

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Doug Garman and Melvin Jeardoe. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek recorded the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed most of the meeting.

Chairman Splichal called the meeting to order and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Kathleen Marsicek, Little Blue River Parish, offered morning prayer.

Commissioner Splichal moved and Commissioner Jeardoe seconded to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garman moved and Commissioner Splichal seconded to approve February 13, 2023, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$24,127.44 for billbacks to 2022, and \$256,606.43 for 2023.

Commissioners Jeardoe and Splichal plan to attend the Republic County Hospital meeting at noon.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, visited with the board regarding the sagging canopy at the east entrance of the courthouse. Clayton reported that she is still researching bids to repair the front steps. She asked why local businesses don't donate funds to assist with repairs of the steps. Clerk Marsicek informed Clayton that last Friday a person had contacted Marsicek about quoting the repairs. They took measurements and looked at the specifications from 2006 designs and will be mailing a quote.

Cindy Coons, County Treasurer, explained that the lease agreement on the postage machine expires in July and presented quotes for a different machine. Lease agreements are for 60 months.

- Pitney Bowes \$301.69 x 60 = \$18,101.40
- 360 Document Solutions \$424.95 x 60 = \$25,497.00

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to accept the quote from Pitney Bowes. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Commissioner Garman announced that he received an invitation to attend the annual Cuba Rock-A-Thon held March 6-18. The other two commissioners responded that they also had received invitations to attend the Dignitaries day activities.

Permission to travel was granted for:

- Clerk Marsicek to attend Sanborn continuing education in Wichita from March 8 to 10.
- Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Mary Simmons to attend the Spring NCKCCA training in McPherson on March 16.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signature a letter of support for Lock Pierce from the Historic Woodland Ranch regarding a grant application.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Garman abstained from voting.

A letter from the Silver Haired Legislature President, Thomas Gordon, requesting donations for the program was reviewed. Due to a conflict with one of their Resolutions, Commissioner Garman made a motion that Republic County not support the program financially. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

James Banahan, Honorable Mayor of Cuba, updated the commissioners on Cuba.

- He invited all the elected officials to the annual Rock-A-Thon held March 16 to 18.
- He asked if the county would be sponsoring a countywide cleanup this spring. Ken Robbins was present to affirm that the county is planning a countywide cleanup in the spring.
- Banahan asked if there are any programs within Republic County to assist with demolition of old buildings. Commissioner Garman suggested that he contact Jenny Russell with the Republic County Economic Development.

Ken Robbins presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge and turbine project information:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- An issue with a windshield being broken from a rock truck load has been solved.
- The Windfarm decommissioning agreement has been reviewed with Attorney Trish Voth and she will be at the next commission meeting to present the additional information to the board.
- There are still 5 open positions in the R&B department.
- Robbins presented for signature Solid waste agreements with the cities of Republic, Cuba and Agenda.
- A John Deere grader that was planned to be traded-in later this year, now needs repairs and Robbins asked if the trade-in could happen sooner than later. Robbins presented quotes from Murphy Tractor in Topeka.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the purchase of a grader. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signatures three appointment letters to fill open township officer positions and an appointment letter for Central Kansas Library System Board for a 4-year term.

- Lynn Maddy as Grant Township Treasurer.
- Mabel Woodman as Belleville Township Trustee
- Jeremy Strnad as Fairview Township Trustee
- Sharon Segerhammar to serve as the Republic County representative on the Central Kansas Library System Board

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the appointments. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Department heads, Faye Jones, Sheriff David Cox and Raymond Raney along with Kirby Fox from Lock-it Technologies joined the meeting to present quotes for a countywide IT service.

- Nex-Tech \$8,638.11 per month plus set up fee 8,238.11
- LockIT \$8,947.00 for 1st month then \$6,947.00 monthly

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the quote from LockIT. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to enter an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel regarding job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Cox.

The board reconvened at 12:05 p.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal reported that he attended the Regional Juvenile Detention meeting in Junction City on January 15th.

Commissioner Jeardoe announced that he will attend the Pawnee Mental Health board meeting on Tuesday, February 28.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe moved and Commissioner Garman seconded to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 6, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, Republic County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member