

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 from 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.

Pastor Bob Frasier, Presbyterian Church of God of Belleville, 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 August 31, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, left a message in regards to a meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at the Bel-Villa and application information for each commissioner.

Raymond Raney and Danielle Swanson presented updates on SPARK funding and coronavirus cases in Republic County.

- Raney announced that Republic County has received a confirmation on the requested reimbursements and direct spending plan.
- Raney announced there would be a meeting of the SPARK committee on Thursday to review Reimbursement and Direct Aid Plan.
- Raney also announced that the Phase 2 funding requests has closed.
- Swanson explained that there are 4 active cases of Coronavirus in Republic County with one person hospitalized. The average number of coronavirus tests performed by the Health Department is 5 per week.
- Swanson clarified the Governors' announcement that starting September 14, information regarding where cluster cases are located will be announced to the general public. No specific names only areas such as schools, businesses or organizations.
- Swanson announced that Angela Sjogren has accepted the RN position with a starting wage of \$20.50 per hour and Sjogren started work today for the Health Department.
- Swanson and the Health Department are setting up Flu shot clinics throughout Republic County during September/October. Persons must call for appointment.

Permission was granted for Danielle Swanson to attend NCKPHI Quarterly Meeting in Beloit on September 16.

Terry Lambert, the new Road & Bridge Administrator, along with Bobby Lawson, Daniel Snyder and Susan Aaron, from road and bridge and solid waste departments, presented updates from their departments.

Terry Lambert was introduced to those attending the meeting as the new Road and Bridge Administrator and Director over Solid Waste and Transportation. Lambert will officially start on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

- Lawson announced that the asphalt crews are finished patching on the Cuba asphalt from US 36 to K 148 and the Munden asphalt south to US 36 and the Narka asphalt south to US 36.
- Lawson announced that Hall Brothers are scheduled to deliver 1,000 tons of cold mix.
- Lawson stated that the pipe has been installed under the junction of Jade and 220 Rd.
- Lawson suggested the purchase of an additional plow truck to replace a truck currently unusable.
- Aaron presented information regarding the solid waste fees charged by surrounding counties. Republic County invoices on a quarterly basis. Cloud County sends invoices twice a year and charges 50% penalty if the account remains unpaid, then the account is added to the taxes in the fall. Washington County and Jewell County automatically put the solid waste fees for the year on the property taxes with no penalty.
- Following general discussion about adding a penalty to accounts past due, Commissioner Splichal made a motion to add \$25.00 per year to residential accounts and \$50.00 to business accounts past due after July 1. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Snyder asked if there were any funds available to dispose of the excess tires collected at the landfill. Aaron explained that the solid waste budget is showing over 50% available funding for the rest of 2020. Clerk Marsicek will create a new revenue fund and expense fund for just tires. Aaron will contact Champlin Tire to schedule a pickup of tires.

Commissioner Jeardoe inquired if the county has a retention agreement with employees that receive special training or licensing while employed for Republic County. Stacy Bowen will be contacted to research this information for employees that Republic County trains at the County shop.

Clerk Marsicek presented correspondence from OCKK announcing the relaunching of the KANcycle starting September 11.

After reviewing an email from Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) regarding President Trump’s Executive Order Deferring Payroll taxes temporarily from September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, the consensus of the board is not to follow the Executive Order but to process payroll withholding as usual.

Aaron presented for signature a Memorandum of Agreement between Republic County and the City of Narka in regards to solid waste fees.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 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