

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 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 parts of the meeting.

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

Commissioned Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, 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 August 17, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$239,280.03 regular funding and \$503.53 SPARK funding.

Both commissioners will attend the Republic County Hospital Board meeting by ZOOM.

Custodian, Patrick Comstock, dropped off quotes for an air conditioner unit in the Extension office.

- Tebow Plumbing Co., Inc \$3,000.00
- Hood Heating, Plumbing & Air \$4,771.00

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the quote from Tebow Plumbing. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney and Justin Ferrell presented updates on SPARK funding, delinquent tax sale progress and coronavirus cases in Republic County.

- Ferrell stated that the delinquent tax sale preparation is on schedule.
- Ferrell also shared that there was a new coronavirus case over the weekend increasing the total cases to 35 however, no one is hospitalized.
- Raney announced that all the requests for direct spending for the SPARK funds has been submitted to the state and Republic County is waiting for approval. A formatted Memo of Understanding (MOU) will be sent to the county, the cities and the schools to submit with completed projects.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2020-41, regarding starting wages of Republic County employees which rescinds Resolution No. 2019-30.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-41. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raney returned to the meeting to ask permission to purchase an air conditioner for the dispatch area. Permission was granted.

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel in regards to wages. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:15 a.m., no action was taken.

Clerk Marsicek presented two quotes from Danielle Swanson for a new desk, hutch, and matching file cabinets for the health department.

- Central Office Supply \$1,500.00 assembled
- Amazon \$1,433.64 unassembled

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to accept the assembled desk and accessories from Central Office. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Beikmann, EMS Director, asked permission to promote a part-time EMT to full-time. Permission was granted. Beikmann also requested that with the coronavirus still active in the county, that the employee appreciation meal and awards presentation be postponed indefinitely. Commissioners suggested that Beikmann present the awards to the employees at EMS and the celebration be held at a later date.

Keith Anderson, New Century Bank, requested a signature on an RCD loan addendum.

Commissioner Splichal reported that the Juvenile Detention committee met by ZOOM on Wednesday, August 19 and a motion was made to decrease the annual invoices for each county by 10% for 2021.

Commissioners signed letters of support for grants in regards to expanding wireless broadband internet through out parts of Republic County for Nex-Tech Wireless and Cunningham Cable via North Central Regional Planning Committee.

Daniel Snyder and Stacey Bowen, from solid waste, road and bridge and transportation departments, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Bowen announced:
 - The culverts were received and the culvert for Fir Rd will be installed on Monday and the Ash Rd culvert installation should be completed this week.
 - The patching crew is working on the Narka blacktop road.
 - The majority of the equipment repairs should be completed this week.

- Bowen asked when the new administrator will start. Commissioners stated that as soon as all the pre-employment paperwork is completed, the commissioners will announce the name.
- Snyder reported that the landfill is open according to the regular schedule hours. Snyder has the recycling trailers on a regular delivery schedule.

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to open the Solid Waste Landlord Delinquency hearing. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Aaron, administrative assistant for Solid Waste, presented the list of 11 names of Landlords with delinquent solid waste fees.

Discussion in regards to charging a late fee for late payments or giving a discount if persons pay in advance for the entire year was tabled until the next commissioner meeting.

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

Aaron also announced that there are still weather radios available for the public to purchase from Republic County. Persons who want to purchase a radio can contact Aaron at the courthouse.

Commissioner Jeardoe read an email requesting that the commissioners promote the 2020 census. If you have not filled out the census request and submitted, please complete as soon as possible.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 31, 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