

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session at the commercial building on the NCK Fair Grounds on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Marvin Bergstrom joined by phone for part of the meeting. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope, observed 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 Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the March 23, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, and Danielle Swanson, Health Department Administrator updated the commission on COVID-19. At this time, there are 37 counties reporting at least one confirmed case. The closest county is Mitchell.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, announced that he along with Raymond Raney, Danielle Swanson, Ron Blad, Chris Springer and Commissioner Jeardoe met Sunday afternoon to review the safety measures that Republic County and the City of Belleville are taking to protect citizens of Republic County against COVID-19. Since Governor Kelly's Stay at Home executive order went into effect Monday, 12:01 a.m. March 30, 2020, they discussed procedures to insure the well-being of citizens of Republic County. The group suggested to the commissioners that the courthouse be closed to the public except for the Register of Deeds office and that the public must make an appointment to enter the building. They also suggested allowing non-essential or at-risk employees to stay home for at least 2 weeks. Each department head has the authority to determine the necessary staffing for their offices.

Resolution 2020-22, Public Health COVID-19 Pandemic was presented.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-22. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD) secretary, requested signatures on vouchers for stimulus loans. Shoemaker announced that currently there are 11 businesses that have applied for the loans and there is funds available for 20 but more applications are expected to arrive.

At 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom and Mike Hadachek, RCD, joined the meeting by conference call to discuss a loan request by Waylon Sheets to operate a laundry mat.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the loan to Sheets & Suds from original RCD funds for \$65,000. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. A vote was taken resulting in Commissioner Bergstrom and Commissioner Jeardoe voting yes and Commissioner Splichal voting against. Motion passed 2-1.

Mike Hadachek announced that Kay Shoemaker was verbally commended by the Kansas Department of Commerce for arranging the quick response of stimulus loans and requested copies of letters to use in other communities.

At 9:30a.m., Commissioner Bergstrom and Hadachek ended their calls.

Sealed bids for moving the refrigeration lines and lights in Judge Thompson office were opened.

- Hood Plumbing and heating \$4,752.50
- Tebow Plumbing \$5,206.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the lower bid from Hood Plumbing and Heating. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Since no bids were received for the removal of paneling and painting of the chamber, the new ad will be placed with a new opening date later in April.

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

- Zenger announced that the bridge inspection bids are due April 6.
- Zenger presented a quote from Hall Brothers for Onyx seal and cold mix for 2020.
- Zenger reported that the gravel has been delivered and applied on Diamond Rd between 160 Rd and 130 Rd.
- R & B employees remain busy crack sealing and grading while maintaining social distancing.

With agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County JR/SR high school building. There will be a maximum of 10 persons allowed in the room at a time.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

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Edwin Splichal– Member

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Marvin Bergstrom – Member