

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 3, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Edwin Splichal, Doug Garman, and Melvin Jeardoe. 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 by Commissioner Splichal and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pastor Kevin Weston, Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, offered Morning Prayer.

Commissioner Garman 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 26, 2023. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff David Cox announced that the office manager in his department is leaving on July 14 and ads have been posted for applicants to apply to fill the position. Other openings later this summer and fall include two corrections officers and a deputy.

Cox released information about two drug busts. Both were related to traffic stops.

Retha Blecha, Interim Appraiser, visited with the commissioners about the duties she considers necessary for a county appraiser.

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes to review appraiser applications. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Jeardoe made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Blecha and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an added 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:20 a.m., taking no action.

The commissioners will meet in a special meeting on July 6 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a conference call with the Cloud County Commissioners about the appraiser candidates.

Clerk Marsicek announced that the Mayor of Cuba is inviting the commissioners to attend the annual Cuba Harvest Festival on July 14 and 15.

Clerk Marsicek presented emailed information from Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell regarding the CVA IRB project. There are two documents that need action by the commissioners.

- Origination Agreement
- Antenna Agreement
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Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve both agreements. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made the motion unanimous.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- The county assisted Scandia and Agenda with clearing tree limbs from the storm last week.
- There are 64 fully erected turbines.
- The sealed bids for the construction of the bridge replacement at X-27.2 are due by July 18, 2023.
- Robbins is researching a paving study for asphalt software for tracking projects.
- Commissioner Jeardoe mentioned that the thistle issue is in bloom again. Robbins will contact Mike Nondorf, weed director, to tour the area again for assessment.
- Robbins will be meeting the County Attorney, Justin Ferrell, this week to prepare a report on the old mixing strip on US 36.

Raymond Raney, Emergency Management Director, presented an invoice for the compressor repairs. Raney asked permission to buy the backup repeater from Henry Pierce for \$6,214, repairs to the Scandia tower antenna to be paid with the ARPA funds. Commissioners granted permission for both requests.

Clerk Marsicek presented for signature the Management representation letter and audit difference worksheet.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the letter and worksheet. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous.

Clerk Marsicek announced that Randy Hofmeier, CPA from Lindberg, Vogue, Pierce & Faris, is scheduled to come on July 10, 2023, from 10:30 to noon to review and finish the proposed 2024 Republic County budget.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse in the Commissioners' boardroom. The commissioners will also meet in a special meeting on July 6 at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member