

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 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, Arlene Clayton, Christy Newman and Quinten Bergstrom observed parts of the meeting.

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

Pastor Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes and the June 24, 2020 Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Danielle Swanson, Raymond Raney and Justin Ferrell presented their weekly updates.

- D. Swanson reported that 126 persons were tested in the drive thru testing on Wednesday, June 24 and there has been several persons requesting tests in the last two weeks.
- Ferrell reported that the delinquent tax sale is proceeding as scheduled and he is contacting Dr. Roger Marshall's office for assistance regarding Nebraska Channels verse Kansas Channels.
- Raney explained that the Zoom meeting held on Friday, June 26 pertaining to Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) funding suggested that counties hire a third party as a project leader to assist with the large amount of time tracking receipts and monitoring the funds. This person's wages can be paid from the funding received so there is no direct additional cost to the county.
- Raney also suggested that a taskforce committee be set up to brainstorm plans for Republic County to properly utilize the funds received from SPARK. He will contact persons from several areas throughout Republic County to be a part of the committee. Clerk Marsicek was directed to contact the accounting firms within Republic County and the accounting firm that processes the audits and budget planning for the county for interest in acting as the Republic County project contact.

Nathan Craig and Dan Snyder, Road and Bridge department and Solid Waste department, presented updates from the county shop departments:

- The dirt work part of the regrade on Diamond road is complete.
- The onyx overlay on the Clyde road is complete and stripes need to be applied to the road.
- Asphalt crew is patching south of Munden.
- The culvert on Fir between 290 Rd and 300 Rd is complete.
- The culvert south of Zion Cemetery corner will be cleaned out to allow better water flow.
- The quote for the tracks on the excavator was for one side only, so the amount quoted would be approximately double.
- Kyle Railroad stated that they would do all the work in regards to the overpass tracks on 190 Rd.
- The caution signs have been purchased for 50 Rd near Hwy K148.
- KDHE will inspect the landfill this week.

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to enter an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners, Craig and Snyder.

The board reconvened at 10:20 a.m., taking no action.

Barry Bottger, Republic County Hospital, requested that funding for North Central Kansas Medical Arts Building be increased to \$20,000 starting in 2021 in order to replace the air conditioners. There are 8 units and to save cost, Bottger suggested that one unit should be replaced each year for the next 8 years. Bottger also mentioned the office space in the clinic is in the process of being remodeled to accommodate the new physician that will start in September 1, 2020.

John Ungerer, candidate for Kansas House of Representatives District #106, introduced himself and explained why he is running for that position.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. in order to attend the Republic County courthouse employee appreciation lunch. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 6, 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