

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

February 27, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met February 27, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Keith Roe, and Ed Duskie, were present. Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: Chris Petet, Custodian; Alexandria Pierce, County Attorney; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; Cindy Becker, Health Administrator; and Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director. Those absent: Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director and Don Jacobs, Sheriff.

Shannon Meier said calls have slowed down.

Anna Porter discussed the shift in values. She is preparing the change of value notices and received an extension to send them out by March 17th.

Kevin Peroutek reported for Emergency Preparedness- Don Jacobs, Assistant EMP, hosted the Fire Chief meeting last month where they provided maps to each department. Kevin said they are organizing a Recovery Exercise that includes a group of community members. Noxious Weed -Kevin will attend the Annual Weed Conference this week. He placed an advertisement to hire a sprayer operator.

Chris Petet said that the Glassman Corp is working on the heating system in the Courthouse.

Alex Pierce reported the following cases: 7 Fish & Game; 2 child in need of care; 1junveile; 55 traffic tickets; some felony cases. She discussed the tax sale.

Carla Waugh said the Auditor will be here the week of April 3rd. She said that some department's need to submit their inventory listings.

Cindy Becker said she has submitted grant applications and is working on the emergency preparedness plan for her department.

Keith Roe said he attended the JCDDA meeting and the Regional Planning meeting. He said he has looked at a lot of roads.

Ed Duskie said he attended the Soil Conservation meeting and has been looking at roads.

Brent Beck said he attended the Juvenile Detention Center meeting, the Hospital Board meeting and also has been looking at roads. Brent said the Commissioner's will be going to Smith Center today for the four county meeting. This concluded office head meeting.

Shannon Meier requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Keith Roe moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel beginning at 8:49 a.m. with Shannon Meier present. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed. Regular session resumed at 8:59 a.m. with Brent Beck moving to return to executive session for 5 more minutes beginning at 9:00 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Shannon Meier present. Keith Roe seconded the motion passed. Regular session resumed at 9:05 with no action taken.

The minutes of February 21, 2023, County Commissioners meeting was approved.

Cindy Becker requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss financial affairs. Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs beginning at 9:08a.m.with Cindy Becker present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:13 a.m. with no action taken. Cindy Becker reported that the COVID-19 Grants will reimburse for the wages of the COVID-19 nurse. She said they were able to purchase a new HVAC system for the south end of the building. Cindy talked to City of Mankato about leveling the alley for access to the shed. The Health Department set-up a website using grant funding.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, had a right of way agreement for the Commissioners' approval. Keith Roe moved to approve the right of way agreement between Jewell County and Cunningham Telephone Co to bury fiber optic from Hwy 28 and 270 Rd going North 3400'. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved to approve the IBM Maintenance renewal contract with Sirius. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the Courthouse Hours change. Brent Beck moved to approve the courthouse hours of Monday Through Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. effective March 20, 2023. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Petet, Custodian, discussed heating and cooling for the courtroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The Commissioners and County Clerk left at 11:15 a.m. to attend the Multi County Meeting hosted by Smith County with Mitchell and Osborne in attendance. Murphy Tractor representatives reviewed the services they provide and the location of their service centers. The group discussed the pay for Phil Murrow, Sanitarian. It was agreed that a voting ballot should be sent to each county in the sanitation district to vote on the pay. Keith Roe discussed Jewell County Courthouse hours change. The group discussed weight limits on county roads. The next meeting will be hosted by Jewell County on June 12th.

Ed Duskie, Member

Brent Beck, Chairman

Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman