

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
March 10th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on March 10th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck and Ervin Underwood were present. MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk, was present at the meeting.

David Lamb, KCAMP, provided an update and overview of benefits and coverage that KCAMP offers. David discussed scheduling software training with the Clerk's office and went over program structures. He also explained some risk management programs that they offer such as attorney assist, roof maintenance, risk management awards for contribution discounts, defensive driving training, and risk avoidance grants up to \$2000.

Don Jacobs discussed that they would like Nex-Tech to put their server in a cloud. This would help them with connectivity and speed issues. Don said Nex-Tech quoted \$190/hour for labor, and said it would take approximately 36 hours to build the cloud. Don asked the Commissioners if he can pay for this out of the Special Law fund. The commissioners agreed that this is a good idea and gave their approval.

The commissioners and Vincent Urbaniak discussed changes to the employment rules and regulations for the Ambulance department. There are currently two interested candidates for the assistant director position. Vincent provided a monthly report for the Ambulance department regarding statistics of runs and transfers. There are a few RNs interested in assisting with transfers as well. Vincent hopes this will bring the department to the preferred level of staffing. Ervin Underwood recommended looking ahead at needing a new ambulance after discussing timelines for this at the multi county meeting.

Joel Elkins, general superintendent for the road and bridge department discussed requested road closings. The Commissioners would like to observe the road in person before making any decisions. Ervin recommended discussing these closings with the fire chief of that district to ensure this will not obstruct their potential needed access. Joel and the Commissioners discussed an employee on medical leave and policies regarding insurance coverage. Ervin asked Joel about the cost difference between limestone and gravel roads. Joel said he will look into this and provide information at the next meeting, but said it is likely cheaper initially for a gravel road, but the maintenance cost would also be a factor. Joel said they just took the track hoe in for repair last Friday.

Brent Beck moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 2025 Commissioners meeting. Motion passed unanimously.


The commissioners discussed the status of ARPA funding for Rural Water.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve and sign the Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners signed bill pay vouchers and checks.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.


Ervin Underwood, Member



MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman

