

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Melvin Jeardoe and Edwin Splichal. Commissioner Marvin Bergstrom was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed part of the meeting.

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

Pastor Wade Moss, Landmark Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 28, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney presented updates on SPARK funding in Republic County.

- The memorandum of agreement (MOA) has been created and will be sent to each entity that is requesting funding from the SPARK fund.
- The initial reimbursements requested have been paid to the entities that requested reimbursements.
- District Court has presented an additional list of reimbursements for COVID expenditures and a request from direct funds for the courtroom. These expenses will be reviewed by the SPARK administrator for approval if funds are available.
- Commissioner Jeardoe requested that an amended request be submitted to the state that includes the District Court requests if approved and the hands-free faucets and flushing systems for the toilets in the courthouse with an estimated value of \$40,000.
- Susan Aaron presented for signature a grant application for Emergency Management Performance Funds.
- Raney stated that the fire districts in Republic County have been busy during this harvest with combine fires and one field fire.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, presented the first draft of the 2021-2025 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP), the Interlocal Agreement and the resolution information for review. The commission set the public hearing for November 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. to finalize the new NRP.

Nathan Craig and Stacey Bowen, county shop and transportation, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Commissioner Jeardoe informed Craig that there is a culvert located on 20 Rd south of Fir that needs additional dirt work around it.
- Craig stated that the asphalt crew has filled the potholes on the Kackley Rd and is working on the asphalt south of Courtland near K148.
- Crews are assisting the Belleville crew to patch S St east of Republic County Jr/Sr High School.
- County crews assisted the Belleville crews to seal 40 blocks in Belleville.
- All county roads on the schedule to be sealed in 2020 are complete.
- The Warwick bridge near Hardy has been completed except for some approach work.
- Bowen presented an inventory list of culverts and value and also a fuel sheet through September.
- Bowen announced that the county shop was inspected by KWORCC.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, announced that no monthly meeting will be held in October. Shoemaker also presented the criteria sheet for the original paperwork for Heartland Gamebirds, LLC and a voucher for the first drawdown on the loan funds.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 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