

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jear DOE and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. 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.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Danielle Swanson, Justin Ferrell and Raymond Raney presented their weekly update regarding COVID-19 information in Republic County. Swanson stated that all restrictions have been removed except the travel restrictions from KDHE will remain enforce until Governor Laura Kelly rescinds them. Swanson also stated that there are new banners at the health department explaining where to park and that people should remain in their automobiles and call the health department if they are there for COVID testing. Regular clients can make appointments and use the intercom at the door to announce they are there for the appointment.

Commissioners reviewed a quote from Fuller Construction to add a carport to the west side of the health department. The cost of the addition is \$5,300. Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raney announced that each county should be eligible for special funding from "Strengthen People and Revitalizing Kansas-SPARKS". The state has set up a special committee to determine the amount of funds that each county can qualify for and the restrictions regarding the use of the funds.

Ferrell stated that court hearings are held through "TEAM" services until further notice of the 12th Judicial Judge Kim Cudney. Ferrell is researching the request to remove the delinquent taxes on the land purchased by the City of Belleville land bank. Ferrell will work with the County Treasurer and the Belleville City Manager to resolve the issues.

Swanson requested permission to attend a training in Beloit on June 24. Permission was granted.

Swanson also presented for signatures the contracts for the schools for school year 2020-2021.

Susan Aaron, Employee Task force, announced that the annual employee appreciation meal at the courthouse will be held on June 29 at noon and Rick Cleveland will grill the food purchased by the county. The dates for the other departments have not been set yet but will be later this summer.

Jeff Beikmann, EMS Director, presented for signature the grant papers for reimbursement from the Kansas Emergency Medical Services to cover the cost of holding an EMT class. Beikmann also stated that there has been a delay in the delivery of the new ambulance until the end of June.

Stacy Bowen and Dan Snyder, Road and Bridge department, presented updates from the county shop departments:

- Crews are working on several projects including
 - Road crews working on Diamond Road
 - Crews have finished regrade on Fir Road
 - A crew is removing trees on 60 Rd and Valley
 - Asphalt crew is patching south of Scandia
- Hall Brothers have postponed the applying of onyx to the Clyde Road for 3 to 6 weeks.
- Three applications have been received for the operator 1 position.
- The transportation buses are now offering full passenger capacity starting this week.
- The recycling trailers are filling fast and the extra deliveries to recycling center should slow down in the next couple of weeks.
- The annual bridge inspections are in process now.

Snyder asked for suggestions to remove the tires and scrap iron from the landfill. Snyder was instructed to contact the scrap iron dealers in Republic County for pickup of the iron. Commissioner Jeardoe suggested waiting until this fall to see what funds will be available before contacting Champlain Tire to pick up the tires.

Discussion was held regarding the railroad bridge on 190 road just north of Nickel Rd. Kyle railroad has contacted the road department to assist with improvements. This topic was tabled until further information can be presented.

Alisha Bond, HUB International, introduced Julie Wilson a new associate with HUB International that will be working with Republic County Human Resources relating to insurance benefits.

Commissioners contacted Dusty Zenger by phone conference regarding details discussed between him and Kyle Railroad. Zenger explained that the last contact he had with the railroad, the railroad wanted to use the old tracks rather than disband and tear out tracks so the discussion was tabled for more details. No agreement was approved.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 22, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

Edwin Splichal– Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member