

**REPUBLIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023**

The Republic County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 30, 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 watched most of the meeting.

The chair called the meeting to order, and attendees pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Lay Pastor Deb Hadachek, Beloit Presbyterian Church, offered Morning Prayer.

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

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2023. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Dave Cox reported that there are seven inmates currently. Cox reminded the commissioners that the proposed budget for the Sheriff's office includes a fund for new microphone/cameras for the patrol officers.

Clerk Marsicek informed the commissioners as of May 30, no applications have been received for County Appraiser.

Levi Whitley and Amy Mullis-Havel, EMS, reported on activities from the EMS department.

- They announced the new command vehicle was received, however there are some issues that need corrected before it is fully operational.
- Whitley also reported that the new rescue gear was received.
- There will be a car seat check on Wednesday May 31 at the Health Department.
- They announced that Amy Mulis-Havel and Ty Sothers received a Clinical Save Award from Zoll for their life-saving actions.
- Three EMS employees passed the swimming part of the rescue training-Paris Yungeberg, Ty Sothers and Levi Whitley.
- Levi presented a suggested longevity chart for elected officials and department heads for the commissioners to review and approve. The Commissioners tabled action until they review it.

The Commissioners reviewed a drawing of a proposed building west of the Health Department and the information received about the armory as a storage/meeting facility. The commissioners tabled the discussion for more information.

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

- The weekly community concerns and projects completed report.
- Robbins reported that the county employees poured the concrete slab for the courthouse generator. The generator was installed on the slab.
- Robbins will be interviewing a candidate for an operator position today.
- Asphalt repairs should start today, May 30<sup>th</sup> south of Munden.
- Robbins will meet with Nesika and River Valley Feedlot regarding the 70 Rd upgrades.

Commissioner Garman said that the County needs to act about the thistle issue in the fields north of Scandia.

Commissioner Splichal shared information from the 2022 audit of R&B funds and stated that there is a suggested amount that could be transferred to either Special Highway or Special Equipment. Which fund does Robbins recommend? Robbins recommended the Special Highway for road repairs. Resolution No. 20223-27 was presented to transfer \$400,000 from R&B General to Special Highway.

Commissioner Splichal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-27. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion which Commissioner Garman made unanimous.

Cloud County Commission called to discuss the open Appraiser position.

At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to recess to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Cloud County Commission regarding candidate applications. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Republic County Commissioners, Cloud County Commissioners, Clerk Shella Thoman and Clerk Marsicek.

The board reconvened at 10:40 a.m., taking no action.

Retha Blecha, Interim Appraiser attended the meeting at 10: 45 a.m.

At 10:47 a.m., Commissioner Garman made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes regarding candidate applications. Commissioner Jeardoe seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners, Blecha and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 5 minutes.

The board reconvened at 11:02 a.m., taking no action.

Commissioner Splichal requested that the ad for Appraiser be sent to the papers and KAC for an additional 2 weeks.

Clerk Marsicek presented two additional resolutions relating to the transfer of unencumbered funds from 2022.

- Resolution No. 2023-28 to move \$80,000 from Ambulance General to Special Ambulance Equipment.
- Resolution No. 2023-29 to move \$150,000 from County General to County Equipment Reserve.

Commissioner Jeardoe made a motion to approve both resolution transfers. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Splichal made it unanimous.

Justin Ferrell, County Attorney, joined the meeting to clarify an issue in The Sentinel Paper. Republic County has not received any legal paperwork stating that Republic County has violated any Open Records Act.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Splichal made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes regarding job performance. Commissioner Garman seconded the motion. Commissioner Jeardoe made it unanimous. Attending the session were the Commissioners and Clerk Marsicek. Commissioner Splichal requested an additional 30 minutes.

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

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

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5, 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