

REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 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 Kevin Weston, Zion Evangelical Church of Munden, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Garman made a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kay Shoemaker, RCD secretary, left a loan Modification Agreement to be signed by the Commissioner Chair relating to the approval to defer payments for three months for Tami Van Sant.

Clerk Marsicek presented a request to purchase 3 Express Vote machines from ES&S to meet the needs of three voting areas.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve the purchase of three machine in the amount of \$12,735.00. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek and Deputy Election Clerk Mary Simmons to attend the annual KCCEOA meeting in Topeka from May 2 to May 5.

Permission was granted for Clerk Marsicek to attend a budget training class in Salina on May 10.

Treasurer Cindy Coons presented for approval wage increases for Laura Joy and Dawn Little-Journey on their anniversary date in May.

Clerk Marsicek shared an email from USD 426 Superintendent Steve Jonas detailing how Pike Valley is using the contribution of funds from the windfarm project.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins announced there is a possibility that the asphalt needed to overlay roads may be delayed until late summer, however, Robbins will contact Next-Era to inquire if the county could contract some of their asphalt and or employees to assist with overlay needs.
- Cold patch materials have been delayed until Mid-May to Mid-June.
- Robbins contacted a commissioner from Marshall County for details relating to the blade shards from the Irish Creek project. The commissioner explained that the blade was hit by lightning and the size of the damage in the blade was approximately 1 cubic foot and the debris was found no further than 800ft from the turbine. The windfarm company has made plans to reimburse the landowner for damage to the field.
- The first ad for bidding on the hay around the landfill was published last week and it will run again this week.
- Mike Nondorf is returning to the field of noxious weeds today to see what progress has transpired.
- Robbins presented for signatures four (4) utility agreements between Republic County and RWD #1.
 - Located in NW ¼, Sec 7, T-2, R-5W
 - Located in SW ¼, Sec 31, T-1, R-5W
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Brooke Omen, County Attorney's assistant, presented for signatures the Notification of County Appraiser Change notifying the State that Toby Marco no longer works for Republic County.

Commissioner Splichal suggested that Republic County share funds with all the cities within Republic County to assist with expenses relating to updates and necessary repairs beyond their budgets. The consensus of the board is to create an application and contact each cities' council for suggestions of how the county can assist.

Retha Blecha, Interim Appraiser, requested permission to have overtime through the duration of no actual appraiser to compile the May certifications so that the county will follow the state regulations. Permission was granted.

Blecha also asked if the appraiser's office be notified of persons receiving the incentive funds so it can be tracked for new construction in their reports.

Blecha would like to be included when candidates for appraiser are interviewed.

At 11:20 a.m., the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek moved the meeting to the lawn west of the Health Department to measure the area available to build a multi-purpose building if one is approved to be built.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 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