presented an application for temporary use of the county courthouse square for the annual Christmas on the Square activities on November 23. Permission was granted.

Woods also announced that the Republic County Historical Society received \$15,000 from the Dane Hansen Foundation to assist with the roof repairs however other costs from insulation or other expenses of repairs need to be covered. Any assistance Republic County would contribute would be appreciated.

Commissioners tabled the discussion until the total repairs have been completed.

The commissioners toured the courthouse to view the new security camera system. Sheriff Ron Blad explained the cameras are monitored by the sheriff's office.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger requested signatures on 2 phone line agreements:
 - Republic County and AT&T
 - Republic County and JBN Telephone
- Zenger requested signatures on an Interlocal agreement between Republic County and Jewell County regarding joint sharing of replacing a bridge located on the Republic County and Jewell County line south of Formoso.
- Concrete work at the new health department has been delayed due to weather.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel employee performance. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:55 a.m. and accepted with regrets the resignation of Brody Barnes.

Susan Aaron, secretary for Republic County Solid Waste, sought direction for delinquent invoicing for businesses using the landfill. Commissioners suggested contacting Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, for legal opinion.

Commissioner Splichal announced the North Central Kansas Medical Foundation Annual Radio-A-Thon is Thursday, November 8.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to Veterans Day on Monday, November 12, canvassing of the General election ballots will be at the next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 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
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$239,023.26 were approved.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from November 5, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Susan Aaron, Emergency Management administrative assistant, as the third person to canvass ballots in the absence of Commissioner Bergstrom. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, presented 33 provisional ballots for review. Following Kansas standards of review, 6 ballots were deemed unacceptable. Three voters failed to provide ID and three voters were not registered voters on or before October 16, 2018.

Commissioners signed a standard form agreement between Republic County and Budreau Construction Inc. to remodel the new Health Department building.

Sheriff Ron Blad expressed dissatisfaction with the services provided through Pawnee Mental Health.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, attended the meeting to present information from the City of Munden.

- Blecha invited the board to attend the annual Christmas supper in Munden on December 8 at 7:00 PM.
- The asphalt south of Munden needs repaired.
- In 2019, the City of Munden requested that the road through Munden be patched and sealed.
- Munden city council requested an update on the delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Splichal stated County Attorney is working to finish the protocol prior to setting the date of sale.
- Blecha asked if the recycling trailer could be dumped more often than every two months and if the county gets paid for the aluminum collected. Commissioner Splichal will review these issues with Dusty Zenger the director of Solid Waste department.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger presented information regarding the Scope of services included in the Kansas Local Road Safety plans through Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Bureau of Local Projects (BLP). This program is based on a 90/10 share plan where the county is responsible for 10% of the cost. Further discussion was tabled.
- Zenger presented the resignation of Tristin Sis. The board accepted the resignation with regrets.
- Zenger presented a list of equipment to be sold on Purple-Wave on December 18th including:
 - 1998 John Deere Grader
 - 1990 Semi Tractor
 - 1984 Dodge Pickup
 - 1989 Chev Distributor
 - 1992 Witzco LowBoy Trailer
- Commissioner Jeardoe requested that the road supervisor or Zenger review the road condition of the asphalt south of Munden.
- Commissioner Jeardoe also asked Zenger research the type of oil used to patch and seal the first two miles north of US 36 on the Munden road. Commissioners received a complaint that the oil/sand combination has stuck to vehicles.
- Zenger has scheduled patching and sealing the road south of Scandia in 2019.
- The working hours for road and bridge employees will change to the winter hours effective November 19.
- Zenger will request bids for a semi and pup combination.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to deny the request to use the board room every Wednesday evening from November 28 to February 6 by the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

However, an alternate meeting place was discussed and Clerk Marsicek will contact corrections personnel and offer information regarding the location.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, November 19, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Carolyn Skocny, Cuba resident, monitored the township clerk tie-breaker drawings.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2018. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

Clerk Marsicek presented 5 township clerk races in which there were ties between more than 2 people and the tie-breaker will be decided by drawing a name. The elected winners are:

- Beaver Township – Charles Lundblade
- Fairview Township – Jane Raney
- Richland Township – Melroy Kopsa
- Rose Creek Township – Terry Jelinek
- White Rock Township – Steve Howley

Permission to travel was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Kansas Property Tax Law training in Wichita from December 3 to December 6.

Permission was granted for Patrick Comstock to purchase a new 12' pre-lit Christmas tree for the courthouse and three new lighted decorations for the courthouse lawn from Belleville Hometown lumber.

Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, presented 2019 calendars to the commissioners and thanked Republic County for their business.

Raymond Raney, Communication Director, requested permission to add fiber-optics line for dispatch from Cunningham Cable. Permission was granted.

Raney declared the need to upgrade the radio system for dispatch and he suggested a special fund for 911 equipment reserve be created and funded from communication budget carryover. The county auditor will be notified of this request.

Raney also requested permission to install new carpet and electrical outlets in the conference room in the dispatch department. Permission was granted to research bids for carpet and the electrical work.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger requested action on an Agreement between Republic County and Kansas Department of Transportation for road, bridge and other areas for safety repairs. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.
- Zenger and Clerk Marsicek sent additional estimated expenditures to Randy Hofmeier, auditor, for preparation of the amended budget for solid waste.

After discuss, it was decided to cancel the regular commission meeting Christmas week, December 24 to December 28.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, November 26, 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

Due to icy roads,

No meeting was held

the week of November 26, 2018

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2018. There was no meeting on November 26. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$121,349.28.

Jeff Beikmann and Dave Holloway, EMS, requested signatures for an Education Incentive Grant Program.

Beikmann presented quotes for digital handheld and mobile radios.

- American Communication Systems \$16,429.60
- Pierce Electronics \$16,038.40

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase from Pierce Electronics. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Holloway requested assistance with snow removal at the EMS station. Commissioner Splichal will notify Dusty Zenger to assistance with the snow removal on the county property at the EMS location.

Melissa Martin, Junior Class After Prom representative, requested funds for the Republic County After Prom celebration to be held at the Cuba Community Center in April 2019.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to donate \$750.00 to the Republic County High School After Prom. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Clerk Marsicek will send the money after January 1, 2019.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented bids for flooring in the sheriff's booking and office area.

- Boman Floor Covering (Vinyl flooring) \$9,230.75 plus labor to remove old carpet
- Tibbetts Bros., Inc (Vinyl flooring) \$7,635.78 labor included for removal

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

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, left notification that there are not applications to review therefore no meeting on December 5.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the renewal of membership to the National Association of Counties Organization for 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to purchase a canopy to cover the back entrance of the courthouse from Apple Media. The design was approved by the Kansas Historical Society. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Susan Aaron, administrative assistant for solid waste, and Zenger presented a proposal to increase solid waste fees to cover future budgets. Revenue for the Solid Waste fund is supported through annual fees to residential owners, not levied funds. Expenses for this fund have increased an average of 6% a year for the last 4 years. Republic County raised the solid waste fees by 4% in 2016, 2.5% in 2017 and 5% in 2018. Prior to 2016, no increase had occurred since switching to the current format of hauling waste to Concordia.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase the gate fees and monthly solid waste fees by 20% effective January 1, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

- Road crews worked extra hours to clear roads from the snow storm.
- Road department will assist with snow removal on all county properties as time allows.
- Bridge on 19
- 0 Rd just south of US 36 should be completed this month.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called the solid waste amended budget hearing to order.

Since there were no protestors to the amended budget, at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the solid waste amended budget for 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous.

Monica Thayer and Kim Kolman, River Valley Extension office, requested new carpeting in two rooms occupied by the Kansas River Valley Extension office. Commissioners suggested at least two quotes to be reviewed and the county will consider a cost share of the carpet with the extension office.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, requested permission to purchase a computer for the deputy treasurer using County Equipment funds. Commissioners granted permission to use the equipment reserve fund however quotes need to be presented.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. so commissioners could attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting at noon. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, December 10, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2018. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$154,164.51.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained photos taken at the Clay Center recycling center regarding the collection of glass materials.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected employee evaluations. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Cindy Coons, County Treasurer.

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

Commissioners signed a contract between Republic County and Pawnee Mental Health Services for 2019.

John Forshee, Kim Kolman and Monica Thayer, Kansas State River Valley Extension office, presented bids for carpet tile.

- Boman Flooring carpet tile squares \$2,781 plus labor to remove old carpet
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- Tibbetts Bros. Inc carpet tile squares \$3,221.54 labor included
- Tibbetts Bros. Inc carpet \$2,316.18 labor included

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve sharing ½ of the cost of lowest bid and extension office will pay the other half and any additional expenses to install carpet squares. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion not to renew membership to The League of Kansas Municipalities. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Moni El-Aasar, BG Consultants requested signatures on a utility agreement between Republic County and Windstream Communications, presented holiday goodies to commissioners and thanked Republic County for their business in the coming year.

Janice Brungardt, Cuba resident, notified the board that a grader operator had damaged a post on her property and left considerable amount of tire ruts when clearing the snow at the dead end near her house.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger explained to Ms. Brungardt that the City of Cuba hires one county operator to assist with the street snow removal and Brungardt should contact the city office to voice her concern.

- Zenger reviewed the photos regarding the glass collection cells at Clay Center recycling center.
- Zenger presented employee evaluations along with a new tier job description and pay scale for review.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented her employee evaluation.

Frint also notified the board that the register of deeds office will be going paperless in 2019.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Preparedness (E.P.) Director, presented the employee evaluations from communication and E.P.

Danielle Swanson, Director of Health Department, presented the employee evaluations from the health department.

Swanson informed the commissioners that the contractor is working in the new health building.

She also shared that the health department has administered many additional flu shots during 2018 and that the employees are anxiously awaiting the move to a permanent building.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, December 17, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2018. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$113,348.96 were approved.

Mark Budreau, Budreau Construction, requested permission to remove the entire pillar in front of the new health department building instead of cutting it in half and requested permission to install regular carpet instead of carpet tile to the rooms needing walls removed and doorways enlarged. The additional cost estimate is \$100.00.

Permission was granted for Budreau Construction to proceed with these changes to the original remodeling plans.

Permission to travel was granted for Elizabeth Parde and Brynn Alexander to attend a Postpartum and Prenatal orientation as part of grant requirements in Concordia on December 17 and December 19.

Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek, Human resources, asked for an executive session.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding vacation time. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Jeardoe making it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Clerk Marsicek and Ball. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to contact two employees regarding banked vacation hours and advise that 1/3 of the hours will be paid out during 2018, 2019 and 2020. In 2018 it will be a lump sum however in 2019 and 2020 the employee can request lump sum or a few hours each pay period. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Cindy Coons and Laura Joy, County Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, presented quotes for a computer system.

- R W Business \$1,078.00 for computer only no software
- Lock It \$1,639.74 entire package
- Nex-Tech \$1,643.99 entire package

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the quote from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Gary Cline, Honorable Mayor of Scandia, appreciates the commissioners taking time to hear updates from the city mayors within Republic County. In regards to recycling glass products, a central pick up location would possibly be more cost effective than each city.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, requested clarification regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Program rules requiring notification from applicants to the completion of the project. The consensus of the board is if the application states when documentation should be filed and if the documents are not filed, the application is to be rejected.

Don Dean, Campbell and Johnson, delivered holiday goodies and thanked the commissioners for business.

Dusty Zenger, Road Administrator, presented a weekly update to include:

- Zenger presented an updated plan to development a tier pay-scale for employees with minimum wages and job descriptions. Commissioners appreciate Zenger's plan but want clarification of promotion qualifications.
- Crews are removing trees and installing culverts.
- Zenger requested signatures on the solid waste agreement between the City of Munden and Republic County.

Jeff Beikmann, assistant EMS Director, requested an update regarding the purchase of another first response vehicle. Commissioners denied permission to pursue a second response vehicle.

Sheriff Ron Blad requested permission to purchase a full Enterpol system for the sheriff office. The total cost is \$49,705.00. Blad is awaiting a response to a grant application to assist with the cost. The balance of funds will come from county equipment reserve fund.

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

Blad will research a couple new patrol vehicles in 2019.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, requested an executive session to discuss attorney-client information.

At 11:20 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for attorney-client contract negotiations regarding the North Central Kansas Medical Arts building. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 11:30 a.m. taking to action.

Commissioners recessed at 11:55 a.m. to partake in the courthouse Christmas meal.

The board reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss wage increases for non-elected personnel per department. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 20 minutes.

The board reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase wages on non-elected personnel by 2%. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Following discussion of wage increases for department heads and elected officials, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to increase full-time department heads by \$600 per year and part-time department head by \$300. The elected officials will receive \$600 per year except for County Attorney and Treasurer. The County Attorney will receive \$1,500 and the treasurer \$1,600. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

There will be no commissioner meeting the week of December 24 to 28.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, December 31, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in special session on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

Purpose of the meeting: Clarify and finalize wage increases for non-elected personnel for 2019.

Dave Holloway, EMS Director, requested clarification on the 2% increase to non-elected personnel, does that include both full-time and part-time? There are several persons in the EMS department that work part-time and Holloway stated it was not fair to increase at the same rate. Is there a more fair way to distribute the allotted funds?

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel wage increase for 15 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allot a 2% increase in wages for each department and how it is distributed to the employees is at the discretion of the department head. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion with Commissioner Bergstrom making it unanimous.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to make the director of EMS a salaried position with a wage of \$37,000 and benefits. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to include the head custodian and weeds department directors as department heads receiving \$600 per year instead of the 2%. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 31, 2018, 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 Holidays,

No meeting was held
the week of December 24, 2018

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 31, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

The meeting was called to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17 and the minutes from the special meeting on December 18. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$52,491.28.

Deb Hadachek announced there would be a Republic County Hospital board meeting on January 7 at noon.

Clerk Marsicek presented three resolutions for approval:

- Resolution 2018-30 for Cash Basis and Budget Law, General Accounting Practice (GAP), for 2019 for Republic County.
- Resolution 2018-31 for comparable salaries for County Clerk and County Treasurer.
- Resolution 2018-32, 2019 Wages for Elected Officials in Republic County as follows
 - County Attorney \$52,540
 - County Sheriff \$51,300
 - County Treasurer \$40,900
 - County Clerk \$40,900
 - Register of Deeds \$34,900
 - County Commissioners \$15,000

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-30 for GAP. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-31 for comparable salaries. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-32 for elected official's wages. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste administrative assistant, presented a Solid Waste disposal agreement between Republic County and Cloud County for 2019 stating an increase in tonnage fees from \$64.72 to \$66.02 plus fuel cost.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agreement for solid waste fees with Cloud County. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aaron also shared a letter prepared for City Mayors and Clerks explaining the increased monthly rates for 2019 and suggestions to reduce solid waste tonnage.

Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) requested that Republic County proclaim January 2019 as National Stalking Awareness Month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim January as National Stalking Awareness Month. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kenneth Nelson, Jamestown resident, inquired about vacating an alleyway in Talmo adjacent to property he is purchasing. The alleyway was unofficially vacated many years ago by the previous owner, however, to get a clear title to the new property, Nelson is requesting the vacating become official. Information will go to the County Attorney to proceed with the vacating process.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the monthly Regional Juvenile Detention meeting where Robin Cole from Pawnee Mental Health was the guest speaker.

At 9:45 a.m., Clerk Marsicek left to attend a funeral and Susan Aaron finished recording the minutes of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal presented an invoice from the Kansas Association of Counties for 2019 dues. Action was tabled until a comparison to the 2018 invoice can be completed.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, January 7, 2019 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