

## **REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 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 Amos McCarthy, United Methodist Church of Belleville, 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 July 3, 2023 and the July 6<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable vouchers were approved in the amount of \$608,657.44.

Kay Shoemaker, Republic County Development secretary, presented letters confirming the completion of loan payments for Stephens Collisions & Glass and Modern Wellness, LLC. Shoemaker presented for signature the Bi-annual report for State of Kansas Community Development Block Grant.

Shoemaker announced there would be no RCD meeting in July.

Kelvin Blecha, President of North Central Kansas Free Fair, reported that the approved new air conditioning will not be installed in time for the fair this year. Blecha presented information about floor repairs to the commercial building. Since the quote was not recent, the commissioners asked Blecha to have it quoted again.

Anna Porter and Retha Blecha joined the meeting.

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes about qualifications of an appraiser. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion which was made unanimous by Commissioner Splichal. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Porter, Blecha and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 10 minutes.

The board reconvened at 9:50 a.m., taking to action.

Jimmie Blecha, Honorable Mayor of Munden, reported improvements south of Munden to include a bin site. Blecha thanked the county for the rock for the streets of Munden.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- There are 68 fully erected turbines.
- The thistle issue is taken care of for now but if the fields are not sprayed this fall, the seeds will multiply and the issue will be back.
- The cold mix is scheduled for delivery on July 12.

- Robbins met with the County Attorney last week and met with the landowner near the current county mixing strip.
- The estimated cost to create a new mixing strip could be \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Randy Hofmeier, Auditor from Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce Pars Chartered, presented the first draft of the 2024 Republic County budget for review and updates. This draft presented a mill levy of 83.503 with a RNR of 82.912 mills. After reviewing current usage in the revenue and expense items, adjustments were made, and the mill levy was set at 80.852. The budget hearing will be on August 7.

At 12:05 p.m., Commissioner Garman requested an executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes to discuss job performance. Commissioner Splichal seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the commissioners and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 12:10 p.m., taking no action.

With all agenda items completed, Commissioner Garman made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 17, 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