

## **REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 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, 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.

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 June 15, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers for \$330,598.76 were approved.

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

Danielle Swanson and Raymond Raney presented their weekly update on the status of COVID in Republic County by stating there are two types of funding available. The first is Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) through the Federal Government and the second is Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) through the state. The first round of funding to Kansas from the government totals \$400M to be distributed among each county. Republic County's share is estimated at \$922,802.00. Counties are required to submit a Resolution by July 13<sup>th</sup> and a Plan of action by August 15. Kansas Association of Counties will hold a webinar on Friday, June 26 to explain the details of the resolutions and county plans for use of the funding.

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, introduced Kyra Lampe as the summer intern to research apartment or house rental options in Republic County.

Waylon Sheetz, Belleville Mainstreet and Chamber, introduced Julie Baniqued as the summer intern for the City of Belleville. Both Lampe and Baniqued will present options to increase housing in Republic County at the end of their internship.

The Honorable Mayor of Cuba, Westin Pacht, affirmed the canceling of the annual Cuba Harvest Festival, however, there may be plans for another activity this summer or fall to replace the Festival. On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a turkey and trimmings dinner from 11 to 1 but it will be carry out only. Contact the city office for more details.

Stacey Bowen and Nathan Craig, Road and Bridge department, presented updates from the county shop departments:

- Crews are working on several projects including
  - Road crews working on Diamond Road.
  - Asphalt crew is patching south of Munden.
  - Bridge crews put in a tube drain on 80 Rd between Shady Rd and Timber Rd.
- Hall Brothers started applying the onyx on the Clyde Road today.
- Permission was granted to order tracks for the excavator.
- Bowen reported that Jeff Sothers has requested the installation of two signs noting “Caution children” on 50 Rd near Hwy K148.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the installation of the signs. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Interviews for full-time operator 1 will be held this week. The two part-time positions are filled pending pre-employment testing.
- Bowen announced that the annual employee appreciation meal will be held on July 2 at 1 P.M. and presented bids for the meal.
  - Snapp Catering                      \$9.00 per plate
  - Paradise Eats                      \$8.25 per plate
  - Woodshop Pizza                      \$9.00 per plate

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Paradise Eats. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Bowen reported that the annual bus inspections have been completed.

Commissioners instructed Craig to contact Kyle Railroad and decline the improvements and request the removal of the tracks over 190 road just north of Nickel Rd.

Clerk Marsicek asked permission to purchase 16 Express Vote Booths and 6 ADA leg kits from Printelect.com. Commissioner Splichal approved the purchase of the booths. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Billy Joe Strnad, citizen, thanked the county for patching the road south of Munden and asked if the grader operators use the magnets behind the graders because he has found many nails and spikes on the gravel roads near Munden. Commissioner Jeardoe will review the issue with the road department.

Commissioner Splichal reported that the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention committee met in Republic County Courthouse on June 17.

Commissioner Jeardoe will attend the board meeting of Pawnee Mental Health on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> by Zoom.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. in order to attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 29, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melvin Jeardoe – Chair

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Edwin Splichal– Member

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Marvin Bergstrom – Member