

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

March 31, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on March 31st, 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.

The following were present for the office head meeting and provided an update for their department: MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk; Chris Petet, Custodian; Anna Porter, County Appraiser; Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director; David Walton, Interim Solid Waste Director; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District; Brenda Eakins, Treasurer; Joel Elkins, General Superintendent. Those absent: Don Jacobs, Sheriff; Scott Wright, County Attorney; Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, Emergency Preparedness Director and 911 Coordinator; and Cindy Becker, Health Administrator.

David Walton provided recycling statistics to the commissioners. He also said that in the semi building there is a new tarp for the semi that needs to be put on, and they will see about getting that done this week. David requested the Commissioners and MacKinzie Kohler to meet with him at the Jewell County Landfill at 1:00pm on Wednesday April 2nd to review the status of KDHE violations. David reported that the recycling trailer was hit by a car. He will gather more information so we can move on with submitting this to insurance.

Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds said she talked to Nex-tech about getting a quote for a laptop, but the cost was much higher than expected. She will find quotes for a less expensive option. Amanda requested permission from the commissioners to purchase a new PC for the office, as it is much needed. The commissioners gave their approval.

Chris Petet, Custodian reported that things are going smoothly, but the west driveway is breaking apart and would like to look into having it repaired soon.

Nora Rhoades, Post Rock Extension District Director reported that Theresa Shipley has plans to retire soon. Due to this, Theresa will be reducing her hours while Tonya Underwood begins training and working more hours. The plan is for Tanya to fully take over Theresa's position in 2027. Nora said that Chris waxed their floors over the weekend. She also said that they are happy to allow Jewell County Economic Development and the Community Foundation to convert their current storage space into office space, as well as sharing the kitchen area downstairs with the rest of the courthouse as an additional break area. She reported that the area would need a few new doors to allow privacy when needed in the break area.

Anna Porter, Appraiser said that today is the last day to call in for an informal appeal, and otherwise things have been slower in the office. They will start on yearly inspections and certification to the clerk soon.

Vincent Urbaniak, Ambulance Director said he is working on getting the state annual renewal done, which is almost done. Dan Hanson has been appointed Assistant Director and is doing very well so far.

Brenda Eakins, Treasurer said their office has been working on lots of vehicle titles and keeping up with usual business as well as preparing for the auditors to be here.

Brent Beck said he went to the hospital board meeting, and that the commissioners met with the school board last week to discuss budget information.

Ervin Underwood said he attended the fair board meeting at the end of February, and did some road viewing with some county residents.

Ed Duskie went to the NCRPC meeting in Beloit, The Golden Years meeting, and The Rural Water District meeting. He also met with Joe Herz on road closures and viewed other county road complaints.

Brent Beck moved and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the minutes of the March 24th, 2025 Commissioners meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins joined the meeting to provide updates for the Road and Bridge Department. Ed Duskie asked Joel if the department could spare 1-2 employees and equipment to assist with filling and covering the C&D pit at the landfill. Joel said that they can. Brent Beck expressed that his department's assistance with the Solid Waste department does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. Joel recommended that there be less salt used when there is ice and/or snow in front of the courthouse, especially once there is new concrete. Joel said that they will begin rocking the north mile of 50 Road this morning. They are also going to place gravel on some roads and start grinding in the Atwood pit in order to work south of Dispatch. There will be about 7 miles to rock there.

The commissioners opened bids for the stair project in front of the courthouse. Saathoff Construction placed a bid for \$24,500. Church Family Construction placed a bid for \$17,000. The commissioners discussed these 2 options. Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to table this matter and make a decision at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the need for a maintenance schedule/plan for any departments with a standby generator after the issues with the most recent snow storm.

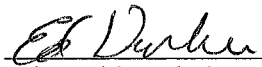
The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.



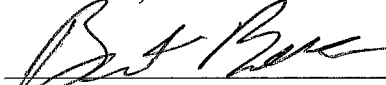
Ervin Underwood, Member



MacKinzie Kohler, Deputy County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman