

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 8:30am. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Susan Aaron recorded the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to approve the December 31, 2018, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$310,345.24 were approved.

Human Resources clerk, Beth Ball, presented payroll change forms for signatures.

District Court Clerk, Kris Kling, advised that research is in progress to purchase a computer for the judge.

County Treasurer, Cindy Coons, had presented quotes to purchase 2 Lexmark 810DE printers for the Treasurer's office.

- Central Office Supply \$ 795.00 each
- LockIT \$1,168.57 each
- NexTech \$1,199.00 each

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to approve purchase of both printers from Central Office Supply. Motion passed unanimously.

As the Emergency Management Administrative Assistant, Susan Aaron, advised the Board of an upcoming regional Local Emergency Planning Committee table top exercise to be held near Salina in February. A team of 10 is being formed to participate in the exercise which will prepare and plan how to respond in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, advised the BOC of the following.

- Preparation for the tax sale is progressing. The next task is to publish as required.
- Repair issues at the former Health Department building have been resolved.
- Steps toward vacating alleys in Talmo are underway.
- The owner of Be Defined Fitness next to the new Health Department has been advised for their patrons not to park in the new Health Department parking lot.

Sheriff Ron Blad presented bids to replace two vehicles.

Melton Motors

- Replace 2011 Chevy Caprice with 111,968 miles. Tahoe's after trade-in price \$29,990
- Replace 2013 Chevy Silverado with 106,069 miles. Tahoe's after trade-in price \$26,940

GSA Partners (no trade-in accepted)

- 2019 Chevy Tahoe \$38,124.47
- 2019 Dodge Durango SSV \$56,961.98

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to accept the Melton Motors bids and to purchase one Tahoe with 2018 remaining funds and the second Tahoe with 2019 funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway and Solid Waste director, Dustin Zenger, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following.

- Zenger attended a seminar on poverty awareness on Wednesday December 2nd. Republic County schools sponsored the seminar which featured a representative from ESSDAK of Hutchinson. This seminar was designed to bring awareness of the level of poverty happening in our own communities. Local leaders were challenged to gain awareness of the number of families living in poverty in our own communities, and to continue working toward ways to help families reach financial goals to bring them out of poverty.
- The Solid Waste dozer, pickup and track loader have all had expensive repairs.
- Zenger is working with Nesika after finding out that large volumes of grain waste are being placed in the waste system.
- Plans are underway to work with all larger waste producers in the county in an effort to reduce Solid Waste expenses.
- Employee reviews are in progress.
- Zenger is refining a tier system. Commissioners wish to be involved with discussion and decisions on the tier system.
- Zenger is developing a more structured plan for Road and Bridge projects. Employees are encouraged when they can see the progress the team is making.
- Discussion was held about grading of the roads, training, road crown and 'eyebrow'.
- Permission to travel to the Kansas Coordinated Transit District Council (KCTDC) Grant Review in Topeka January 10 & 11, 2019, was granted to Stacey Bowen.
- Items were sold on Purple Wave: 1998 John Deere Motor Grader for \$23,500, 1984 Dodge Pickup for \$1,150, 1989 oil distribution truck for \$3,600, 1980 GMC semi-truck for \$1,250 and a 1992 low boy trailer for \$13,000.
- Concrete work at the new Health Department building is completed except for removing forms and backfilling.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to adjourn at 11:30am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2019, beginning at 8:30am at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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 January 7, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Jim Otott, concerned citizen, expressed interest in the yard work at the new health department. Commissioner Splichal appreciated the interest and information provided by Otott, however, he explained that the yard work will be bid out. Otott can present a quote at that time.

Resolution 2019-01 for a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was presented to replace Resolution 2014-21 which created a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for NCK Fair Grounds. The funds can now be used on any buildings owned by Republic County not just at the Fair Grounds.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Sheriff Ron Blad sent a response to a request from Ed Klumpp, the Legislative Liaison for Kansas Sheriffs Association. Law Enforcement agencies are to annually submit a report regarding any forfeiture proceeds received and how any of those proceeds were expended to the budgetary authority. Blad reported there were no forfeiture funds received or expended in 2018.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary, requested signatures on the Bi-Annual Program Income Report for the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing. Shoemaker announced there will be an RCD meeting on February 6. Funds available for lending on December 31, 2018 were \$402,222.96.

Raymond Raney, Director of Communications, presented a letter requesting the commissioners' support of the House and Senate Bills amending the Kansas 9-1-1 Act. Commissioners unanimously supported the letter.

At 9:30 a.m., the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek recessed to the District courtroom where Commissioner-elect Edwin G. Splichal and County Attorney-elect Justin Ferrell were sworn in to office.

The board reconvened at 9:45 in the board room to continue items on the weekly agenda.

Commissioner Jeardoe nominated Commissioner Splichal to be Chairperson for 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the annual Resolutions and appointments. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motions with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

- Resolution 2019-02 Raymond Raney as 911 Coordinator
- Resolution 2019-03 Raymond Raney as ½ time Director of Communications
- Resolution 2019-04 Raymond Raney as ½ Emergency Manager
- Resolution 2019-05 David Holloway as Director of Emergency Medical Services
- Resolution 2019-06 Jeffrey Beikmann as Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services
- Resolution 2019-07 Raymond Raney as Flood Plain Manager
- Resolution 2019-08 Raymond Raney as Hazardous Material Advisor
- Resolution 2019-09 Danielle Swanson as Director of Health Department
- Resolution 2019-10 Dustin Zenger as Highway Administrator
- Resolution 2019-11 Mike Nondorf as Noxious Weed Director
- Resolution 2019-12 Raymond Raney as Radiological Officer
- Resolution 2019-13 Raymond Raney as Safety Officer
- Resolution 2019-14 Dustin Zenger as Solid Waste Director
- Resolution 2019-15 Dustin Zenger as Transportation Director

Following a review of the 2019 IRS mileage rate, Resolution 2019-16 to increase the mileage reimbursement to \$0.53 was presented. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the increase rate of reimbursement for mileage. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

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

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Due to the snow storm Friday night and Saturday, road crews worked to remove the snow on Saturday, January 12 and Sunday, January 13.
- Zenger is working on a solution with Nesika to reduce the tonnage of waste delivered to the Cloud County waste facility.
- Zenger suggested that the county apply for a signage program through Kansas Department of Transportation for local roads.
- Zenger explained that the current lease agreement with Bobcat for the skid loader will expire November 2020 and he will be researching the possibility of purchasing a skid loader at that time.
- Larry Baxa, concerned landowner, explained a road hazard near his farm north of Cuba. Many years ago, the county discussed installing a back slope to the drainage waterway on Nickel Road north of Cuba, but it was never completed and now drainage from the waterways is making the drainage ditch steep and unsafe. Zenger suggested that Baxa contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Kevin Elliot to obtain design plans to correct this issue.

The County will then do necessary repairs within our right of way to improve the drainage issue. Anything beyond our right of way will be the responsibility of the landowner.

At 11:00 a.m., the Commissioners, Clerk Marsicek, Danielle Swanson, Brynn Alexander and Deb Hadachek met at the new health department building to review the remodeling. Mark Budreau asked permission to modify the original plans.

1. Change the window design at the front desk from side to side sliding opening to an up and down opening.
2. Change the dimensions of the retaining wall at the front entrance from 4' deep to 16".

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 21, 2019, beginning at 8:30am 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 21, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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 the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$201,359.84.

Following a discussion in regards to attending the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Regional Table Top exercise in Salina on February 19, the commissioners unanimously decided not to hold a regular meeting the week of February 19 so Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal could attend the training session as a special scheduled meeting. Susan Aaron will attend the meeting with the commissioners.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, announced that \$10,365,065.68 of taxes has been collected so far. This is approximately 67.4% of the requested amount of taxes mailed. Coons also requested permission to attend the Kanas County Treasurers Association February conference and Certification class in Topeka from February 13 to 15. Permission was granted.

Susan Aaron, Emergency Management secretary, announced a FEMA training class being held on March 7 for elected officials and encouraged the commissioners to consider attending.

Kim Lapo, Honorable Mayor of Belleville, and Adam Anderson, Belleville City Manager, updated the commissioners of projects in the City of Belleville.

- The basketball court in the city park is complete.
- City council is researching land-bank funding to assist with cleanup within the city of Belleville.
- Possibility of building a community center will be a topic at the next council meeting.
- Phase 1 of the nuisance abatement program has been completed.
- Council person Kelley Collard was sworn in on January 14.
- Plans for Belleville's 150th anniversary activities are underway, watch the local paper for events.
- Plans to replace some water lines this spring.
- Plans to drill test water wells when the weather is better.

Commissioner Splichal complimented the City of Belleville and the Christmas light committee for the display at Rocky Pond.

Resolution 2019-17 to increase the solid waste fees for residents, businesses and cities of Republic County effective January 1, 2019 was presented. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger explained plans to start sealing roads in July.
- Zenger is researching bids for a pup trailer, a yard loader and a road grader during 2019.
- Zenger requested signatures on solid waste fee agreements between Republic County and the cities of Narka, Cuba and Courtland.

At 11:20 a.m., the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek, toured the remodeling in the sheriff's department.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 28, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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 the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion with Commissioner Splichal making it unanimous.

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

A request from Courser Lapo Clinical and Family Services showed interest in renting the lower office space in the North Central Medical Arts building was reviewed. Commissioners decided to decline renting the office space at this time.

Allison Carlgren, Pike Valley After Prom committee, sent a letter requesting financial support from the Drug and Alcohol fund for after prom activities.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to contribute \$750 to the Pike Valley After Prom activities. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The commissioners reviewed the quote for IT services through CIC. They stated there should be ample IT support while the transition from County Works to CIC software, therefore, they will revisit the request in 2020.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that two new employees started today, Monday, January 28.
 - Harry Morrison starting pay \$11.75 per hour.
 - Jason Barleen starting pay \$12.50 per hour.
- Crews are trimming trees on road sides waiting for roads to dry enough to maintain.
- Zenger will research equipment to include on the annual consignment sale in April.
- The foundation of the extension of the oil room and tire rooms is complete.
- Zenger is preparing a list of roads for regrades during 2019 and future years.

Permission was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the North Central Kansas Preparedness meeting in Beloit on January 30.

EMS Director David Holloway and Amy Havel, EMT, asked permission to replace the flooring throughout the EMS station except for the main living room. Commissioners approved the updating of the flooring but want three quotes to compare. Holloway will present the quotes next week.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m for the commissioners to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded a motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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

Pastor Mike MacWinnie, Zion Church of Munden, 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 January 28, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Danielle Swanson, Director of Health Department, updated the commissioners on progress of the new building by requesting permission to be closed to the public the first week of March to move into the new facility. Budreau Construction suggested the installation of tile in the examination rooms and front reception area. Commissioners approved the floor changes.

Swanson announced an open house will be set for April.

Sealed bids for services to the lawn watering system at the courthouse were opened.

- Abe's Tree and Lawn Service \$285 plus any repairs
- Performance Lawn \$270 plus any repairs

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

Commissioners signed a lease agreement between Republic County and Jerry Strnad to use the tower and relay equipment owned by Republic County in Freedom Township.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Joseph Rundus as the Rose Creek Township Clerk. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Beth Ball to attend the Spring Kansas County Clerk meeting in Abilene on March 21 and the mandatory HAVA training in Wichita from May 7 to May 10.

Permission also was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend Sanborn Training in Wichita from April 10 to April 12.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger shared that new computer software updates have begun and more detailed project cost reports will be available once updates are completed.
- Zenger requested signatures on a solid waste fees agreement between Republic County and the City of Belleville.

- Roads are beginning to firm up enough to
- grade and spread additional gravel.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, announced the 2016 Delinquent Tax sale should be held in March. Ferrell is working with the Republic County Hospital Administrator to finalize the rental contracts with the physicians in the Medical Arts Building.

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called the Road closure hearing for the streets and blocks north of Hwy K148 in Talmo to order. Since there was no one to protest, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-18 to vacate all streets, alleyways, roads and blocks 1-12, North Second St and North First St located north of Hwy K148 in the city of Talmo. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal adjourned the hearing at 11:10 a.m.

David Holloway, EMS Director and Jeff Beikmann, assistant EMS Director presented three bids for floor covering for the EMS station.

- Belleville Hometown Lumber \$14,080.11
- Tibbetts Bros, Inc-Feather Nest \$14,316.13
- Boman Floor Covering \$14,656.24

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the bid from Belleville Home Town Lumber. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded a motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. 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.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, 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 \$400,674.43.

Tiffany Hansen, Belleville City Council, requested that the commissioners research the possibility of changing the county resolution designating all businesses desiring to sell liquor by the drink from private club to a drinking establishment. The current resolution requires 20% of the income from the business to come from food sales in order to offer liquor by the drink. Commissioner Splichal will contact the County Attorney to follow up on this request.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, announced there would be a meeting on Wednesday, February 13 at the Bel-Villa Restaurant at 6:30 pm to review a loan application.

Shoemaker also announced that Chris & Christi Janssen, DBA C&C High Tunnel Farm, have completely fulfilled their obligation of repayment of the revolving loan. Shoemaker requested signatures to release the collateral life policies from Scottsdale Insurance.

Cindy Coons presented the Year End Financial account of funds showing a balance of \$16,923,363.00 to start 2019.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the letter to Rolling Hills notifying them that Republic County Health Department will be vacating their Belleville location as of March 31, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the Preparedness Tabletop training in Salina on February 19 and North Central Kansas Regional Supervisor meeting in Beloit on February 20.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded a motion. Motion carried.

In observation of Presidents' Day, Monday, February 18, all county offices will be closed. Due to a preparedness training in Salina on February 19, the Commissioners will not meet for a regular session the week of February 18 to February 22.

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

Due to planned training (which
was canceled the day before
the training because of
weather)

No meeting was held
the week of February 19, 2019

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. Edwin Splichal was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the 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, 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 \$149,195.76

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

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, requested signatures on the annual report for the State of Kansas for chemicals used during 2018.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the Jeopardy Preparedness training in Washington on February 27.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Jay Kallman as representative from Republic County for the Board of Directors of the North Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging for two years. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Committee (NCRPC) and Luke Mahin from Economic Development, presented the proposed vision plans for the NCRPC. McKinney also presented Resolution 2019-19 requesting Republic County support the NCRPC.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-19. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Honorable Mayor of Cuba, Joe Chizek, invited the commissioners to attend the annual Rock-A-Thon the week of March 10 to March 16.

- Chizek commended the road crews for the job they do clearing the streets and roads.
- Chizek requested assistance patching asphalt this summer.
- Chizek announced on September 7th and 8th, Molly B will be performing in Cuba.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Requested signatures on a solid waste agreement between Republic County and the City of Republic.
- Zenger is researching bids for road grader, yard loader, truck and pup trailer.
- County Crews are clearing snow throughout the county and have been working together with the city of Belleville to clear the snow around the courthouse and the square.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a human resource issue. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Kay Shoemaker, secretary for Republic County Development (RCD), presented a recommendation from the RCD board for a county loan to Courtland Building Venture, LLC for \$30,000. An additional \$45,000 will be provided through the E-Community funds.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the loan to Courtland Building Venture, LLC. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek presented quotes for a laptop.

- Professional Services \$1,489.00
- Nex-Tech \$1,462.95

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the quote from Professional services. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners and Marsicek toured the Register of Deeds office where Peggy Frint and Sandee Swanson demonstrated the new Laredo search software available to search deeds without disturbing the historical books. This software will save time searching for data and damage to the historic books.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded a motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2019. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek reminded Commissioners of the Republic County Storm spotter meeting on March 5 at the 4-H Building at the Fair Grounds.

Sherry Koster, North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group (NCKLEPG) Sanitarian, presented the semi-annual reports for the NCKLEPG region. Koster also requested approval of voting ballot and an invoice in the amount of \$1,500 for 2019-2020.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the LEPG invoice and voting ballot. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 8:55 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a human resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 9:05 a.m. taking no action.

Following discussion regarding the replacement of the large back door at the new Health Department building, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow Budreau Construction to replace the door. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion, due to the weather delays, to grant Budreau Construction an extension in completion time for concrete work at the front entrance of the building and to grant Hoge Masonry an extension for concrete work on the sidewalk on the east side of the courthouse. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Kathy Calkins, secretary for sheriff's office, announced that Republic County respectfully declined the grant funding from the Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program through Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the new software, "Enterpol", due to additional costs for labor required for compliance research, follow-up reports and audit requirements. The software has been paid with available funds from the 2018 budget.

Commissioners toured the Treasurer and Clerk's office.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the Agreement between Republic County and Kansas WorkforceONE. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded a motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, the 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2019. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$153,941.03.

Clerk Marsicek announced a court security analyst for the 12th Judicial District counties will tour each courthouse from March 13 to 15. The tour for Republic County Courthouse will be Thursday, March 14, 2019 starting at 1:30 p.m.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, presented the following updates:

- Ferrell contacted Brett Cunningham however, Ferrell was referred to the Jewell County Attorney for further information.
- The Physician rental agreements for the Medical Arts Building will be ready by May 1, 2019.
- Ferrell presented a report regarding the county breakdown for Kansas Liquor by the Drink. There are 3 counties who do not offer liquor by the drink., 35 counties that require NO food sales requirements and 67 counties (including Republic County) that requires 30% food sales in order to sell liquor by the drink.
- Ferrell recommended that the county table the discussion regarding liquor by the drink changes until after the City of Belleville reaches a decision about Sunday alcohol sales.
- The hearing to approve the setting of a date for the tax sale will be in April.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, notified the commissioners that the recycling trailer is working well. Blecha asked for an update on the delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Splichal stated the initial hearing to set the date will be in April. The tax sale should be in late May or June. Blecha encouraged the county to start the process for the next sale as soon as the this one is complete.

Jeremiah Allen, county employee, asked to speak with the commissioners in a closed session.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel personal issues. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Allen. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

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

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced starting Monday, March 11, the road and bridge employees are on summer hours (10-hour days Monday through Thursday).
- Road crews are busy with the recent warm temperatures that is melting the snow and now the rain and flooding. The budget to cover the overtime is remaining steady.
- Zenger shared there are 4 opening for full time employees and he will be advertising for summer help.

Permission was granted for Dusty Zenger to attend the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Conference in Wichita from April 14 to April 18.

Permission was granted for Barry Porter to attend the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) update in Topeka on April 22 and April 23.

Channing Lewis and Heather Offutt, Nex Tech Wireless, presented a quote for a new contract.

A decision for a new wireless contract was tabled until US Cellular could present a quote.

No commissioner will attend the River Valley Extension Appreciation Dinner on March 18, 2019.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding an HR issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, monitored the meeting.

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

Commissioned Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, 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 March 12, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The awning has been installed on the east side of the courthouse.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he, along with several department heads, attended the security discussion and inspection of the Republic County Courthouse on March 14, which was requested by Judge Kim Cudney of the 12th Judicial District. An assessment report will be sent to Judge Cudney to review with the commissioners.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk and Human Resources, explained the procedures in the Policy Handbook regarding employees filing for workman's comprehension claim.

Waylon Sheetz, Belleville Mainstreet and Chamber, announced the kick-off for the 150 Anniversary of Belleville will take place on May 18th. The group is requesting permission to use the courthouse square for many activities for the celebration throughout the year.

Permission to travel was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend the following events:

- Register of Deeds Spring Telenet meeting in Salina on April 9, 2019.
- North Central District Spring Register of Deeds and Treasurer meeting in Ellsworth on April 12, 2019.

Jeff Beikmann, EMS assistant Director, requested signature for annual report for the State EMS Board.

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a human resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, County Attorney-Justin Ferrell, Alisha Bond-Group Benefits Services, Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:25 a.m. taking no action.

Adam Crawford and Leasha Aebi, US Cellular, presented a bid for the wireless phone contract. Commissioner Splichal requested an updated bid for 30-month contract to be able to compare the bids. Crawford will email the 30-month bid to Clerk Marsicek by Wednesday.

Final decision for the wireless contract will be made at the March 25 board meeting.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Crews are preparing for major road work when roads are dry and repairing damaged roads for use.
- Zenger announced the new software and codes will increase the accuracy of cost of road repairs.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, reported that he attended the security discussion and inspection. There are suggestions to create a safety committee and have them meet regularly. Raney stated some of the suggestions apply to larger counties more so than to a smaller county. Once the commissioners receive the assessment report, areas suggested for improvement will be addressed.

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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 March 18, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$186,578.23.

Kim Springer, Sidney Lewellyn, Kalee Svoboda, Niki Henderson, Nancy Farmer, Rod Farmer and Julie Lindberg from Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) attended to report on CASA within Republic County. There are 17 active volunteers in Republic County. CASA requested that Republic County proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Lewellyn and Svoboda from Republic County High School Kay Club announced their organization will be assisting CASA by supporting a "Wear Blue Day" on April 5 in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Permission to use the courthouse square for the Kickoff to summer events as part of the 150th Anniversary of the City of Belleville was approved.

Beth Ball reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas is assisting with insurance issues.

Commissioners signed a letter of support for the City of Munden's application for funding from Dane Hansen Foundation to remove unsafe structures within the City of Munden.

Permission to travel was granted for Health Department employees to attend the following events:

- Nicole Kraus and Danielle Swanson to attend Child Passenger update in Wichita, KS on April 1, 2019.
- Elizabeth Parde, Brynn Alexander and Danielle Swanson to attend Governor's Public Health Conference in Manhattan, KS from April 2 to April 4, 2019.
- Elizabeth Parde to attend the Vision screening and Assessment workshop in Wichita, KS on April 19, 2019.
- Nicole Kraus and Brynn Alexander to attend the 2019 WIC Conference in Manhattan, KS from April 29 to May 1, 2019.

- Elizabeth Parde to attend Parent Health Literacy training in Junction City, KS on April 30, 2019.

Channing Lewis, Nex-Tech Wireless, monitored a portion of the meeting regarding the review of bids for wireless service.

Bids received for the wireless service were as follow:

- Nex-Tech, 30 month contract \$812.96 per month including new equipment and taxes
- US Cellular, 30 month contract \$823.00 per month including new equipment

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

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented an agreement for signatures between Republic County and Nex-Tech, Inc to construct and operate an underground fiber optic cable.
- Zenger is using “Indeed.com” for classified ads for operators.
- Zenger’s assessment of roads following the recent wet weather, resulted in modifying current road maintenance. Many roads need additional gravel and regrading.
- Zenger will create a Road and Bridge policy in regards to purchasing safety shoes and equipment for his department.
- Zenger’s department will assist in additional dirt deposited on the lawn of the new health department.

At 11:15 a.m., the board and Clerk Marsicek recessed to the new Health Department building and EMS building to tour the remodeling and new flooring.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored 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 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 March 25, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal on human resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

Board reconvened at 8:40 a.m., taking no action.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney to attend the Spring Kansas Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials Conference in Mulvane, KS from March 31 to April 3, 2019.

Permission was granted for the annual Easter Egg hunt to be held on the courthouse lawn on April 20, 2019.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, requested a letter of support for a grant through the Republic County Community Foundation for materials only to repair the road to the sewer pond of Munden. Commissioner Splichal stated a letter would be ready later this week.

Resolution 2019-20, to close an inactive fund and move the balance to County General, was presented by Clerk Marsicek. The fund has been inactive since 1975.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-21, replacing a resolution started in 2018 but not completed, declaring certain personal property tax judgements to be dormant, was presented for action. Uncollected personal property for more than 7 years can be allowed to become dormant.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-21. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personal regarding human resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Patrick Comstock and Clerk Marsicek.

Board reconvened at 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve advertising for a part-time custodian. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek will place a classified ad for the position in this weeks' paper.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that new employee, Cody Showers, began work April 1 with a wage of \$12.50 per hour.
- Zenger and Commissioner Jeardoe will attend the North Central Kansas County Highway Officials spring meeting in Abilene on April 3, 2019.
- Zenger announced the dirt work is complete at the new health department.
- Zenger is scheduling and ordering supplies for bridge repairs in 2019.
- Zenger is researching a new fuel system, possible a cloud-based system.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, Republic Economic Development, requested signatures on the Republic County Economic Development loan for Courtland Building Venture, LLC.

David Holloway, EMS Director, presented one sealed bid to sell the older Zoll M series Defibrillator. The City of Washington submitted a bid of \$1,500.00 for this equipment.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from the City of Washington. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal commended the EMS department for the ability to cover the many transfers from the Republic County hospital.

Holloway requested permission to research quotes to update all AED equipment within Republic County and replace Unit #4 in 2021. Funding for the new ambulance should be available through transfers of funds during the next couple years.

Holloway suggested that Republic County develop an Extraction team not made up of EMTs to assist when necessary. Commissioners requested additional information before any approval.

Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator, invited the commissioners to the Open House of the new Health Department on April 12th from 8 am to noon.

Swanson also announced that the audit performed by the Area Agency on Aging is complete and the health department passed with great reports.

Swanson contacted the City of Belleville regarding painting parking lines on the driveway but was told the county could borrow the stencils but cities crews could not paint the lines. Swanson will get with Patrick Comstock to proceed further with this project.

At 11:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding corrected action of personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe

seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Swanson, Comstock and Clerk Marsicek.

Reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

Arlene Clayton, Belleville resident, monitored part of the meeting and commented that the Jewell County hospital is planning remodeling to include a state of art clinic which our Republic County physicians will be using when they are assisting patients in Mankato.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded a motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored the meeting.

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, 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 April 1, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$172,580.63.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personal on a human resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Clerk Marsicek announced Computer Information Concepts (CIC) software transition training is occurring. In the next two weeks the payroll system will be moving to the CIC system and on April 24, the new Republic County website will be released for training. CIC requested contacts to update the website. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to allow only Barry Porter, Beth Ball and Susan Aaron as controllers until the end of 2019. Commissioners will review the need to add more personnel to modify after January 1, 2020. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners requested that a classified ad for lawn prep at the new Health Department be published this week. The ad is to include dirt work, seeding and fertilizing the grass around the new Health Department. The work must be completed by May 17, 2019. Sealed bids are to be submitted before April 26, 2019, to be open on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint to attend Fidler Symposium in Davenport, IA from May 19 to May 22, 2019.

Permission was granted for Peggy Frint and Sandee Swanson to attend Kansas Register of Deeds Association Spring Seminar in Topeka, KS from June 4 to June 7, 2019.

Frint asked permission to offer for sale, to other register of deeds offices, overstock ledger paper that is unused since her office is paperless because the information is now available online. Permission was granted.

Sheriff Blad asked permission to research new portable radios with both analog and digital capability to improve the communication with the EMS department. Commissioners granted permission and suggested that Blad apply for a Dane Hansen grant to assist with cost once a quote is received.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that his department is having more applicants from classifieds since placing them online with Indeed.com.
- Zenger will be attending a conference next week.

- Bridge crew will be working on the bridge 2 miles west of Cuba on Queen Road near 240 Rd.
- Zenger stated that the gravel budget is stable for now. If we continue to have extreme rains, the gravel inventory might become an issue.
- Zenger will send invoices for repairs to damaged roads when people get stuck and must be pulled out. Unless there is a police report, it is difficult to recoup any damages for repairs.
- The county borrowed a core drill to sample asphalt roads throughout Republic County to test for depth and composition of asphalt.

A request from Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) was presented to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the Proclamation from DVACK. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to close the Republic County Courthouse on Friday, April 19 from Noon to 2 PM so employees can attend Good Friday services. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arlene Clayton, Belleville citizen, suggested that the commissioners research the requirements of persons applying for the Rural Opportunity Zone. Clayton is concerned that persons attending a technical college are not eligible. Luke Mahin, Economic Development, will be contacted for detail information.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, Republic Economic Development, joined the meeting.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called the Kansas Department of Commerce loan hearing to order. Since there were no objections voiced by any person present, Commissioner Splichal closed the hearing at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to waive the need for an environmental review and approve the loan as presented by the Republic County Economic Development to Josh & Kelly Collard DBA Woodshop Pizza & Coffee LLC. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shoemaker also requested signatures on the voucher for Courtland Building Venture, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored 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 of Belleville, 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 April 8, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move the next commissioner meeting to Tuesday, April 23. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development and Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ), explained the qualifications for ROZ persons includes all persons attaining an Associate, Bachelor or Post-graduate degree. This includes all trade schools. There are currently 76 counties participating in Kansas and several other counties are in the process of approving the ROZ program.

Mahin verified the county's permission to use the Republic County Federal ID number on an application for housing rates to house the Intern for the summer through the Economic Development program. Permission was granted.

Mahin announced the upcoming meeting on April 29 at the Blair Theater to promote Launch and Grow by Ben Winchester. Mahin also discussed the Bike Share program promoted by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Nicole Kraus, health department, asked permission to collect donations of baby supplies-diapers, wipes and creams (non-perishable items) to be distributed during the Countywide Baby Shower on April 27. Items can be dropped off at the courthouse and the Health Department. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to grant permission. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion.

Kraus announced that many people attended the grand opening of the new health department building on April 12.

At 10:10 a.m., the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the sheriff's department for a demonstration of the Enterpol computer system and completed remodeling.

With all agenda items completed and in order for the auditors use of the board room, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded a motion. Motion carried.

To accommodate a conflict on Monday, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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 April 15, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$136,710.59.

Clerk Marsicek shared a "Thank you" from Pike Valley After Prom.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, asked permission to replace the cushions for the jurors. Permission was granted and the expense will be paid from county general.

Due to a conflict, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to postpone the May 20th meeting to Tuesday, May 21. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, requested signatures on the following documents:

- Release of obligation to the County by paying loan in full from Country Place Home Plus.
- Release collateral assignment from Cincinnati Insurance for Country Place Home Plus.
- Release collateral assignment from Farm Bureau Life Insurance Policy for Diane M Larson-Floersch.
- Release collateral assignment from Farm Bureau Life Insurance Policy for Robert Floersch.

Raymond Raney, Belleville Highbanks, inquired regarding funds for 2019 repairs and improvements for the gates to the racetrack. Commissioner Splichal assured there is up to \$14,000 in the 2019 budget for the Highbanks.

Chuck Westin, concerned citizen, requested in writing that the commissioner research implementing zoning in Republic County. Westin stressed that some requests for improvements in the county may benefit a small group but the county as a whole might not benefit.

Clerk Marsicek presented the audit report from Randy Hofmeier regarding possible fund transfers from County General, Road & Bridge, Noxious Weeds and Emergency Medical Services. Commissioners will review the report and make recommendation on Monday, April 29.

Twelve students and two teachers from Republic County Headstart visited with the commissioners as part of their courthouse tour.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, explained that the Family Medical Leave Act was created to grant employees up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave time during a 12 month period for medical reasons for themselves or immediate family members. Commissioners made the determination if the application of the employee meets the qualifications.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger is ordering 3,000 tons of cold mix asphalt for 2019 from Hall Brothers.

- Zenger received a quote from Hall Brothers to apply hot mix asphalt to 4 miles of blacktop north of Cuba.
- Central Valley Ag is preparing a quote a fueling system.
- Truck bids are to be opened on May 6.
- Bridge crew is working on culverts and then will install a bridge on 240 Rd near Queen Road.
- Asphalt crew will be patching roads during May and June then sealing roads in July.
- Zenger attended the National Conference in Wichita the week of April 15 to April 18.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 3 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Zenger.

The board reconvened at 11:03 a.m., taking no action.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, and Sandee Swanson, Deputy Register of Deeds, explained their 2020 budget request.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to proclaim May 19th to May 25th as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patrick Comstock announced he has received 3 applications for the assistant custodian positions and will set up interviews.

Commissioner Splichal attend the Juvenile Detention meeting.

Commissioners requested that Rob Kasl be contacted in regards to the removal of the flag poles around the courthouse lawn.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded a motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek 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 April 23, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence regarding the Belleville Community PRIDE and Belleville Sesquicentennial (150th) Celebration committee requesting sponsoring a specific event during the 3-day celebration to be held throughout Belleville on August 16 to August 18, 2019 was reviewed and all action tabled.

Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District, requested signatures on the Comprehensive Community Correction Plan Grant application for FY20, the FY20 Adult Behavioral Health Programming Grant application and FY20 Juvenile Behavioral Health Program Grant application.

Backstrom also presented details of services within the 6 counties of the 12th Judicial District.

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

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, announced the 2016 delinquent tax sale with 12 parcels will be held on June 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom.

Coons, also, presented the first quarter financial report with a balance on hand in multiple financial facilities as of March 31, 2019 totaling \$10,312,780.18.

Permission was granted for Coons to attend Kansas County Treasurers Association June conference in Wichita between June 12th and June 14th.

Resolutions to transfer certain funds over and above those funds that were obligated for 2018 were reviewed as follow:

- Resolution No. 2019-24, transfer \$70,000 from Ambulance Fund to Special Ambulance & Medical Equipment Fund.
- Resolution No. 2019-25, transfer \$75,000 from County General to County Equipment Reserve Fund.
- Resolution No. 2019-26, transfer \$175,000 from County General to Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2019-24, 25 and 26. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek announced that no sealed bids had been received for the seeding and fertilizing of the lawn in front of the new health department. Commissioners requested a new ad be placed in the Belleville Telescope and Advertiser.

Patrick Comstock informed the commissioners the position for a part-time custodian has not been filled and he will run the classified a few more weeks in the Belleville Telescope and one time in the Advertiser.

Raymond Raney, Communications Director, requested permission to purchase a U-shaped desk in Susan Aaron's office. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase of a desk from Central Office supply for \$1,380.80 and funds to cover the cost will be split between Solid Waste, Emergency Preparedness and County General. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move Sandee Swanson, Deputy Register of Deeds, to full-time status beginning May 1st and employee benefits will begin June 1st. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that he would have his request transfer amounts ready next week.
- Zenger suggested that a road grader be replaced every year to maintain a rotation of equipment.
- Plans to regrade Lincoln road from 140 road to 200 road are on the schedule.
- Zenger had received word from Kansas Department of Transportation that KDOT crews will be installing an overlay on US Hwy 81 through Republic County in 2019.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, confirmed the date of the 2016 delinquent tax as June 11, 2019 and as soon as that tax sale is closed, he will begin the 2018 delinquent tax sale.

Ferrell, also, shared that a draft of the rental contracts to use the Medical Arts building has been delivered to each physician for review.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, announced her retirement effective August 1, 2019. She has mailed her resignation letters to Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary Scott Swab.

Commissioners accepted, with regrets, Frint's resignation as Republic County Register of Deeds.

Permission was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend the 2019 Budget workshop in Salina on May 10, 2019.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD), announced the approval of a loan through the Kansas Department of Commerce for Woodshop Pizza & Coffee and requested the first draw on the loan for \$32,332.50. Shoemaker stated there possibly will be an RCD monthly meeting on May 15, 2019.

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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

Pastor Bob Frasier, Presbyterian Church of Belleville, 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 April 29, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission was granted for Sherri Larson, Belleville City Library, to use the courthouse lawn west of the library for summer Reading programs and events in May, June and July.

Barry Porter presented quotes for a Lexmark MS825dn Laser Pinter. Appraiser funds will cover the cost.

- Office Depot \$1,729.99
- Insight \$1,871.99
- Nex-Tech \$1,995.00
- Amazon \$1,494.95
- CDW \$1,904.99

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the Amazon quote. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss confidential data regarding contract negotiations. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:20 a.m., taking no action.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Adam Hlad from Summit Trucking and Bill Rowe from Doonan Trucking joined the meeting regarding bid opening for a dump truck.
 - Summit Trucking - Int'l Truck #1 \$149,470.27
 - Summit Trucking – Int'l Truck #2 \$150,246.00
 - Doonan-Peterbilt \$166,862.27
 - Summit Trucking – Volvo Truck #1 \$153,820.27
 - Summit Trucking – Volvo Truck #2 \$154,596.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the bid from Summit Trucking for the Int'l Truck #1 for \$149,470.27. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Zenger presented Resolutions to transfer certain funds over and above those funds that were obligated for 2018 as follow:
 - Resolution No.2019-22, transfer \$230,000 from R & B General to Special Highway Improvement Fund.

○ Resolution No. 2019-23, transfer \$40,000 from R & B General to Special Equipment Fund. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2019-22 and 2019-23. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Holloway, EMS Director, discussed the need to sponsor a crisis contact person in Republic County.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded a motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The 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 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 May 6, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$473,810.04.

Kris Kling, District Court Clerk, expressed concern regarding the floor tile under the mat in her office. The floor needs to be stripped and waxed along with the areas in the hallway where the security guards are located.

Permission was granted to hold the Farmers Market on the southwest corner of the inside of the courthouse square every Saturday morning for the summer season.

Clerk Marsicek announced that no sealed bids were received for the lawn care at the new health department. Consensus of the commissioners is to follow-up with Jim Otott for ground preparation and scatter grass seed, then next fall put out for bids.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary, presented for signature, a draw down voucher for Woodshop Pizza and Coffee, LLC in the amount of \$18,089.30. Shoemaker also announced there would be an RCD meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

Patrick Comstock updated the commissioners regarding the part-time custodian position. The position has not been filled yet and he asked to run the classified for another two weeks. Permission was granted to continue to run the ad. Comstock stated that the grass/weeds will be sprayed after he mows this week. Comstock requested that Mike Nondorf be scheduled to spray in the spring and fall to keep the weeds down.

Sharon Segerhammer, Pawnee Mental Health, asked the commissioner to proclaim May as Mental Health Month.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, shared that she attended the meeting at the hospital last week regarding the comparison rankings of county facilities in healthcare and stated the comparisons were not about like situations.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented an updated projection of usage hours for graders and the year each should be upgraded. Zenger would like to update 1 road grader each year and an additional grader every 4th year.
- Commissioners asked if Zenger would contact Mike Nondorf in regards to spraying the courthouse lawn in the spring and fall.
- Commissioner Jeardoe requested assistance from Zenger's employees to remove the metal frame hanging from the roof of the courthouse.
- Road crews are patching the asphalt road south of Scandia in preparation of sealing that road this fall.
- The overlay on 260 Road north of Cuba should be completed this week.
- Two summer employees began this week and the other 3 will start by the end of May.

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

Due to conflict of schedules, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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 Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe announced that he attended the Republic County Hospital Board meeting on Monday, May 20.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, announced that the rental agreements for the Medical Arts building will be delivered to the doctors this week.

Sandee Swanson, Deputy Register of Deeds, requested permission to publish a classified ad for a part-time assistant to start in late July. Commissioner Splichal stated that the commissioners are tabling this request until later this summer.

Nicole Kraus, County Health Department, presented quotes for two (2) replacement desktop computers.

- Lock It Technologies, LLC \$1,387.99 each
- Nex-Tech \$1,761.94 each

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the low bid from Lock It. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheila Nelson-Stout and Patrick Wallerius from OCCK, Inc presented their yearly report stating there were 100 clients from Republic County in 2018 which is an increase of 22 from 2017. Stout announced that OCCK will be celebrating 50 years of service in 2020. Wallerius explained almost 600 Republic County residents have used the services of the 81 Connection bus. He announced a new program sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and Zagstir called Bike Share will be starting in June.

Stout also presented a request for a 3% increase in financial support from Republic County. Commissioner Splichal stated that the board would take that under consideration while creating the 2020 county budget.

Jim Otott visited with the commissioners regarding the lawncare at the new health department. Otott requested that the new signage be attached to the building instead of placing it on the lawn. Otott leveled the lawn and planted grass for the summer but will replant a preferred grass in the fall. Otott also mentioned that there are two trees on the east side of the Medical Arts building that should be removed.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Road crews are patching the asphalt roads south of Scandia then will move to south of Courtland, Narka and Munden.
- The bridge crew is finishing culverts and then will work on bridge projects.
- Summer employees are mowing the roadways where possible.
- Debris from the school remodeling has been delivered to the landfill.
- Zenger continues to search for grader quotes.

- Zenger discussed with Mike Nondorf a schedule to spray the weeds on the courthouse lawn.
- Zenger announced there are 2 full-time openings for operators and there will be another position in July.
- Zenger presented the proposed 2020 budgets for R&B, Special Bridge, Transportation, Solid Waste and Fuel Center.

Judge Kim Cudney, 12th Judicial District, 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 results of the security inspection of the courthouse. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Judge Cudney and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Raymond Raney and Sheriff Ron Blad were present to hear any suggestions necessary from Judge Cudney. Commissioner Splichal stated that the county has received confidential results. After the results have been reviewed, the county will develop a plan of action.

Kay Shoemaker and Mike Hadachek, Republic County Development (RCD), presented a loan request to Breeden’s Body Shop for approval. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the loan request in the amount of \$50,000 to Steve Breeden. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. RCD HUD Funds will be used.

Commissioners reviewed the 2018 Financial Audit report from Randy Hofmeier prepared at Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce, Faris Chartered. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the audit report. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from The Belleville Telescope monitored 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. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2019. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$703,731.19.

Charles and Judy Smies, Friends of Pawnee Indian Museum, explained that the signs on Fir Road and US Hwy 36 showing where to turn for the museum are very faded and need replaced. Commissioner Splichal instructed the Smies to contact Dusty Zenger at the county shop to review the signage issue.

Commissioners instructed Clerk Marsicek to place a classified ad for sealed bids to remove three trees on the east property line of the Medical Arts building.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, explained the necessity of publishing the opening for a Deputy Register of Deeds position as soon as possible to give ample time to interview and train before her retirement on August 1. Commissioners agreed to discuss the request later when reviewing the budget requests.

Kelvin Blecha, North Central Kansas Free Fair chairman, presented plans for remodeling the current restroom outside the commercial building and asked if funds would be available in 2020 to proceed with the remodeling. Commissioner Splichal stated that when the fair board has approved the plans and bids have been submitted funds to assist with the remodeling should be available. Splichal suggested applying for grants and promoting the remodeling plans at the NCK fair this summer to seek donations.

Adam Anderson, Belleville City Manager, presented updates on several projects that the City of Belleville is undertaking this summer to include the following:

- Three test water wells have been dug and one has met the required levels so additional water will be drawn for additional test results.
- The second round of nuisance abatement inspection has been started.
- City crews have completed improvements to the dog park, added lighting to the new basketball court and opened the city pool for the summer.
- The election, to sell or not to sell alcohol on Sunday, will be finalized on June 10 following canvas of ballots.
- The waterline replacement project will begin in June.
- The Bike Share program will have bike stations by the old Mikesell Motors building and the bowling alley. The program will kick off in June.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Road crew were busy blading as many roads as possible in preparation of Memorial Day weekend.

- Commissioner Splichal asked Zenger if someone from his department could spray paint an “X” on the three trees on the east side of the Medical Arts building for removal.
- Zenger presented two quotes for used road graders
 - MNC, CAT of Omaha, NE \$199,900
 - Foley, CAT of Concordia, KS \$161,000

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the quote from Foley. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Following discussion regarding the need of a Deputy Register of Deeds, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve hiring of a part-time Deputy Register of Deeds for not more than 20 hours a week. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners looked over the individual departmental budget requests but will review in depth at the next meeting so the requests can be sent to the accountant to compile the 2020 County budget.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 3, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Dusty Zenger's weekly update. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development (RCED), introduced Harley Schuster as the summer intern to the RCED program. Harley will design improvements to communities in Republic County. Mahin also announced legislation effective July 1, 2019, that allows Cities and Foundations to be direct sponsors in their respective Counties if they sign a resolution. Following the approval of the 2020 budget, the commissioners will approve via resolution to allow Cities and Foundations in Republic County to be direct sponsors of eligible candidates.

Mabel Woodman and Tena Myer, concerned citizens, presented pictures of a bridge on 170 Rd that needs repaired. Commissioner Splichal recommended that the pictures be sent to Clerk Marsicek for her to forward on to Dusty Zenger for action.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, explained the requested increases in the proposed 2020 budgets for communications and Republic County 910.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD), presented a draw on the loan through the Kansas Department of Commerce for Woodshop Pizza & Coffee for \$2,360.00. Shoemaker stated there will be a short RCD monthly meeting on June 12, 2019.

Brian Isaacson, Apple 1 Media, explained that the new Health Department sign that was purchased is a two sided sign. Isaacson was contracted to install the sign once the lawn work was completed, however, because of a change in installation, both sides of the sign will be mounted to the outside of the new Health Department building. One on the east side and one on the north side.

Isaacson stated that his Apple Media bucket truck could be used to remove the metal frame on the west side of the courthouse. Isaacson will contact Patrick Comstock and schedule the project.

Permission was granted for Brynn Alexander to attend the Kansas Immunization Conference in Salina from June 11 to June 13, 2019.

Permission was granted for the Belleville Chamber and Mainstreet to use the courthouse lawn for the 37th Annual Cruise-In held June 14 to June 15, 2019.

The balance of the morning was used to review the 2020 proposed county departmental budgets.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 10, 2019, beginning with canvass 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 10, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek 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 June 3, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$290,102.82.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion, in the absence of Commissioner Bergstrom, to approve Susan Aaron as the third person to assist on the canvass board. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, explained that there were 10 provisional ballots from the special election for the City of Belleville regarding selling alcohol on Sunday in the city limits of Belleville. Nine of the ten ballots were acceptable ballots. One was refused because the person did not show proof of identification. The official result of the special election was 195 voted yes and 81 voted no.

Clerk Marsicek announced the 2019 Republic County valuation will be \$88,799,088. This is an increase of \$6,088,965 over 2018 valuation.

Cindy Coons, Republic County Treasurer, explained that the 2016 delinquent tax sale will be tomorrow, June 11, 2019 at 10 a.m. and asked if the commissioners want to set an opening bid on any property. The consensus of the board is to not set any opening bids.

Tim Garman, Honorable Mayor of Courtland, announced that after 32 years, he will not be running for mayor this year but for city council.

Garman formally invited the commissioners to the annual Courtland Fun-day activities starting July 26. The Theme for 2019 is "SKI-COURTLAND". Garman stated that the old medical clinic will be removed and an outdoor social area will be created by a local business.

Larry Sharp, Kansas County Multiple Pool (KCAMP) insurance representative, thanked Republic County for their business in 2018 and continued business in 2019. Sharp presented a summary of risk management services offered by KCAMP. Sharp also explained other programs offered through KCAMP that Republic County has not used in the past.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger stated that he reviewed the pictures regarding the bridge on 170 Rd near Larry Woodman property and the road supervisor will schedule the necessary repairs.
- Zenger will plan a road tour for June 17 to review road conditions with the commissioners.
- Roger Houghton, new truck driver, started May 28 at a wage of \$12.50 per hour.
- Zenger presented pictures of asphalt core samples throughout Republic County.
- Zenger requested the possibility of changing the transportation drivers to a full-time position and a part-time position. Commissioners will review the possibility as budgets are finalized. Zenger stated that Kansas Department of Transportation allows grants to cover benefits of full-time drivers.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2019-27 to create a Courthouse Security and Improvements Reserve fund. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-27. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2019-28 to transfer funds from County General to Courthouse Security and Improvements Reserve fund. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-28. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2019-29 to authorize the Participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program for 2020 by sponsoring 15 individuals for \$22,500. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-29. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal presented Resolution 2019-30 to set the starting wage for full-time and part-time non-elected employees in the courthouse. Full-time employee (40 hours per week) starting wage will be \$12.00 per hour with full benefits. Part-time employee (less than 40 hours per week) starting wage will be \$11.00 per hour and KPERs if employee works over 20 hours per week. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-30. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Robbin Cole, Leanne DeJoia, Dan Kuhn, Matt Myers, Gilletta Mollker, Debbie Sterrett, Charlene Trost and Myra Pfeifer from Pawnee Mental Health were present to support the 2020 appropriation request. Cole introduced each person and their relationship to Pawnee Mental Health. The request of \$35,179 is a 2.3% increase over 2019 approved appropriation. Cole also presented the 2018 Annual Report. Pawnee provided mental health services to 157 individuals in Republic County in 2018.

Sheriff Ron Blad and Emergency Manager, Raymond Raney joined the meeting.

At 11:43 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss security inspection of the courthouse. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Blad, Raney and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to develop a safety committee comprised of department heads to create a plan for improvements of the courthouse. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek presented an email quote from ThyssenKrupp Elevator to change from a Bronze plan to Gold month service plan. The services will not be enhanced but would be monthly billing instead of once a year.

Correspondence from CASA requesting 2020 appropriation of \$10,000 was reviewed and will be considered as the 2020 budget is prepared.

Clerk Marsicek announced the Belleville Boy Scouts and Local American Legion will have a formal flag disposal ceremony on June 14 at Rocky Pond at 7:00 PM.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 17, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek and Quinten Bergstrom 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 Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Everyone welcomed Commissioner Bergstrom back in the office.

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, presented pictures of three sections of land that displayed noxious musk thistles in the north central part of the county. The commissioners will tour that area later today during their scheduled road tour by the road and bridge administrator.

Republic County Conservation District represented by John Robison, Jerry Strnad, Wayne Pachta and Morgan Barnhart presented a 2020 budget request of \$37,500. The board approved the requested amount to be included in the Republic County budget for 2020.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the recap of 2016 delinquent tax sale noting 11 properties were listed and all properties were sold for a total of \$4,160.00.

Nicole Kraus, Health Department, requested a signature on the 2019-2020 contract between Republic County Health Department and USD 109.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste assistant, requested a signature for the Solid Waste hearing notices for residents and landlords.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, presented a quote from ES&S to purchase 6 Express Vote machines in the amount of \$25,950.

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

Ball also made a suggestion, that since we are creating a new Republic County website, it would be nice to have professional pictures of all elected officials. No action was taken on this suggestion.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an HR issue of a non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ball and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Kris Kling, Clerk of District Court, presented an additional request to district court budget for 2020. The 12th Judicial District requested an additional \$6,585 for the 2020 budget. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the additional increase. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

The sealed bid for tree removal at the Medical Arts building was opened. Abe's Tree and Lawn Service bid for \$2,650. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the bid from Abe's. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Peggy Frint, Register of Deeds, presented an updated budget request for 2020 which included an increase in personal services to cover additional hours for the deputy when the Register of Deeds is attending meetings. Frint stressed the need for the new deputy to be allowed to work 30 hours a week instead of the recommended 20 hours. Commissioner Splichal stated that a final decision would be made today since all commissioners were available to discuss the issue.

North Central Kansas (NCK) Free Fair Board consisting of Kelvin Blecha, Will Popelka, James Popelka, Justin Trost, Mick Valek, Kevin Jensen and Ronda Blecha, explained that the 2020 NCK Fair is celebrating its 100th anniversary and several buildings need updated with paint and siding. A quote of \$7,410 was presented to paint the commercial building by an outside company. Since the buildings belong to the county, the group is requesting assistance with the renovation for the celebration.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to use Capital improvement funds in the amount of \$7,410 to cover the painting of the commercial building. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Commissioner Jeardoe made an amendment to his original motion by adding \$2,590 for a total of \$10,000 to update the buildings. Commissioner Bergstrom agreed to the amendment. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Following a brief discussion regarding the number of hours for the Deputy Register of Deeds, Commissioner Splichal made a motion that the number of hours remain at 20 hours per week. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Two employees are mowing roadsides.
- A culvert was purchased to replace the bridge near the Woodman residence.
- Road crews are preparing to regrade Lincoln Rd between 200 Rd and 210 Rd.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe, Commissioner Splichal, Clerk Marsicek and Zenger recessed the balance of the meeting to the County truck to tour roads, bridges and noxious weed fields. A map of the tour is available in the permanent record.

The group returned at 1:00 p.m. to the courthouse where Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 17, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Commissioner Splichal joined via facetime from Switzerland. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek 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 Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$317,361.41.

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

Mike Nondorf, Weeds Director, reported that the noxious weed issue from last week has been resolved.

Nondorf presented three quotes for the Road and Bridge employee appreciation lunch.

- Food Mart \$8.50 per plate
- Tag's \$7.50 per plate
- Bel-Villa \$6.11 per plate

The consensus of the board was to accept the quote from the Bel-Villa.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained that Dusty Zenger had contacted him about purchasing a used 1993 Roller through Purple Wave. The current roller requires a new motor. Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the purchase of the roller for \$8,410.00. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, voiced his dissatisfaction with the many unnecessary purchases of new equipment and software updates. Unless employees are properly trained and the purchases are creating savings to the county, the tax payers are not receiving anything in return for these expenditures. Wilber recommended that the commissioners need to demand results from the department heads and employees. There needs to be more training on the proper methods of grading, mowing and taking more pride in the employees' work.

Joe Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, presented his quarterly report to the commissioners to include

- Invitation to the 2020 Cuba Harvest Festival held July 19 and 20.
- Invitation to Cuba to see Molly B on September 7 and 8.
- A request for asphalt to patch streets in Cuba. Commissioner Jeardoe will discuss the asphalt with Zenger.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Brett Klima, summer help, started for the fourth year Monday, June 17 at a wage of \$12.00 per hour.
- Zenger requested signatures on an agreement between Republic County and Bostwick Irrigation to assist with ditch cleaning at the intersection of Queen and 50 Rd.
- Zenger explained that the county roller is not usable and appreciated the approval to purchase the roller from Purple Wave.
- Zenger will advertise the old roller with the other equipment to be listed for sale on an auction sight to be determined later this fall.
- Zenger is researching the availability of a person to instruct inexperienced operators to maintain roads properly.
- He announced that the road crews have postponed patching of the asphalt south of Scandia until the gravel roads have been graded in that area.
- Zenger asked permission to purchase a 2003 Chevy ½ ton 4x4 truck from the Government surplus listing for \$4,335. It would replace a truck being sold on the next auction.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase as long as a current truck is sold on the auction. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Bergstrom made it unanimous.

At 10:45 a.m., Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting and Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss confidential information regarding contracts. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek.

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

At 11:00 a.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 1, 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

No meeting was held
the week of July 1, 2019

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal joined via facetime from Switzerland. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek 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 Church 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 June 24, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$281,469.40 were approved.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the use of his signature stamp on all vouchers for approval of the invoices. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek announced the dates of the employee appreciation meals as follows:

- R & B was held July 3 at noon.
- Courthouse will be August 12 at noon.
- EMS will be August 21 in the evening.
- Health Department will be August 30 at noon.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the 2020 District Court proposed budget of \$95,000. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the use of county facilities:

- Belleville Chamber & Main street to use the courthouse square for annual Poker walk on August 2.
- Belleville Community Pride to use the fairgrounds on August 16 to August 18 for the 150th celebration of Belleville and to use the courthouse lawn for morning activities of the City of Belleville's 150th Celebration on August 17.

Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe updated Commissioner Splichal regarding the Republic County Hospital Board meeting on June 24.

Susan Aaron, administrative assistant for solid waste, presented a list of 157 residents that are delinquent with the solid waste fees totaling \$11,204.31. Aaron mailed the third quarter invoices on July 1st.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented a road plan that he prepared for road patching and sealing on a 3-year rotation through 2042. It is working copy Zenger has been using for the last few years.
- Asphalt crew finished patching the road south of Scandia and now are patching south of Narka.
- Zenger announced that the culvert for the bridge on 170 Road near the Larry Woodman residence will be delivered this week.
- Zenger invited the commissioners to attend a local road safety planning meeting sponsored by Kansas Department of Transportation to be held on August 19 at 1:00 pm.
- Zenger researched the availability of offering a training for the grader operators. The company that presented the training in 2018 quoted \$1,000 per day for 6 persons.
- Because of the continuous increase in delivery charges from the Cloud County transfer station, Zenger is researching other delivery options.
- Zenger also reported that Republic County was granted permission to use the grant money from Dane Hansen Foundation that was for removal of hazardous waste be used instead for tire pickup and disposal. The commissioners recommended setting a one day, one place drop off.

At 10:50 am, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel dress code. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Clerk Marsicek requested a signature for the engagement letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered to prepare Republic County's 2020 budget.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to convene the next meeting, July 15, 2019, at 8:00 am to give extra time to finalize the 2020 budget with auditor Randy Hofmeier. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development, requested a signature on the Bi-annual report for Kansas Department of Commerce and announced that there would not be a meeting on July 10.

Patrick Comstock, courthouse custodian, introduced Frank Tabor as the new assistant custodian. Tabor started June 28th with a starting wage of \$12.00 per hour.

At 11:15 a.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 15, 2019, 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, JULY 15, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Marvin Bergstrom. 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, First Presbyterian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Randy Hofmeier, Lindberg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered, presented a draft of the proposed 2020 Republic County budget to be reviewed, modified and finalized so a budget hearing could be published.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, explained his concerns that the commissioners only include what each department needs to function not just what they want. The tax payers need to see results from the tax money spent. The condition of roads is unacceptable and employees using county computers for personal use needs to stop. Wilber urged the commissioners to visit, unannounced, each department and see what is going on and to go out and drive all the country roads.

Commissioner Splichal explained changes and upgrades are necessary not only in road equipment but in technology also. Splichal shared that he has been out driving the roads and improvements are planned. Commissioner Jeardoe stated that Zenger had presented to the commissioners a 25-year road improvement plan.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, visited with the commissioners regarding matters concerning Munden and its area.

- The City of Munden passed its proposed 2020 budget and reduced its levy.
- Blecha asked if there is a new rate for 2020 solid waste fees for the cities yet. Dusty Zenger stated the fee has not been set.
- City of Munden is consistently filling the recycle trailer and appreciates the county's recycling program.
- There was minimal damage to Munden in the recent storm.
- Blecha asked if the asphalt road south of Munden would be patched and sealed in 2019. Zenger stated that the plans are to patch the asphalt but the road might not get sealed this fall.
- Blecha requested that the road crew place a sign 1.75 miles north of US Hwy 36 on the Munden blacktop on the southeast side of the road near the culvert that does not have side rails.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented an invitation for the commissioners to attend the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) road safety planning meeting on August 19.
- Zenger shared a vehicle road count map from KDOT from 2015 to project what roads should be priority for updates.
- Road crew is patching asphalt south of Narka.
- Road crews worked on Friday, July 12 from 7 am to 2 pm in preparation of harvest.

- The culvert for bridge on south “K” street has arrived and is scheduled to be installed when possible.
- Zenger met with the equipment operator trainer to setup a training session this fall.
- There are two full-time operator positions open.
- Zenger will schedule a one-day tire cleanup this summer to use the grant funds from Dane Hansen.
- Susan Aaron requested signatures on an agreement between Republic County and City of Scandia for Solid waste fees.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend the CIC Symposium for updates and enhancements in Wichita from August 20 to August 23.

Resolution 2019-31 was presented, appointing Elizabeth Baskerville-Hiltgen as special prosecutor to act as the attorney for Republic County, should any need arise during said absences of the Republic County Attorney from July 19 to July 26, 2019.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-31. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Dr. Andy Walker, Dr. Nolan Beaver, Dr. Joe Fischer, Barry Bottger, David Paul Cavazos and Linda Holl expressed concerns regarding the new proposed 2019 rental contract between Republic County and the doctors using the North Central Medical Arts Building. Several issues were discussed regarding the building and maintenance to the building and who is responsible for the repairs. Each doctor pays a monthly rent and the county contributes approximately ¼ mill yearly into a maintenance fund monitored by the hospital. The clinic was closed on Monday, July 15 because of issues in the sub-basement and air conditioners.

Consensus of the board is to table the new rental contracts until repairs are completed and review the terms of the contract in January 2020.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development, presented a loan contract and draw down for Breeden’s Body Shop for \$50,000 for commissioner signature.

At 12:15 p.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

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REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Marvin Bergstrom. Melvin Jeardoe was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom monitored the meeting.

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

Pastor Michael MacWinnie, Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, 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 15, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$339,641.98 were approved.

Don McChesney, Highbanks Hall of Fame Museum, requested permission to use the courthouse square on July 27 for the Vintage Car display and breakfast.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse square by the Museum. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Aaron, Republic County taskforce representative, presented quotes for the employee appreciation lunch.

- Rick Cleveland \$6.00 per plate
- TAG'S \$7.75 per plate

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the quote from Rick Cleveland for the August 12 employee appreciation lunch. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aaron also presented quotes for photographers to take professional pictures of the elected officials for the new Republic County website.

- Linda Trecek \$75 per hour not to exceed \$200
- Tiffany Hansen Photography \$100 per person

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to accept the quote from Linda Trecek. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harold Wilber, concerned citizen, inquired if a proposed budget was completed in last weeks' session and if funding was reduced in necessary areas since he still has concerns about the road conditions, the budget and spending of tax payer funds.

Commissioner Splichal explained the 2020 proposed budget was finalized and will be published August 1 for the budget hearing on August 19.

Sandee Swanson, Deputy Register of Deeds, introduced Nichols Baxa as the new Deputy Register of Deeds once Sandee is sworn into office. Baxa's starting wage is \$11.00 per hour.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Road crews are working on both dirt roads and gravel roads.
- During August, the road south of Scandia will be sealed.
- Regrading will resume on L Rd.
- Zenger asked for clarification of "safety sensitive" positions for drug testing. Clerk Marsicek stated that on page 45 of the Republic County Policy and Procedure Handbook it lists the Road and Bridge, Health, Jail, Sheriff, Dispatch and EMS.

The North Central -Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging (NCFHAAA) requested a letter of support from Republic County for a grant application through Dane G Hansen Foundation.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to sign the letter of support for NCFHAAA. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission was granted for Cindy Coons, Treasurer, to attend the CIC Symposium for updates and enhancements in Wichita from August 20 to August 23.

At 10:15 p.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Note: The Board of Commissioners did not meet on July 29, 2019.

Following discussion regarding the deadline to register for the Kansas Association of Counties annual meeting in Wichita, Commissioner Splichal and Commissioner Jeardoe both plan on attending parts of the meeting. Clerk Marsicek will proceed with registrations for meetings and motel rooms.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste administrative assistant, shared that August 13, 15 and 17 are the collection days at the county landfill for tire disposal.

Aaron also requested signatures on agreements between Republic County and the cities of Cuba, Republic and Belleville regarding solid waste fees.

Danielle Swanson requested permission to hold a health fair in September. Swanson explained that due to HIPAA requirements, three new computers, that run on Windows 10, need purchased before January 2020.

Swanson presented quotes for the employee appreciation meals at the Health Department as follows:

- Bel-Villa \$13.50 per meal
- Feathered Nest \$11.50 per meal
- Wood Sanctuary \$10.00 per meal

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Wood Sanctuary. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Swanson updated the board that Budreau Construction had returned to fix areas in question following the final inspection by Campbell and Johnson, however, there are still a few issues that need addressed before the final invoice will be mailed.

Permission was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the Breastfeeding Education Course in Concordia on August 16.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data in regards to financial affairs of a medical facility. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Hadachek and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced that the 1998 Grader and a pick up were sold on Midwest Auction Pros for a total of \$40,450.
- Asphalt crews are working on the Narka blacktop, the bridge crew is finishing the box bridge on 240 Rd and another road crew is working on the “L” gravel road. Road maintainers are covering their regular routes.
- Zenger shared that the Cloud County Transfer station is researching alternate transportation to dispose of solid waste from the county.
- The bridge letting for the Warwick bridge will be in August.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called to order the Solid Waste Delinquent Fee hearing for residents and businesses. Aaron stated that since the delinquent letters were sent out, 37 residents had paid off their accounts, leaving 123 delinquent accounts totaling \$9,800.00 to be added to their property tax statements in November.

Commissioner Splichal closed the hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Aaron announced that Trecek Photography will be taking pictures of the elected officials on Monday, August 26 before their regular meeting starts at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners toured the Appraiser’s office.

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom 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. Motion was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes from July 22. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payables in the amount of \$279,951.69 were approved.

Clerk Marsicek requested signatures on a letter to U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Commission stating that Republic County has fewer than 100 full time employees.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to sign the EEO letter. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend Beyond Basics Breastfeeding Course in Dodge City on September 13, 2019.

Harold Wilber, concern citizen, apologized for his actions and attitude during the last commissioner meeting. Wilber is passionate about needing the roads improved and is researching solutions to assist the county in better roads. With up to date equipment, operator training and road materials, the roads should be in better condition. Wilber suggested that the commissioners take more responsibility in the direction of the improvements.

Commissioner Jeardoe assured Wilber there has been discussions and suggestions presented to Zenger to improve the roads.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste Administrative assistant, presented an agreement between Republic County and the City of Munden for solid waste fees.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented a list of delinquent taxes that will be published in the Belleville Telescope this week. The total outstanding taxes are \$363,883.82.

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the Kansas County Treasurer Association Fall Conference in Manhattan from September 12 to September 13.

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger announced the tire cleanup is set for August 13, 15 and 17. Citizens can dispose of their tires at the county landfill during the regular hours on Tuesday-13 and Thursday-15. On Saturday the extended hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Road crews are waiting for drier weather to continue road repairs on the gravel roads.

Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that Zenger offer the option of working on Fridays to the employees to assist in road repairs prior to fall harvest.

- Zenger is compiling records of tires used by the county in order to request bids of bulk tire purchases. Commissioners suggested bids from Republic County businesses before outsourcing.
- Zenger plans to purchase additional hot mix for road repairs prior to winter.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, EMS, presented bids for the employee appreciation dinner:

- Cuba Cash \$7.00 per plate
- Food Mart \$8.50 per plate

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the bid from Cuba Cash. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Holloway informed the commissioners that Republic County EMS has received a grant for \$5,000 to purchase AED replacements from the Dane Hansen Foundation.

Other issues at EMS include:

- Unit 3 needs servicing.
- Requested permission to research bids to replace Unit 4 in 2020. Funds have been set aside for the past 4 years to cover the cost.

Commissioners granted permission to bid out for a new ambulance in 2020.

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting.

Sheriff Ron Blad requested signature on a grant application with Duclos. Commissioner Jeardoe signed the application.

At 12:00 p.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn to enjoy the employee appreciation lunch in the Courthouse. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope, Harold Wilber and Quinton Bergstrom monitored parts 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. Motion was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 12, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, requested an executive session with the commissioners.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding a Human Resource issue. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ball and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to allow Rick Cleveland to use sick leave to cover time while on FMLA from September 1 to December 31. The issue will be reevaluated January 1, 2020. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Discussion regarding the Commissioners' responsibility to settle fence row disagreements was tabled until further state statute information is presented. Wilber recalled a fence issue when he was a commissioner but was not sure of the outcome back then.

Susan Aaron, Emergency Management administrative assistant, requested permissions to travel for Raymond Raney and herself to attend KEMA meeting in Topeka from September 10 to September 13.

Permission was granted.

Dawn Snyder, 12th Judicial District, presented the 2018-2019 funding report for review. Snyder also requested approval of the goals set for 2020 by the 12th Judicial District Community Corrections.

Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to sign the list of goals set. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Danielle Swanson and Nicole Kraus from the Health Department requested signature on the USD 109 contract to preform services at the school throughout 2019-2020. Swanson explained some of the services provided to the schools are flu shots to teachers and staff, Puberty talks to students, hearing exams and review students' medical records for immunization updates.

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

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson and Elizabeth Parde to attend MCH Visitor Fall training in Salina on September 5.

Permission to travel was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend the NCK PHI training in Beloit on September 18 and to attend NCK Regional Supervisor meeting in Beloit on August 28.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal called the 2020 Republic County budget hearing to order. Sheriff Ron Blad and Harold Wilber, concern citizen, were present for the 2020 Republic County budget hearing. Wilber is passionate about needing the road improvements and that the commissioners monitor all department spending items needed not just items they want.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the 2020 Republic County Budget as presented. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Splichal closed the budget hearing.

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

Dustin Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- The new date for the Warwick bridge letting is September 18.
- The work on “L” Rd should finish this week.
- This week is the last week for the summer help.
- Mowing is behind because of the wet summer.
- The tire cleanup was very successful and the quantity collected met or even exceeded the \$5,000.00 disposal grant.
- The transportation services will advertise for a part-time driver for an indefinite tenure.
- Zenger requested signatures on two solid waste fee agreements between Republic County and the cities of Agenda and Courtland.
- An application for the 2021 Off-system Bridge Program was submitted for K-7.2.
- Zenger will submit an application for bridge improvement through the state local bridge improvement program.

Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that Zenger print the road grader operator manual from the KAC website to present to all new grader operators.

At 11:15 a.m., Ben Dreesen requested that the Commissioners and Clerk accompany him to review an issue on 160 Rd between Marble Rd and Nickle Rd. Dreesen stated that two weeks ago the road department delivered 3 loads of gravel to that road and with a rain of 1.5”, the gravel was washed off into the east ditch. Dreesen, a past grader operator, suggested it would take 30 minutes to blade out the west ditch so the water could drain properly and not across the road. Dreesen has requested this ditching to be done for several years and the road administrator has not scheduled the completion. Dreesen pointed another concern to the blacktop road from the high school to US 36. He thought that road was maintained by the county since it is asphalt.

The group returned to the courthouse at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe will discuss this issue with Zenger this afternoon following a meeting with KDOT at the county shop.

At 11:50 a.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 26, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom monitored parts of the meeting.

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. Motion was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 19, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

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

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$73,766.65 were approved.

Cindy Erickson, transportation driver, requested an explanation in regards to the help wanted ad in the local paper for a part-time bus driver. Commissioner Splichal suggested that Erickson visit with Dusty Zenger, her supervisor, for details of the classified ad.

Jim Ottot, lawn caretaker, visited with the board regarding the lawn area between the driveways at the Health Department. If the lawn is to be reseeded this fall, it should be shortly. Ottot mentioned that the lawn would be more presentable if there was a watering system installed before the grass was planted if the board wanted to install a system.

Commissioner Splichal suggested that Ottot present a quote to install a watering system at the September 3 commissioners' meeting.

Danielle Swanson and Nicole Kraus, Health Department, in person and Dusty Zenger via phone conference discussed the possibility of moving the drug testing program to the Health Department after January 2020.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, informed the commissioners that she would be submitting a retraction publication in this week's Belleville Telescope in regards to this listing of delinquent tax owners.

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

In the absence of Dusty Zenger, Solid Waste Director, Susan Aaron, Administrative Assistant, presented the list of 10 delinquent landowners for a total of \$868.35 for review before their delinquent amounts are added to the taxes.

With no protestors attending the hearing, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he and Susan Aaron attended the Kansas Department of Transportation assessment of Republic County roads on August 19 held at the Republic County shop. Several road issues were mentioned. Zenger will review the suggestions with the road supervisors and schedule improvements when possible.

At 11:20 a.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Due to Labor Day on Monday, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Quinton Bergstrom monitored parts 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 the motion. Motion was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2019. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Sherry Koster, Local Environmental Planning Group (LEPG), presented the semi-annual financial and activity reports of the LEPG.

Susan Aaron, in the absence of Dusty Zenger, presented a quote sheet from the Kansas Surplus for three Yard loaders for auction prior to the deadline of September 4.

- 2005 444j Deere \$54,000.00
- 2006 444j Deere \$65,000.00
- 2020 444k Deere \$115,000.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2005 Deere Loader. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Aaron also presented for signature an Emergency Management Performance grant application.

Retha Blecha, Deputy Appraiser, requested permission to order two front counters from Central Office supply for \$798.40 to replace the plastic counters currently in use. Permission was granted.

Blecha announced the collection of aluminum cans for the Kansas Honor Flights for Veterans. There are many collection points throughout Republic County.

Blecha also asked permission to post signs on the Courthouse lawn for the next two weeks promoting the Bells Across Kansas in honor of Constitution Week September 17th to September 23rd. Permission was granted.

Jim Otott presented a bid to install an underground sprinkler system in front of the new Health Department. The bid includes labor to remove old grass, install the self-draining system and replant grass and includes labor and services from Hood Htg, Air, Plg, Electric, Inc. to tap into existing water line and add a 120V weatherproof GFI for the controller. The total bid is \$3,773.00.

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

Arlene Clayton, citizen of Belleville, appreciates the transportation buses but stressed the lack of respect shown to passengers using the bus for medical transportation as opposed to a ride just to go shopping.

Following a brief discussion regarding Fence statute K.S.A. 29-314, the commissioners will advise people to file a written formal complaint before any involvement by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m., The remain commissioners and Clerk Marsicek recessed the meeting to drive to the new Health Department to discuss the vaccine refrigerator, drug testing and review uncompleted construction issues.

Becki Fisher, Drug test examiner, explained that moving the drug testing from the Road and Bridge Department to the Health Department would not be a problem, however, any Designated Employer Representative (DER) persons and Supervisors need to be certified. Fisher offered to provide the necessary training. Fisher also explained there will be new protocols after January 1, 2020 but she will provide the necessary updates.

Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, presented quotes for a new vaccine refrigerator with approved specification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in which the KDHE will reimburse one half of the cost.

- Migali Scientific \$7,023.00
- PHCBI \$7,130.00

Swanson also requested permission to update the 2001 SENSAPHONE that monitors the temperature of the refrigerator with quotes as follow.

- Sensaphone 400 \$545.00
- Sensaphone 1200 \$675.84

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Migali Scientific and the Sensaphone 400. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

No meeting was held
the week of September 9, 2019

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 8:30am. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Susan Aaron recorded the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Pastor Rick Snodgrass of the Assembly of God church offered morning prayer. Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to approve the September 3, 2019, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste Secretary, presented for signatures a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka for solid waste fees.

Danielle Swanson, Health Department Director, presented quotes for a new printer

1. Central Office Supply	Sharp Essentials MX-3051	\$ 5,095.00	
2. Central Office Supply	Sharp Advanced MX-3071	\$ 5,999.00	
3. Lock IT	Xerox VersLink C505	\$ 2,199.00	
	and Xerox 550 sheet feeder	\$ 311.00	Lock IT Total: \$ 2,510.00

After discussion about features, warranties and needs of the Department, Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to approve the purchase of the printer from Lock IT. Motion passed unanimously.

The new refrigerator and freezer are enroute to be delivered. An application for a Dane G. Hansen grant has been submitted to assist with costs of the appliances.

Flu shot clinics have been scheduled:

- October 7 11am – Noon Golden Bell
- October 10 Noon – 3pm Scandia Community Center
- October 18 9am – Noon Cuba Community Center
- October 19 9am – 1pm Republic County Health Department
- October 23 10am – 1pm Courtland – An Tea ques

Those wishing to receive the flu shot should bring their insurance card with them. Any Wednesday, walk-ins are accepted at the Health Department for vaccines.

October 2nd the Health Department will provide activities including breakfast and free bike helmets for National Walk/Bike to School Day. Activities will begin at 7am in the Food Mart parking lot. The Belleville Police Department will participate, too. The Health Department will open at 9am that day so that staff can be at the Walk/Bike to School Day event. An assembly will be held at Pike Valley schools. A grant from the Safe Kids Coalition helped fund these events and the helmets. In past years approximately 60 kids have participated.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD), presented a voucher and check for draw down for the Wood Sanctuary for \$3,648.00.

Highway and Solid Waste Director, Dustin Zenger, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following.

- Dry weather is enabling them to work on projects across the county.

- Dirt roads continue to be worked.
- Mowing is in progress.
- The Highway Department is participating in the Off-System Bridge Program which pays 80% with a 20% match from the county for bridges built to Federal standards.
- Two bridges are the focus – one near Republic and one on Jade Road.
- Asphalt is expected soon for the Narka project.
- The used loader purchased recently from KDOT surplus in Garden City has been picked up. This loader is 24 years old replacing a 44-year-old loader. A few repairs will be completed then it will be put into service. The old loader will be sold on Purple Wave.
- Pup trailers have been rebuilt. A dump truck is yet to be brought here. No other large purchases are anticipated this year.
- An additional bus driver has been hired for the Transportation Department.

Gary Nutter joined the meeting with concerns for Zenger and the BOC.

1. Nutter asked Zenger to address a concrete culvert and ditch on 180 Road approximately a half mile south of the county landfill in which dirt has silted to the point it is too full and water runoff from an adjacent waterway runs over the road.
2. Nutter asked how to find county records for roads which are closed or abandoned. Commissioner Splichal advised that the Clerk will have the information in the form of Resolutions. Depending how many years ago a Resolution was made, finding it may be challenging. Nutter is concerned about a mile of road along which the trees are overhanging in Grant township.
3. Nutter requested clarification on fencing laws, specifically related to the 'Right Hand Fence Rule'. Commissioner Jeardoe read from the Kansas Statutes that responsibility is to be shared by the adjacent landowners. If the parties have in the past made an agreement and had it registered, then they would abide by that agreement. If not, then the parties need to work it out between themselves. If an agreement is not reached, an unresolved dispute may be brought to the Commission.

Clerk Kathleen Marsicek presented tax changes for June, July and August for signature.

Appraiser Barry Porter explained the 2018 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study from the Kansas Department of Revenue.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to adjourn at 11:30am. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2019, beginning at 8:30am at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek recorded the minutes. Quinton Bergstrom monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting 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 moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to approve the September 17, 2019, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved totaling \$278,247.19.

Raymond and Kevin Kuhlman, concerned citizens, visited with the board regarding roads in Liberty Township. They encouraged the board to take a road trip and drive Diamond Road from 170 Road to 130 Road.

Raymond Raney, Communication Director, informed the board that his department has a part-time position opening and currently has another dispatcher on medical leave. Raney also requested permission to get a quote for an air conditioner for the dispatch area. Permission was granted.

Permission to travel was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Mary Simmons to attend a State PVD training on September 20 and a CIC Tax Administration training in Salina on September 26.

Honorable Mayor Kim Lapo and Belleville City Manager Adam Anderson reported to the board that the City of Belleville has been busy this summer:

- Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Belleville.
- Updating the city website.
- Repairing streets, replacing waterlines, adding sprinklers to the ball fields.
- Testing water wells and plans to freshen up the city water tower.
- Completing the 2nd section of the Nuisance Abatement clean up.

Anderson offered employees to assist the county in repairing the asphalt road from the football field to US Hwy 36. Commissioner Splichal stated, currently, the county is short on materials to complete this project but additional asphalt has been ordered and Splichal will notify Dusty Zenger of the request to repair the street.

Commissioner Jeardoe congratulated Anderson on his first completed year in Republic County and on the projects completed during this time.

Danielle Swanson-Health Administrator and Dustin Zenger-Road Administrator, discussed the pros and cons of moving the drug testing program from the county shop area to the Health department now that the Health department has a permanent location. Zenger stated that his department has worked well in the past but understands the boards' suggestion to move the program. Zenger will assist with a smooth transition and

suggested that Swanson communicate with Stacie Bowen at the county shop regarding necessary supplies and testing information.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to move the drug testing and pre-employment testing to the health department effective January 1, 2020. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Commissioner Jeardoe suggested that the Republic County Taskforce review the drug testing information in the Republic County Policy and Procedure Handbook before the next update is complete.

Highway and Solid Waste Director, Dustin Zenger, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following.

- Zenger requested signatures on the OFF-System bridge programming project for K-7.2.
- Zenger announced that four grader operators from units 1, 3, 5 and 6 received training on September 10-11.
- Commissioner Splichal notified Zenger that the Belleville City manager offered employees to assist with the asphalt repairs on the street from the football field to US Hwy 36.
- Commissioner Splichal also notified Zenger of complaints regarding roads in Liberty Township. Zenger will review these roads but there are several roads that crews are working on beginning with the Major/Minor collectors before any dirt roads.
- Zenger will research the road policies regarding grading and graveling.

Danielle Swanson, Health Administrator, stated that the front lawn of the Health Department has the new sprinkler system installed and grass is growing. Swanson asked if the new sign for the Health Department could be placed by the road instead of on the building. Many people have commented that they did not see the sign. Commissioners gave approval for the sign to be installed south of the south driveway.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, asked permission to close her office from 7:30 to 1:30 on Friday, September 27 for the entire department to attend a training. Permission was granted for her department to attend the training in Salina and to close her office from 7:30 to 1:30 on that date.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion that Republic County Proclaim September 2019 as Recovery Month to raise awareness and understanding of recovery from substance use and mental disorders. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion that was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Quarterly Juvenile Detention meeting in Mankato on September 16.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 30, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek recorded the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to approve the September 23, 2019, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Ball, Human Resources and taskforce, along with Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, were present to discuss clarification to changes in the 2020 Republic County Policy and Procedure Handbook. Ball plans to complete the preliminary copy for review by the board on October 7. Updates will include the inclusion of custodian to the safety sensitive random drug testing along with all Part-time employees in safety sensitive areas.

Ball stated the taskforce would recommend the same Christmas gifts to the employees as in 2018-gift certificates to grocery store and the theater.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the suggestion by the taskforce for the Christmas gifts. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Bergstrom.

Ferrell announced that the starting process for the next tax sale will begin Mid-October. Ferrell is still awaiting additional information regarding Kansas vs Nebraska TV stations. He will contact Senator Elaine Bowers and Representative Bill Pannbacker for assistance in this matter.

Susan Aaron, administrative assistant for Emergency Management, presented a permission to travel for Raymond Raney to attend the fall Kansas APCO Conference in Mayetta, Kansas from October 6 to October 9. Permission was granted.

Clerk Marsicek presented two permissions to travel:

- For Beth Ball and Clerk Marsicek to attend Ballot Audit training in Salina on October 2.
- For Clerk Marsicek to attend the Kansas Association of Counties Clerk's fall meeting in Wichita from November 13 to November 14.

Both permissions were approved.

Commissioners asked Clerk Marsicek to seek three bids for 25 computers supporting Windows 10 that are needed to become compliant as of January 1, 2020 for security measures.

Mayor of Munden, Jimmie Blecha and Belleville City Manager Adam Anderson visited with the board in support of starting the next delinquent property tax sale as soon as possible. The cities incur the expenses to maintaining the properties for the betterment of the communities before they are sold in hopes of regaining a portion of the expenses through new owners. These sales need to be processed yearly.

Blecha also requested that the asphalt road south of Munden be repaired.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following.

- Zenger attended the Kansas Highway Association meeting in St. Joseph, MO. There were four states represented there; Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.
- The roof on the main shop building is leaking from the recent windstorm so a claim has been filed and repairs pending.
- The asphalt crew is working on the road south of Narka.
- Zenger will supply a list of major/minor collector roads for the commissioners.

At 10:30 a.m., the commissioners, Zenger, Clerk Marsicek and Quinton took a road tour to inspect Diamond Road between 170 Rd and 130 Rd. They also viewed the improvements to 160 Rd south of Marble.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek recorded the minutes. Quinton Bergstrom monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting 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 Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bergstrom moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to approve the September 30, 2019, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved totaling \$313016.26.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, requested clarification and additional changes for the Policy and Procedure Handbook.

County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, joined the meeting and asked for an executive session.

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personal regarding employee performance issues. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion that was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell, Ball and Clerk Marsicek.

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

Permission to travel was granted for Cindy Coons to attend the State of Kansas Department of Revenue MSRP training on October 15th in Topeka.

Highway and Solid Waste Director, Dustin Zenger, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented two color coded drawings of the major and minor collectors of Republic County roads. One from the Kansa Department of Transportation and the other created by Zenger.
- Zenger announced two new employees:
 - Logan Kadel, full-time Operator 1, starting wage of \$11.75 per hour.
 - Melissa Guerra, part-time transportation driver, starting wage of \$11.50 per hour.
- The new truck and bed will be delivered this week.
- Zenger will contact the Jewell County highway department regarding Nickel Road that connects with Jewell County about road conditions.

Health Administrator- Danielle Swanson, Drug tester/trainer-Becki Fisher and Anytime Testing representative-Alan Burke presented information regarding training Supervisors, employees (DOT regulated) and Designated Employee Representatives to administer drug testing. Trainings can be done onsite or by webinars but each group must be certified. Certification training session for Republic County will be November 26, 2019.

Fisher and Burke updated the commission of new regulations effective January 6, 2020.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe was excused from the meeting for a prior commitment.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 14, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____

Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek recorded the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, monitored part of the meeting.

Commissioner Splichal called the meeting 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 Splichal moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Jeardoe moved to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, joined the meeting and asked for an executive session.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personal regarding employee performance issues. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Ferrell and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

Board reconvened at 9:10 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Jeardoe reported that he had received a call from Mark Budreau regarding the necessary projects to be finished before the county pays the balance of the invoice for the remodeling of the new health department. Budreau wants to finish the work this week so he can receive the payment. Commissioner Jeardoe requested that Budreau contact Danielle Swanson and set a day to complete the projects and the final payment would be available in the Clerk's office when work is complete.

Permission to travel was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend the following:

- Fidler Partner Meeting in Kansas City on October 16, 2019.
- NCK Treasurers and Register of Deeds Fall meeting in Milford on October 18, 2019.
- 2019 Fall Register of Deeds training webcast and educational hours in Salina on October 22, 2019.

Beth Ball, Kathy Calkins and Clerk Marsicek presented the county insurance committee's proposal for employee health, vision and dental insurance premiums for 2020. The group recommended that Republic County stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield group plan and Delta Dental and Surrency Vision. The increase in premium from 2019 to 2020 would be 7.3% with the increase to be shared between the county and employees.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the insurance proposal for 2020. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee also presented an additional program-Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through Blue Cross. With a yearly fee of \$2,450, the program offers a workplace enhancement resource for employees and family members to assist with everyday life challenges such as stress management, childcare and financial literacy. This program will be at no cost to employees.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the EAP for one year to see how many employees use it. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ball announced that Open Enrollment for employees will be on October 23, 2019.

The Honorable Mayor of Courtland, Tim Garman, visited with the board.

- The City of Courtland is doing well. Garman will not be running for Mayor in this election so this will be the last meeting he will attend in the capacity of mayor.
- Garman requested 3 bags of cold mix asphalt from Dusty Zenger to patch one large hole on the asphalt going north out of Courtland. Zenger will try fulfill this request before winter.

Highway and Solid Waste Director, Dustin Zenger, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Road crews are working on asphalt north of Scandia, asphalt south of Munden and finishing the asphalt south of Narka.
- Graders are working on dirt and gravel roads to aid with harvest.
- Zenger requested signatures on:
 - Commitment of County funds for the Warwick bridge construction.
 - Utility agreement between Republic County and Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District to construct and operate an underground line under Fir Rd.
 - Utility agreement between Republic County and AT&T to construct and operate an underground cable under 170 Rd between Queen R and Rock Rd.
- Permission was granted for Zenger to attend the Kansas Association of Counties fall Conference in Wichita from November 12 to November 14.
- Zenger announced the county has received 500 tons of cold mix to finish as many of the patching projects before winter.

Correspondence from Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK) requesting that Republic County proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month was read.

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

Danielle Swanson, Health Director, joined the meeting via speaker phone. Swanson was contacted by Budreau Construction to set a time to finish the necessary projects at the new health department to complete his contract. Swanson stated there are floor joints to be covered, paint touch up on door frames, a hole in a wall and rust on the floor right inside the front door. Commissioner Jeardoe will convey these requests to Budreau.

Swanson asked permission to attend a Designated Employee Representative training in Clay Center on October 24. Permission was granted.

Swanson announced that the Health Department received a Dane Hansen Grant for up to \$5,000 to cover medical equipment including the new refrigerator.

Commissioners reviewed the policy handbook changes as purposed by Beth Ball.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners, Clerk Marsicek and Hadachek toured the Dispatch office.

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

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____

Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Marvin Bergstrom, Member

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

No meeting was held
the week of October 21, 2019

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved for \$188,539.65.

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

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to re-appoint Kent Larson and Deb Hadachek to serve on the Republic County Hospital Board with term ending October 31, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Katie Struebing, Principal at Republic County Elementary School, along with Sheriff Ron Blad discussed emergency plans with the commissioners.

Raymond Raney, Communications Director, discussed the needs for an additional full time dispatcher.

At 8:45 am, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss performance of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Raney. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 20 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional full time dispatcher with understanding that Raney will stay within the budget for 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Chizek, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, invited the commissioners to the Cuba Christmas opening on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Chizek also requested some asphalt to patch areas on the main street of Cuba. Chizek visited with Dusty Zenger regarding some serious damage to the blacktop south of Cuba. Zenger stated that, weather permitting, repairs to that road are planned for next week.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- A letter of support for transportation grant.

- Presented a draft of the rules for passengers on the transportation bus that will be posted on each bus.
- Discussed information to be included in a Resolution regarding the graveling policy of Republic County.
- Announced the hiring of a part-time mower, John Guerra with a starting wage of \$11.50 per hour began October 14, 2019.
- Starting on November 25, 2019, the employees at road and bridge will begin winter hours.

Commissioner Jeardoe made motion to approve the use of the courthouse square for buggy rides for the Christmas on the Square Celebrations on November 29, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented the available funds on hand are \$8,487,827.11 as of the end of the 3rd quarter, September 30, 2019.

Clerk Marsicek shared correspondence from Spencer Jenkins, project manager from Next-Era Energy. Jenkins states Next-Era is still collecting wind data in the area and actively developing the project.

Patrick Comstock, Courthouse custodian, reported that the air condition in the District Court Clerk’s office has been fixed.

Comstock shared that updates in the Register of Deeds office are complete. Comstock asked permission to replace the toilet with a current style toilet in the bathroom next to the kitchen on the first floor. This will require the entire courthouse water to be off until a shut off valve can be installed. Permission was granted.

At 11:40 a.m., with agenda items complete, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn and attend the Hospital board meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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 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 October 28, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek presented information regarding a possible new employee benefit called LifeSave Air Transport located in Salina. Topic is tabled until all commissioners can review the information.

Permission to travel was granted for Raymond Raney to attend Dispatch Center meeting in Salina on November 12 and 911 Annual Council training in Newton on November 13.

Commissioners signed the letters of Appointment for Kent Larson and Deb Hadachek as hospital board members until October 31, 2023.

Susan Aaron invited the commissioners to the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting on November 19 at the Republic County Hospital.

Kay Shoemaker left a reminder that the RCD meeting is November 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, stated that on Tuesday, November 12, the commissioners need to canvass ballots from the November 5th General election starting at 8:00 a.m. Ball also invited the commissioner to observe the first ballot audit on November 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Crews are patching asphalt roads with the cold mix available.
- Zenger has applied for a 50/50 matching fund grant to assist with applying an overlay to the asphalt south of Courtland in 2020.
- Bridge crew will begin removing the bridge south of Agenda, W-27.9.
- Three bridges in Republic County qualify for the Off-System programming through KDOT. They are 3 different Off-System Bridge Program years for KDOT but all getting built relatively close to the same time frame.
 - The Warwick Bridge #A.3-2.8.
 - Bridge #L5-31 shared with Jewell County.
 - Bridge #Z-20.1 shared with Cloud County.

- Zenger announced that 2020 is the last year on the lease contract for the BobCat loaders and he will be researching a place to purchase a loader in 2020.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the Statement of Work between Republic County Communication Department and the City of Belleville in regards to sharing services performed by Andrea Dusek. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek toured the District Court area and visited with Court Clerk Kris Kling.

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

Due to Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th, the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to canvass ballots from the General election at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal – Chair

Marvin Bergstrom – Member

Melvin Jeardoe – Member

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 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.

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 November 4, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

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

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$191,756.53.

Raymond Raney, Communication Director, announced that Republic County communications department has been awarded an \$18,000 grant. Raney will be purchasing a new radio and antenna with a 60/40 share. Republic County's share will be \$7,392.00.

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

Beth Ball, Deputy Election Clerk, presented 13 provisional ballots from the General Election for review. In the absence of Commissioner Bergstrom, Commissioner Jeardoe moved to appoint Susan Aaron as 3rd canvasser. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried. Eight ballots were approved to be counted and five ballots unapproved.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden City, discussed asphalt road conditions leading into the City of Munden.

Blecha invited the commissioners to the annual Christmas program in Munden on December 9 and requested that the next delinquent tax sale process be started as soon possible to assist cities with the expenditures they accrue through the years. Blecha suggested that the County apply for a grant to supply concerned citizens will Radon testing kits.

Kevin Kuhlman, Raymond Kuhlman, Judy Kuhlman and Trenton Kuhlman requested an update in the request to have Diamond Rd between 130 RD and 170 RD graveled.

Commissioner Splichal explained that Dusty Zenger was not available to discuss this matter however, the commissioners have discussed the need for a new road policy in reference to graveling and maintaining roads. Commissioner Jeardoe presented to the Kuhlman's a map outlining all the roads in Republic County and assured them this issue will be solved when all three commissioners and Zenger can meet.

Susan Aaron, Secretary for Solid Waste, proposed suggestions regarding increasing the solid waste fees for 2020 in order to remain in positive status. Hamm's trucking delivers the solid waste from Concordia to Topeka and their rates increase at least 3% every year.

- 3% increase
- 5% increase
- Extreme proposal of the Trucking company increases rate higher to the other two proposals.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the 5% increase to cover the proposed increases for the Cloud transfer station and to create a Capital Outlay for future equipment. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aaron also reminded the commissioner of the LEPC meeting on November 19, 2019 at the Republic County Hospital.

Beth Ball, Deputy Clerk, presented quotes for 21 computers and software needed to be compliant as of January 1, 2020.

	Computers	Software
• Lock It	\$14,683.00	\$3,390.00
• Nex-Tech	\$15,453.00	\$3,310.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the computer bid from Lock-It and the software bid from Nex-Tech. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Permission to travel was granted for Sandee Swanson to attend the Kansas Association of Counties fall meeting in Wichita on November 13, 2019 to November 14, 2019.

Discussion regarding the Policy regarding graveling and maintaining roads was tabled until all commissioners and Zenger can meet.

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

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Marvin Bergstrom and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope and Quinton Bergstrom 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 Robert Frasier, United Presbyterian Church 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 Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding creating a county policy in regards to graveling and maintaining currently non-graveled roads in response to the request of citizens. Zenger will develop the cost of gravel needed to gravel a one mile of road and contact the County Clerk to forward information to the citizens and commissioners.

Kris Kling, concerned citizen, expressed her concern for the continuous increases in the solid waste fees. The fees increased 20% in 2019 and the proposal for another 5% in 2020. Commissioners explained that the additional hauling fees need to be passed on to customers of the county because Solid Waste is not a levied fund.

Danielle Swanson and Nicole Kraus discussed the need for anti-virus and sonic wall updates at the Health department along with asking permission to close the Health Department on December 30 and 31 to preform inventory prior to the new year.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to allow the closure of regular duties during December 30 and 31 to complete the inventory as long as the public was informed of the closure. Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Zenger, Commissioner Splichal and Commissioner Jeardoe attend the annual Kansas Association of Counties in Wichita last week and visited with a project manager, Daniel Scheffler, for Nex-Era Windfarm. Scheffler explained that until there is a buyer and a way to transport the energy from Washington and Republic County it could be a year or two before any progress will be seen.
- Zenger explained crews have patched the asphalt street leading to Republic County Junior/Senior High school and are working on the asphalt south of Munden.
- Other projects are a bridge south of Agenda and grading Birch Road.
- Zenger will be gone December 2.
- Zenger announced the expense occurred from tire pick up was \$5700. A grant from Dane Hanson amounting to \$5,000 and the balance from solid waste funding to cover these expenses.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the commissioners, Zenger and Clerk Marsicek as Human Resources. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

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

Commissioner Bergstrom left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Dave Holloway and Jeff Beikmann presented information regarding a new ambulance to replace unit 4. Specific quotes will be presented next week.

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, November 25, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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 November 18, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$65,978.86.

Clerk Marsicek announced that each floor will be preparing holiday goods during December.

- The 1st floor on Wednesday, December 4.
- The 2nd floor on Friday, December 13.
- The basement floor on Monday, December 16.

Raymond Kuhlman thanked the commissioners for the extensive discussion and new policy regarding the surfacing of roads in Republic County along with approval to improve Diamond road between 130 Rd and 170 Rd.

Sheriff Ron Blad explained an issue with excess heat in the jail area. The boiler heat all goes up there with no place to disperse. Blad asked for suggestions to keep the temperature level not extremely hot or cold. Research to install an exhaust fan was discussed.

Clerk Marsicek presented for approval a request for the 2020 Holiday schedule.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented a draft cost to resurface 2 miles of county road, one half mile of the road has previously had gravel and 1.5 miles are dirt. The estimated cost to gravel ½ mile would be \$4,612. Discussion to cover half the cost of gravel and freight would be \$2,400.00.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve an exception to the proposed graveling resolution to be approved next week if the Kuhlman family agrees to pay \$2,400 for half of the cost to gravel

the two miles. The county will gravel the next 1.5 miles and maintain the road from that day forward. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Zenger will contact Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the changes of the road to comply with the requirements of Major or Minor collector.

Clerk Marsicek will present two resolutions on December 2 regarding surfacing of county roads and approving an exception to the original resolution.

- The bridge crew is installing a decking on the bridge south of Agenda.
- The employees started winter hours on November 25, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Two new employees will start on December 2.

Danielle Swanson and Nicole Kraus requested permission to purchase a sonic wall for the Health Department.

- Nex-Tech \$1,894.00 contract for only 1 year
- Lock It \$1,548.00 contract for 3 years

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase from Lock-It. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dave Holloway, EMS Director, presented quotes to purchase a new ambulance in 2020.

- ARV \$192,995.00 Delivery time 180 days
- Osage \$197,500.00 Delivery time 320 days.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the purchase from ARV providing all the funding was available. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment, presented calendars to the commissioners and thanked Republic County for their business in 2019.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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, 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 November 25, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monica Thayer and Kim Kolman from River Valley Extension explained plans to rearrange office space in the extension area. They requested permission to add carpet and either remove the paneling or paint over the paneling in the board room. The River Valley Extension would agree to pay for the carpet if Republic County would paint or remove the paneling. The Commissioners will evaluate the cost of removing the paneling or painting and make a decision later.

Sandee Swanson, Register of Deeds, presented statistics from the Deeds office during 2019 and some goals for 2020.

- Renovations in the office include moving both employees to the front office, new paint, new front counter and window shades.
- 990 documents have been received and recorded.
- Plans to preserve the older books by scanning and recording in software to save manually opening and touching the historic books.

Kay Shoemaker, Secretary for Republic County Development, left a message that there would be no meeting in December.

Clerk Marsicek presented three resolutions for review:

- Resolution 2019-32, authorizing the aggregate surfacing of county roads.
- Resolution 2019-33, authorizing a variance to Resolution 2019-32 allowing the partial payment of aggregate instead of full payment.
- Resolution 2019-34, Cash Basis and Budget Law for 2020.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-32 and Resolution 2019-33. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-34. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the 2020 contract with Pawnee Mental Health for services in the amount of \$35,154. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the request by River Valley Extension regarding the renovations to their meeting room. After reviewing a different room with the same type of paneling, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the painting over the paneling instead of removal of paneling in the meeting room for the Extension office. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk Marsicek will notify the Extension office of the decision.

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, December 9, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Susan Aaron assisted with the minutes in a short absence of the Clerk.

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 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 December 2, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$100,629.88 were approved.

Jay Kallman, Republic County representative to Silver Haired Legislation, reported on decisions made in the legislation regarding senior citizens. Kallman appreciates the opportunity to serve on this committee. Kallman suggested that the commissioners appoint another county representative to this board and suggested Tena Elwood Myer.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Tena Elwood Myer to the Board of Directors of the North Central Kansas Area Council on Aging for a two-year term effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carl Baxa, Republic County landowner, requested that the commissioners review Rock Road west of 290 leading to his feedlot. The Baxa's have been gravelling it for years and would like the county to assist with the gravel along with maintaining. Commissioner Jeardoe advised that the commissioners would review the request with Dusty Zenger and they would tour the area and make a decision.

Commissioner Splichal reviewed the judging results of the courtyard Christmas decorations and announced the winner of the Chamber money is Rocky Pond. Republic County Commissioners thank all the businesses that participated in decorating the courtyard.

Raymond Raney and Jimmie Melton, Belleville High Banks race track, reported there are several projects of repairs to racetrack and grandstands but they will not be completed by year end. There are funds available for racetrack from 2019 and they are requesting a check to the racetrack for these funds. Also, there was an insurance claim this fall to replace a light damaged in a wind storm and a check to the racetrack to cover the repairs was requested.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the request of funds to be paid to the racetrack with the understanding that the racing committee will submit a report of expenses to cover the funds. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with the Commissioners the following:

- Two employees started on December 2.
 - Justin McGinley with a starting wage of \$12.50 per hour.
 - Ethan Smith with a starting wage of \$11.75 per hour.
- Zenger presented his requested wage increases for the employees at road and bridge. Commissioners will review the request and notify Zenger of their decisions at the next meeting.
- The bridge crew is completing the bridge south of Agenda and will start repairing a bridge on Jade road.

Clerk Marsicek left meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, discussed computer issues relating to installing a new anti-virus to updated Windows 10 computers. Additional new computers may need to be purchased to accommodate the new anti-virus. Porter will update commissioners further once the recently purchased computers are installed.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employee evaluations of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Porter.

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

Bruce Raineri, Republic County citizen, explained that his vehicle sustained damage and had to be towed because of debris in the middle of the gravel road leading to the county landfill that was being graded by a county employee. Commissioner Splichal suggested that Raineri bring copies of the receipts and the commissioners would investigate the county's options. Commissioner Splichal will notify the road administrator of the incident.

Clerk Marsicek returned to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Ryan Jeardoe as trustee of Lincoln Township effective immediately. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to appoint Vickie Noble as Treasurer for Lincoln Township effective immediately. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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, December 16, 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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope monitored part of the meeting.

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 9, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$254,103.95.

Raymond Raney, Director of Communications, presented the employee evaluations.

Raymond Raney, Belleville High Banks, requested the claim check from the insurance claim involving a damaged sign at the racetrack in the amount of \$4,740.00.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the reimbursement check to be included with the final fund payment to the Belleville High Banks. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, presented employee evaluations of employees in the treasurer department.

At 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Coons.

The board reconvened at 2:25 p.m. taking no action.

David Holloway and Jeff Beikmann, Director and Assistant Director of EMS, presented employee evaluations for the commissioners to review.

Honorable Mayor of Scandia, Gary Cline, shared that Scandia is looking for grants to assist with sewer system repairs. They will be applying for funds through Dane Hanson and Republic County Community funding. Scandia will be requesting assistance with street repairs the summer of 2020.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger present the local agreement between Republic County and Cloud County for 2020 solid waste disposal with a tonnage fee of \$68.73.

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

- Commissioner Jeardoe and Commissioner Splichal discussed the road conditions near the Baxa feedlot on Rock Road and decided that Republic County would not supply gravel because the road does not have the extensive traffic as other roads.
- Zenger explained that he visited with the road grader operator working on 180 road the day Bruce Raineri states the damage to his truck occurred. The operator was grading the road as he was trained. Consensus of the commissioners is to deny any claims stating debris and gravel ridges are part of road maintenance and hazards of driving on a gravel road.
- Zenger will be searching for used grader in 2020.
- Discussion regarding transportation buses, scheduling and notification of necessary repairs resulted in clarification that requests out of Belleville city limits need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance.
- Zenger presented his final evaluations and wage requests for employees in his departments.

At 4:45 p.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel wages and job performances. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 75 minutes.

The board reconvened at 6:10 p.m. taking no action. Final review of requests will be on Monday, December 23.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes.

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 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 December 16, 2019. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$173,631.45.

Raymond Raney, Director of Communication, presented two vouchers for approval to purchase the new desk in the dispatch area. Raney also reported that he inspected the lights at the Minneapolis Speedway to purchase for the Belleville Highbanks racetrack and stated the lights would work great.

Raney requested that any wage increase scheduled for him to be split equally between the two departments that he is director.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, informed the commissioners that he has received a proposed estimate to outsource the next delinquent tax sale. Ferrell plans to start the process after the first of the year.

Ferrell will be contacting the physicians of the Medical Arts building in regards to new rental contracts after the first of the year.

Following a brief discussion of proposed wage increases for employees of Republic County, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve a 3% wage increase with a minimum increase of \$0.35 for full-time employees and \$0.25 for part-time employees per department to be dispersed by the department head. No employee employed for less than 6 months will be eligible for a raise. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve \$1,000 increase for each elected and non-elected department head excluding the Board of Commissioners which will not receive any increase. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-35, 2020 Wages for elected officials of Republic County, was presented. Commissioners Jeardoe made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- County Attorney \$53,540.00
- County Sheriff \$52,300.00
- County Treasurer \$41,900.00
- County Clerk \$41,900.00
- County Register of Deeds \$35,900.00
- County Commissioners \$15,000.00

Human Resources will prepare the wage change sheets for signature.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste administrative assistant, announced that Republic County will receive a \$11,415.00 grant from FEMA. Aaron also invited the commissioners to attend the G0402 Incident Command System training for Executives & Senior Officials in Clay Center.

Dusty Zenger, Highway and Solid Waste Director, presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- Zenger presented an engineering service agreement for signatures from Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc for a bridge at E-2.4.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the agreement with Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Zenger shared a list of four bridges that are scheduled for updates in 2020.
 - E-21.8
 - K-7.2
 - J-26.3
 - V-15.8
- Zenger is preparing a project list for 2020.
- Road crews are pulling dirt roads while roads are dry enough to work.
- Zenger will present a list of equipment with hours of usage.

Brady Hedstrom, BG Consultants, introduced himself as Republic County's new representative for bridge projects and presented commissioners with a Christmas token of business appreciation.

The consensus of the county board is not to join the League of Kansas Municipality in 2020.

Following a tour of the Extension Office and Solid Waste departments, 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, December 30, 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

No meeting was held
the week of December 30, 2019