

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 8:00 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 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 Rick Snodgrass, Assembly of God 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 29, 2020 minutes and the minutes from the Special meeting on July 2, 2020. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, presented for signature the Biannual reports for the Kansas Department of Commerce and announced that the scheduled monthly meeting for July has been canceled.

Deb Hadachek, Republic County Hospital Board, explained that the hospital is applying for a grant to replace parking on the west and east sides of the hospital and is asking for the County road department's assistance with the demolition of a parking lot. Part of the parking lot is asphalt and part is concrete. The hospital is also requesting a letter of support. Clerk Marsicek will draft the letter and send it to the hospital. Troy Isaacson, hospital groundskeeper, joined the meeting and affirmed the request by Hadachek.

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

- Bowen announced that the inspection at the landfill went well.
- Three persons were interviewed last week and pending pre-employment testing offers will be presented to them.
- The transportation department receive face masks from Kansas Department of Transportation to provide for riders on the buses.
- Craig stated that he will visit the bridge installation near Hardy.
- Installation of two culverts at Young Rd & 190 Rd has begun.
- Patching crew is finishing the work on the Munden Road this week. Then moving to the asphalt road between Cuba and K148.
- The caution signs are being installed today.

- No one has been assigned full time to cover grader district #7.

Commissioner Jeardoe recommended that the classified ad for Road Administrator be published for another two weeks then interviews will be scheduled.

Danielle Swanson and Raymond Raney presented their weekly update on the status of COVID in Republic County.

Raney announced that the first meeting of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) committee was held last Wednesday, July 1. The committee reviewed the emails that Raney had received from the state regarding this program. Raney requested that all groups requesting reimbursement from the fund gather and present to the project contact when that person is assigned. The second part of funding will be applied to direct payments for future needs of the groups as this COVID-19 continues to impact our county. Clerk Marsicek stated that she has contacted several accounting firms, individuals and banks in regards to being the contact to assist with the SPARK project. Since a primary contact must be reported to the state by Monday, July 6, Clerk Marsicek will be named as primary contact and Raymond Raney as secondary contact until a project leader can be assigned.

D. Swanson stated that because of the recent outbreak of coronavirus, there are approximately 45 persons in quarantine within Republic County. The positive cases are recovering at home. Swanson presented two quotes to update their computers with a wireless access Point from Nex-Tech.

- One time update \$321.90
- Monthly service agreement plus a one-time installation fee \$45 per month + \$50 = \$550.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the one-time update for now. Commissioner Splichal seconded. Motion carried.

Jeff Beikmann and Erin Williams, EMS department, brought the new ambulance for the commissioners to inspect.

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess until 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to review the individual county department budget requests so the preliminary budget can be prepared.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste secretary, presented the list of delinquent solid waste customers and announced that the delinquent solid waste hearings will be as follows:

- Residential persons August 10, 2020 at 11:00 am

- Landowners

August 24, 2020 at 11:00 am

Clerk Marsicek presented for discussion and action, Resolution No. 2020-37, County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution required to receive SPARK funding.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-37. Commissioner Jear DOE seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, joined the meeting.

At 2:26 p.m., Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to enter executive session for 9 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel on performance matters. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attending the session were the commissioners and Raney.

The board reconvened at 2:35 p.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Jear DOE made a motion to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek – County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Melvin Jear DOE – Chair

Edwin Splichal– Member

Marvin Bergstrom – Member