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REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the JR/SR High School multi-purpose room. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek, The Belleville Telescope observed the meeting. Others attending portions of the meeting were Adam Anderson, Belleville City Manager, Justin Ferrell, County Attorney and Quinten Bergstrom.

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

Pastor Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church of Belleville, 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 30, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$178,743.37.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, announced that the contracts with the physicians at the Medical Clinic have been put on hold until the pandemic has calmed. Ferrell informed the board that calls seem to be slowing as citizens realize the local requested for people to stay at home is for their safety.

Since the unexpected passing of Jim Ottot, Republic County will assume the mowing and lawn maintenance at the Medical Arts building.

Raymond Raney and Danielle Swanson updated the commission regarding COVID-19 in Republic County. Raney presented maps to commissioners showing areas of quarantine persons. Swanson shared that there are only 4 confirmed cases and they are quarantined to their homes. Several others are self-quarantined because they had contact with the confirmed cases.

Adam Anderson, City of Belleville, reported that the citywide cleanup has been completed and that city employees are instructed to keep social distancing while performing their regular duties.

Deb Hadachek announced that the Republic County Hospital received an interest forgiven loan for 1.5 million. This will assist will paying employees without a layoff during this time.

A discussion regarding the frequency of commissioner meetings and the safety of commissioners, staff and public resulted in a motion by Commissioner Splichal to change the meetings to 2 times a month until the pandemic has run its course. Starting April 27th, he recommended meeting on the second and fourth Mondays unless it falls on a holiday then meeting the Tuesday that week. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Hadachek and Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development (RCD), proposed a payment modification to current RCD loan payees. The proposal would extend an opportunity to make interest only payments for four (4) months. All requests must be made in writing.

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

Shoemaker announced that all twenty businesses that applied for the stimulus loan have received the first half payment and they will receive the balance when receipts have been received showing the full use of the first payment.

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

- Zenger presented quotes for 6 computers from Wilson Communication, Lock It and Dan’s Tech solutions. Commissioners tabled the decision until clarification of software. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
- Zenger requested signatures on a waterline agreement between Republic County and Rural Water District #2.
- Dusty informed the commissioners that today, April 13 the transportation drivers should return to regular hours, however, with the stay at home orders from the state, Zenger is requesting that the buses not be used. Commissioners agreed that the drivers be laid off until the orders by the state have changed to all clear.
- Zenger announced that April 27 is the auction date to sell the Cat motor grader and the date that work will begin on the Warwick bridge.
- The bridge crew is working on the bridge located on Valley Road.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse via Zoom.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal– Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member