

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

April 10, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met April 10, 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.

Adam Harris, Jewell County Rural Water District Operator, requested ARPA funding to help purchase equipment to reduce the expense of hiring outside contractors. He said he has been installing new meters with remote reading and making improvements to the system. He said the Rural Water District is pursuing the City of Mankato to purchase some water rights. Adam said their goals are to provide new hookups, work on abandoned meter pits, own their equipment, to prevent and reduce water loss, and have their own facility.

Shannon Meier, Ambulance Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and billing report for March. Brent Beck moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs for 5 minutes beginning at 9:05 a.m. with Shannon Meier present. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:10 a.m. with Keith Roe moving to write-off \$7694.64 for the first quarter 2023 for EMS. Ed Duskie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 9:12 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Shannon Meier present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:22 a.m. with no action taken.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance & Financial Services, and a Representative of Freedom Claims, reviewed a proposed medical plan design. He said the plan would maintain the current deductible, but would require employees to carry two cards, one from BCBS and one from Freedom Claims. Darren said this proposed plan would potentially result in savings.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed road and bridge maintenance.

Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded that the proper officer sign the agreement with Visual Labs and Sheriff's Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Eakins, Treasurer, discussed personnel. Brenda discussed defensive driving training.

The minutes of April 3, 2023, County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Brent Beck moved to declare the DVACK's Proclamation for the Month of April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Keith Roe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Roe left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Dixie Dethloff, Clerk of District Court, provided information for the Kansas Supreme Court's special session in Concordia on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Carla Waugh left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and MacKinzie Kohler joined the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

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Ed Duskie, Member

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Brent Beck, Chairman

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Carla J. Waugh, County Clerk

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Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman