

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Doug Garman, Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

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

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

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$315,139.15.

Permission was requested for Clerk Marsicek to attend PVD training in Salina on September 13 and the North Central Kansas Clerk's Fall gathering in Marion, KS on September 15.

Permission was requested for Lori Benyshek to attend the North Central Kas Billers meeting in Salina on September 14.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve all three permissions to travel. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signatures the Certification of Voting Delegates to the 47th Annual Kansas Association of Counties conference.

Attendees during Public Forum were Alan Anderson, Brenda Danielson, and Robert Lahodny.

Danielson requested answers to questions asked the last couple weeks regarding how equipment will be moved from one location to another if a non-participates' land is between the locations. Danielson also expressed concerns from many counties that are against any additional towers or placing any turbines at all.

Anderson explained that there are many very satisfied landowners in regards to tower projects. Also, Anderson stated that easements are part of the contracts with the landowners but the exact location of those roads are not finalized.

Commissioner Garman asked what model of towers would be installed in Republic County and are they currently being used in other projects? Will each tower have its own 911 address or GPS address or are they just located with a legal address-Section, Township and Range?

Anderson stated that the models in the project plan will be GE and they are like the towers in Marysville. There will be a factory warranty just like other equipment purchased. The paint on the towers will be non-glare. Anderson stated that the towers will each have 911 addresses, Section, Township, Range and a GPS address.

Commissioner Garman suggested that Clerk Marsicek contact Tammy Taylor from Twin Valley to set an appointment for further discussion regarding the proposed telephone upgrade.

Kenneth Robbins, Highway, Transportation and Bridge Administrator presented for review:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Crews are sealing 90 Rd from Fir Rd to Scandia this week.
- Plans to seal the asphalt road from K-148 to US 36 near Cuba in the next few weeks.
- Commissioner Garman complimented the rework completed on 30 Rd and asked if before winter the road department could clear the ditches on Marble Rd between 40 Rd and 50 Rd.
- Robbins is drafting a letter regarding noxious weeds and will be sent to landowners.
- All the mowers have been serviced and employees are out mowing roadways.
- After the US Hwy 36 garage sales, the county will assist Scandia with sealing some streets.

Attorney Trish Voth, Foulston Siefkin LLP, joined the meeting.

At 10:43 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe moved to enter into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss the proposed wind farm project. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Voth. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes

The board reconvened at 11:13 a.m., Voth was asked to return on September 19.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Splichal made a motion and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 19, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Doug Garman, Chairperson

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Edwin Splichal, Member