

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe, Edwin Splichal and Doug Garman. 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 Sang Hak Lee, United Methodist Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

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

Correspondence was presented from Danielle Swanson reporting 5 new active coronavirus cases and 3 deaths related to Coronavirus.

Correspondence was shared from Brenda Hoard from the Pike Valley After Prom committee requesting a donation for the After-Prom activities.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the request from the Drug and Alcohol fund. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney, joined the meeting to converse with Trish Voth regarding the agreement between Republic County and Foulston Siefkin LLP.

Trish Voth, Attorney for Foulston Siefkin, LLP, joined the meeting by ZOOM to discuss the agreement between Republic County and herself as a consultant attorney.

At 8:42 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney/Client privilege for confidential business data. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Voth and Ferrell. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 35 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:32 a.m., taking no action.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser, announced his retirement as of July 15, 2022. Republic County and Cloud County have shared an Appraiser for the past 30 years and will need to coordinate advertising and interviewing candidates for this position. Clerk Marsicek will contact the Cloud County Clerk to get thing started.

Porter stated that one of the deputy appraisers from Cloud County assisted in Republic County for 4 days to complete the Real Estate Data collection.

The Honorable Mayor of Cuba, James Banahan, invited the commissioners to attend the modified annual Cuba Rock-a-Thon on March 17, 18 & 19.

Banahan also inquired if the county had set a date for the countywide clean-up. The commissioners will contact Ken Robbins for this information.

Ken Robbins, Highway, Transportation and Solid Waste Director joined the meeting. Robbins presented and discussed with Commissioners the following:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins received a draft of the Road use and Maintenance Agreement from Trish Voth and he has some questions as to who should be the County Designee. Commissioner Garman suggested that Robbins contact our County Attorney for this information.
- The recycling trailer is to be delivered today February 28.
- Robbins met with the citizens that had fence damage due to the fires last spring and proposed a settlement. Robbins will take the proposed settlement to the County Attorney for final approval.
- Engineers have accompanied Robbins and the bridge supervisor to inspect bridges and propose repairs or replacements that are needed.
- Dan Snyder is semi-retired as of February 28. He will still work part-time to drive the recycling trailers to the recycling centers.

Discussion regarding the tours of the two buildings last week resulted in the need for further information. The purchase prices are needed before any additional discussion will be held.

Clerk Marsicek reported that on February 23 the department head meeting was held. They meet again on March 23 to prepare a proposal for longevity to be presented at the commissioners meeting on March 28.

At 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made in unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug Garman – Chair

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Edwin Splichal – Member

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Melvin Jeardoe – Member