

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe and Doug Garman. 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 Jacob Rice, Central Christian Church in Belleville, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the agenda with the time change for Faye Jones. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27, 2023. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD Treasurer, left word for the commissioners that no meeting will be held in March.

Susan Aaron, Emergency Management, announced that March 6th to 10th is Severe Weather Awareness week.

- Tuesday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a State wide tornado safety drill.
- Letters were sent to 90 businesses, schools, churches, health care facilities, cities and county departments encouraging them to review and practice their tornado responses.
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Emergency Management is sponsoring the annual Storm Spotter training starting 6:30 p.m. at the 4H building which the public is invited to attend.

Clerk Marsicek reported that the invoice from Twin Valley Communications for the new hone system has been received, however there has not been a motion as to what fund to cover the expense. Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the payment from the ARPA funds. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Clerk Marsicek presented Resolution No. 2023-17 to establish updated fees charged for permits and accessing and/or coping Open Public records. The previous fees schedule was approved in 2016. A policy and procedure to request an open records request was presented to accompany the resolution when posted to the county website on the Clerk's site.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-17. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Faye Jones, County Health Administrator, presented 4 permissions to travel for approval.

- Jones and Melissa Miller to attend the Governor's Conference from March 28 to 30 in Manhattan.
- Lori Benyshek to attend a Billing symposium in Manhattan from April 4th & 5th.
- Faye Jones to attend the NCK Healthcare Coalition meeting in Salina on March 10th.

All travel was approved.

Jones reported that the AED at the Health Department needs replaced. Commissioner Garman made a motion to have EMS purchase a replacement for the Health Department. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Jones presented pictures of the damaged/old steps on the west side of the Health Department building along with quotes to replace them.

- Hoge Masonry \$1,497.99 w/o second handrail \$1,997.99 with a second handrail
- Mike Loeffler \$6,007.50

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the quote with a second handrail from Hoge Masonry. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Jones reported that the Health Department helped deliver 193 meals on wheels to Scandia during February.

Jones presented for signature the grant application for the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Health Department is holding Diabetes classes for the next 4 weeks.

Jones announced that she has contacted a grant writer from KU to assist with grants for facility improvements for Republic County and asked for suggested projects that the county would like grants to assist with financing.

Ken Robbins presented for review, Highway, Transportation, Bridge and turbine project information with Max Wickstrum, Nathan Craig and Lance Jones from Murphy Tractor:

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Tower components are being delivered to the NE tower project.
- Presented for signatures a line agreement between Republic County and K&K Land LLC under Zion Trail.
- Robbins presented a 6 Year Capital Plan for Equipment for 2023-2028.
- Robbins presented a quote for 2 graders from Murphy Tractor and introduced Lance Jones from Murphy Tractor to answer any questions the commissioner may have regarding the used graders. The estimated delivery could be the end of March.

Following the general questions of the graders, Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the purchase of both graders. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Trish Voth from Foulston Attorney at Law joined the meeting.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for Attorney/Client privilege for 45 minutes to discuss County Designee responsibilities. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners, Voth, Robbins and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested 3 extensions totaling 30 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:50 a.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 13, 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

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member