

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 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 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 Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- Raney announced that the reimbursements of expenses for COVID related expenses should be processed this week. The two items that the state questioned on the direct spending plan have been removed and the money will be allocated elsewhere. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to be developed by the County Attorney. The MOA will be submitted by each entity that uses the project SPARK money.
- Swanson announced that there is only 1 active coronavirus case in Republic County however, Republic County sustained its first COVID related death last week.
- Swanson explained that the vaccine for the coronavirus will be stored frozen when it becomes available.
- Swanson announced the retirement of Joyce Ball in November and requested permission to place an ad for a replacement. Permission was granted.
- Ferrell is reviewing the MOA and return the completed form to Raney to be used by the entities.
- Ferrell is working with the Sheriff's office in regards to damaged county property over the weekend. The cost to repair the damage needs to be determined before the case will be filed.
- Ferrell is researching the necessary documents and cost relating to the Nebraska versus Kansas television stations.

Sherri Koster, North Central Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group (NCKLEPG), presented the semi-annual reports for approval. The reports were accepted as presented.

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data regarding financial affairs. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Those attending were the Commissioners and Raney.

The board reconvened at 9:40 a.m., taking no action.

Kent Kalivoda, Honorable Mayor of Agenda, stated the concern of the Agenda residents regarding the speed of vehicles on K148 by Agenda. The prevention of accidents is the goal of the community. The commissioners suggested that Kalivoda contact the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the decrease of the speed limit on that stretch of road.

Terry Lambert, Highway Administrator, Nathan Craig, Supervisor of R&B, and Stacey Bowen, transportation, presented updates from the county shop area.

- Lambert has toured the facilities and visited with the employees of his departments.
- Lambert has reviewed the current budget figures with the assistance of Bowen and will research some funds exceeding the normal limits.
- Craig stated that due to the wet weather last week, the asphalt crew assisted on other projects within the county but will return to patching this week.
- Crews will assist the Belleville City employees to patch and seal S Street from US 36. Then they will work on main street in Norway.
- R & B employees will return to winter hours the week of Thanksgiving.
- New email addresses have been set up for Lambert, Lawson, Craig and Bowen.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained that road repair is necessary on Young Road between 190 Rd and 200 Rd and all cost to this project needs to be reported to the County Attorney.

Commissioner Jeardoe will be the voting delegate for Republic County for matters pertaining to Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP) for the ZOOM meeting to be held on October 14, 2020. Commissioner Splichal will be the alternate delegate.

Commissioner Splichal will be the voting delegate for Republic County for matters pertaining to Kansas Association of Counties virtual conference event. Commissioner Jeardoe will be the 1st alternate delegate and Clerk Marsicek will be the 2nd alternate.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, presented the annual review of Risk management services and other insurance services available to Republic County.

KCAMP sent an insurance notice of deductible increase from \$500 to \$1,000 on all insurance property for Republic County effective January 1, 2021.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, presented loan closure letters for Oscar Sheets dba Bell Con Sanitation because the loan requirements have been fulfilled. Shoemaker also presented an application approval for Heartland Gamebirds, LLC in the amount of \$70,000 from the RCD original fund.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the loan application for Heartland Gamebirds. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 21, 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