

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 29, 2021

The Jewell County Commissioners met March 29, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Steve Greene and Keith Roe were present. Carla J Waugh, County Clerk was present for the meeting.

The following were present for office head meeting: Tonia Underwood, 4-H Program Coordinator; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Nancy Marihugh, Health Administrator; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Alexandria Carabajal, County Attorney; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; and Chris Petet, Custodian. Those absent; Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director; Travis Garst, Solid Waste Director; and Joel Elkins, General Superintendent.

Anna Porter said the 2021 values were sent out on March 1 and they have approximately one dozen appeal hearings. She said taxpayers have until the end of the week to call for an appointment to appeal their valuation. Anna said the 2021 re-inspections will start soon and they will send a letter advising residents of the visit. She said the total 2021 valuation has increased.

Kevin Peroutek reported the following: EMP- received the second KDOT Highway sign and plan to place it at the east side of the county. Kevin said he had a meeting with the Fire Chiefs last Wednesday. He noted that on the next round of Kansas Cares Act funding that Jewell County is to receive \$588,000 and will have three years to spend the funding. NOXIOUS WEED DEPT– Kevin said the Annual report was submitted. He attended the Annual Conference and Bill Burgess attended basic training. Kevin reported on the repairs for the shop furnace. He said they will start annual county road side spraying soon.

Amanda Davis and Brenda Eakins said they are hosting the Spring District Register of Deeds and Treasurers meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tonia Underwood said the official date of 2021 County Fair is July 8 through 11 with pre judging on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Marihugh said the Aid to Local grant application has been submitted. She provided COVID-19 updates: Governor Kelly announced all 16 and older may receive the COVID19 vaccine; Jewell County has provided to date 637 first doses, 453 second doses, they are hoping to get Johnson & Johnson vaccines. She said that Home Health is running smoothly. Nancy said that Lynette Huntsinger will start next Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Alex Carabajal provided a detail report of cases for the past month.

Carla Waugh reported that she attended the County Clerk's District meeting. Carla discussed SB13 financial impact on the County Clerk's budget. She said the Auditors were here last week. Carla reminded all departments of the following items: Clerk's Office needs copy of all

employees' drivers licenses; copy of employee's performance evaluation to the County Clerk's office sealed in an envelope; reminder that employees are to clock in and out each day with actual hours worked per Federal Labor Laws; and all bills need to have a voucher with the office head signature for approval, voucher is to have description of items purchased. Carla also discussed the possibility of updating the Verizon Wireless Plan and cell phones.

Steve Greene said he attended the Detention Center and Hospital Board meetings. He also attended the National Heritage Act meeting.

Brent Beck said he has been taking phone calls on roads.

Keith Roe said he drove around the county to look at roads. He also attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting via zoom. Keith discussed the mask mandate. This concluded office head meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the mask mandate with Alex Carabajal, Nancy Marihugh and Kevin Peroutek. Nancy Marihugh said it is a personal responsibility.

Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to pass Resolution 21-04 which rescinds implementation of the Governor's Executor Order No. 20-68. Motion passed unanimously.

Alex Carabajal, County Attorney, had a resolution for updating the Jail Assessment Fees. Brent Beck moved to pass Resolution 21-05 pertaining to Jail Assessment Fees. Steve Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Jacobs, Sheriff, reported that Deputy Magistro completed the Law Enforcement Training. He had Memorandum of Understandings for Mitchell and Harper County to be signed. The Commissioners said the County Attorney needs to review the MOU's. Don reported they currently have 5 inmates. He also attended the first responder meeting.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, reported that 4 tubes washed out during the heavy rain. The Commissioners discussed road maintenance.

Wayne Frost telephoned about the mask mandate.

Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve the MOU between Jewell County and Mitchell County. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the MOU between Jewell County and Harper County. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 22, 2021 County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Steve Greene moved to approve the Geisler Roofing quote for the courthouse roof repairs. Brent Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Greene moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve the cereal malt beverage licenses for Aaron Coil DBA Lovewell Marina for consumption on the premises and for in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The Commissioners and County Clerk left at 11:15 a.m. to attend the Multi-County meeting hosted by Smith County at the Smith County Courthouse with Mitchell and Osborne Counties also attending. Sherry Koster, Sanitarian, provided the 2020 second half reporting. The group discussed the following: KS-NE National Heritage Partnership “Land Grab”; Kansas Cash Unclaimed Property; Osborne and Smith Counties are considering changing tax and budgetary accounting software program providers; Osborne is also changing to a new telephone system; budgets and transfer stations. The next Multi-County meeting will be in June and hosted by Jewell County.

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Brent Beck, Member

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Keith Roe, Chairman

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Carla J Waugh, County Clerk

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Steve Greene, Vice-Chairman