

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

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 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 and Michael Holtz from Kansas City 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 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 March 27, 2023. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Splichal announced that next week's regular meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. with a joint meeting with the Cloud County Commissioners in Concordia. Commissioners will return to the Republic County courthouse following that meeting. The remainder of the morning will be a work session.

Mark Hubert, BoBo's Meats, announced that the business is up and operating. Slaughtering has been available since the end of February. The date for the formal Grand Opening has not been scheduled but the commissioners will be invited.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion for the courthouse to close on Good Friday, April 7 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. for employees to attend services of their choice. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous.

Mike Hadachek, Molly Williams, Justin Trost and Layne Hoops from The Republic County Housing Board and Jenny Russell RCED asked for clarification of the Republic County New Housing Program since the money approved was much lower than the original possibility. Hadachek reported that the committee met Friday afternoon after receiving the information regarding the decrease of funding. The committee has already received many requests seeking the funding and how does the Housing Board decide who is awarded and who needs to wait until additional funds are available.

Russell shared that there are possible matching grants that can be applied for to assist with the total value of the incentive provided.

Levi Whitley, EMS Director, announced that Amy Mullis-Havel has been promoted to the Assistant Director position and is receiving training from Jeff Beikmann. Beikmann's last day is April 30 and Mullis-Havel will take over May 1, 2023.

Whitley presented a report of requested transfers and type of services required for the 1st quarter of 2023.

Whitley reported back to the commissioner regarding the quote for the rescue equipment. The quote is \$15,000 to \$20,000. He has requested samples of two styles but the cost will be the same.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development treasurer, presented a request to reduce loan payments to interest only for three months for Tami Cakes due to medical reasons.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the reduction of payments amounts. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Jeardoe.

Shoemaker announced that the next RCD meeting will be April 12, 2023.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.

- The landfill has been receiving goods from the citywide cleanups.
 - Belleville and Munden were last week.
 - Cuba is next week.
 - Courtland is in June
 - Republic , Agenda and Narka have not scheduled their cleanup dates.
- Robbins announced that there are 3-4 turbines completed.
- The 2 new JD graders were delivered last week and the rebuilt grader should be delivered this week.
- The transformers for the turbines are being shipped via train.
- The overpass on 50 Rd between Ash & Birch has been taken down.

Trish Voth, Attorney at Law from Foulston Siefkin LLP joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:25 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session for Attorney/Client privilege for 15 minutes to discuss County Designee responsibilities. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Splichal made unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Voth and Robbins. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 15 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:00 a.m., taking no action.

Patrick Comstock joined the meeting to discuss the requirements needed before any updates to the elevator can be installed. Comstock will contact our local electrician to review the checklist and will report back to the commissioners next week.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 10, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a joint meeting with the Cloud County Commissioners at the Cloud County Courthouse in their boardroom. Republic County Commissioners will return to the Republic County Commissioner's room when business in Concordia is completed. The balance on the morning will be a work session. No regular appointments will be approved.

ATTEST: _____
Kathleen L. Marsicek, County Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Edwin Splichal, Chairperson

Melvin Jeardoe, Member

Doug Garman, Member