

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

October 23, 2023

The Jewell County Commissioners met October 23, 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.

Employees Lora Ost, Brenda Eakins, Marilou Becker, Joel Elkins, and Jeff Cheek joined the meeting to express concerns and ask questions regarding the potential new insurance plan with Freedom Claims. The Commissioners answered questions and explained the benefits of this service. Brent Beck said that we can have someone from Freedom Claims come in for a meeting to answer any questions and explain the benefits.

Carla Waugh, County Clerk, left the meeting at 8:45am. MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Sheriff Don Jacobs presented the 2024 Maintenance agreement from Idemia for the fingerprinting machine. Brent Beck moved, and Keith Roe seconded to approve the agreement. Motion passed unanimously. Don discussed the details of the fingerprinting system as well as the agreement. Don discussed Sheriff's Department staff, he has a new deputy who will start on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and they are interviewing a dispatcher this morning. Don asked if the Commissioners would be willing to wear a Red Ribbon pin for Red Ribbon Week, which promotes the anti-drug and alcohol movement. The Commissioners all agreed to do this.

The Commissioners discussed the two proposed medical plans from Freedom claims. Keith Roe moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the Freedom Claims Blue Cross Blue Shield, Freedom Choice Plan for calendar year 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the October 16, 2023, County Commissioners meeting was approved.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck seconded that the proper officers sign the letter for commitment of local matching funds from Jewell County in the amount of \$16,000 for General Public Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent informed the Commissioners that he will have a new employee starting with the bridge crew on Monday. He said he ordered some new tubes to get through the rest of the year. Joel reported on road conditions. Ed Duskie reported concerns about G Road needing to be re-rocked in the future, and they also discussed rain being a necessity before this can be done. Joel provided a copy of a letter from the attorney's office concerning the mediation scheduled on November 8<sup>th</sup> for the fire claim.

Casey Fraiser from Foley Equipment stopped by to visit with the Commissioners and to share some calendars for 2024.

Keith Roe moved, and Brent Beck Seconded to appoint voting delegates for KAC and KCAMP as follows: KAC: Ed Duskie, Carla Waugh, Brent Beck, and KCAMP Ed Duskie, Carla Waugh. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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Ed Duskie, Member

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Brent Beck, Chairman

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MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk

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Keith Roe, Vice-Chairman