

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal and Melvin Jeardoe. Doug Garman was absent. Clerk Kathleen Marsicek was present to record the minutes. Deb Hadachek from the Belleville Telescope observed most 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, Crossroads Assembly of God Church of Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Aaron, Solid Waste secretary, presented for signature a letter to delinquent solid waste customers. The letters will be mailed to both delinquent residents and landowners letting them know of the Solid Waste hearings to be held in August.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the following dates for the hearings.

- The hearing for residents will be held on August 7 at 11:00 a.m.
- The hearing for landowners will be held on August 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to appoint Dr. Nolan Beavers as the Medical Physician to the Republic County Hospital Board effective at once. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Splichal appreciated the years of service of Dr. Andy Walker to the hospital board and Republic County. Since Dr. Walker no longer has a practice at the Medical Arts facility, the commissioners have appointed Dr. Beavers to fill the position of Medical Physician on the hospital board.

Phillip Murrow, NCKLEPG Sanitarian, explained that the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be implementing new policies. Murrow will be sending a new contract to Republic County saying that there has been an increase in the annual fee from \$1,200 to \$1,500 effective July 1, 2023.

Murrow invited at least one of the commissioners to attend the quarterly meetings where other state changes will be discussed. The meeting places rotate from county to county, but a list will be sent to the Republic County Clerk.

Chase Larson, Bestifor, requested an update on laydown area west of 130 Rd near their north shop. Bestifor would like to acquire that area if an agreement with the county could be reached.

Commissioner Jeardoe shared that the road administrator, Ken Robbins, is researching the deeds to the property. Jeardoe stated that the location serves the western half of the county. If another location on the western side of the county could be acquired, it would aid the relocation of the laydown area.

Arlene Clayton, concerned citizen, explained that the city of Belleville needs to spray the noxious weeds in the alleyways, especially the bind weed.

Chris Little, Stone & Tile Tec, Inc, discussed the needs of the county for the repair/replacement of the front steps. Little presented two samples of Granite that he would propose to replace the damaged areas. Little would like to contact the engineer that helped with the step replacement back in 2006 if it is possible. Clerk Marsicek will contact the company to arrange a meeting with Mr. Little.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- A railroad tanker tube will be installed to replace a box culvert on Jade ½ mile east of 240 Rd.
- Robbins will interview 2 candidates for operator 1 positions this week.
- The portable asphalt plant has already been sold but Robbins is researching other options to cover the needs of Republic County.
- Robbins has requested advance notice from NextEra when a road closure will be needed.
- The opening of the sealed bids for bridge X-27.2 construction will be July 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Jeardoe explained to Robbins that Chase Larson of Bestifor had inquired about the status of the laydown yard next to the Bestifor property.

A conference call from the Cloud County Commissioners was held to set up an interview with an appraiser candidate. The interview is set for next Monday, June 26 in Concordia at 11:00 a.m.

The commissioners reviewed additional information from S.A.M regarding the proposed GIS machine for mapping properties in the appraisers department.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase of the GIS equipment from the ARPA funds. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Marsicek will let Retha Blecha, Interim Appraiser, know that the purchase of the GIS equipment is approved.

Chelsey Wilson and Jenny Pachta, North Central CASA & HOPE’S PLACE, presented their annual report and request for funds for 2024. Wilson requested the same amount as 2023, \$10,000, however, due to funding decreases from the state if the county could increase it by \$2,000 it would be appreciated.

Commissioner Jeardoe commended Wilson and Pachta on the work they do for the youth in North Central Kansas.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 26, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners’ boardroom.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

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Melvin Jeardoe, Member

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Doug Garman, Member