

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

June 30th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on June 30th, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck and Ervin Underwood were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present at the meeting.

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

Kevin Peroutek, Noxious Weed Director, stated that county road spraying is going well and that he attended the directors meeting in Great Bend Kansas. He also reported for Emergency Preparedness that the commissioners signed the EMP Litigation F plan and he will be attending the homeland security meeting this month in Salina.

Chris Petet, Custodian, stated he talked to Jackson Glass Shop about getting a quote to repair the thresholds on the front doors.

Tonia Underwood, fair board member, presented the Jewell County Fair schedule.

Anna Porter, County Appraiser stated she is 90% done with reinspection's for the year and she is working on splits and combos for the 2025 year.

Myka Zadina, County Clerk, stated her office has been working on township budgets and has sent info to the Auditor for the 2026 County budget.

Ervin Underwood stated the Jewell County Foundation in conjunction with Jewell County Community Development is having a grant writing workshop August 5<sup>th</sup> and he recommended anyone who might want to write a grant in the future should attend.

Brent Beck attended the Hospital Board meeting and stated two positions will be open in July. He stated they have been going over budget requests and have been discussing roads and tubes with Joel Elkins.

Ed Duskie stated he attended the Jewell County Aging meeting and has also been working on budget requests and road complaints.

Joel Elkins stated they are fixing road damage and will be going to check to see where the water went over the road from this current rain today.

Vincent Urbaniak stated they have flooding in the office and was planning on talking to Joel Elkins to see if the road department can dig a ditch to funnel the water on the East side of the building. He also continued a discussion regarding a new billing company that would take on all insurance payments. Ervin Underwood stated he is interested in knowing how much time it would save the employees.

The County Commissioners reviewed a report from David Walton for the Solid Waste Department.

Lesa Peroutek, Neil Bouray, Lisa Goodheart, Jarred Nelson and Burkley Bouray were present to discuss the Jewell County Fair 2026 budget. They also stated they plan to use the ARPA funding for a storm shelter and new bathroom and will let us know when they have a final decision so they can receive the funding.

Kelly and Becky McNichols discussed the budget for the Burr Oak Library. They stated they are part of the Central Kansas Library District and are currently fighting a policy that was introduced to them after the policy was passed. This policy cuts \$6,000.00 in funding to the Burr Oak library and will cause them to raise the mill levy anywhere from .5 or .6 more. They also stated that the State funding has been cut so they will not receive the \$1000.00 that they normally would get from them. They stated that Jan Carlson, who was appointed to represent Jewell County, was the person who made the motion for this policy to be passed at the CKLS meeting. They ask that the County Commissioners do not reappoint Jan Carlson for the CKLS.

Shawn Frost discussed his concerns with his taxes. He also stated that 40 road north of S rd that goes to the Esbon City well needs to be patched. The commissioners stated they would have Joel look at it.

Ervin Underwood moved, Brent Beck seconded to approve abatement 2621. Motion passed unanimously.

Shannon Rothchild presented quotes for 17 devices that will no longer be supported by Windows 10. He presented a second quote for all 44 devices that the county has, it would fully cover any IT support, firewalls and the 17 devices would be upgraded from Microsoft 10. The commissioners requested more information regarding how much we have paid Nex-Tech in the last year for IT support to help make their decision.


Jack Alcorn and Lisa Sorenson presented a spreadsheet on expenditures for the historical society for 2025 and discussed the 2026 budget.

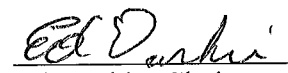
Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Commissioner minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

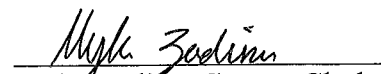
Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve abatements 2617, 2618, 2619 and 2620. Motion passed unanimously.

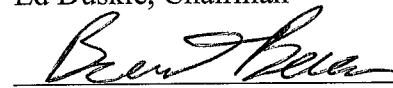
Ed Duskie signed the Local Workforce Development Area 1 Chief Elected Official Board Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

  
Ervin Underwood, Member

  
Ed Duskie, Chairman

  
Myka Zadina, County Clerk

  
Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman