

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 27, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met January 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

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

Chris Petet said Glassman Corp. repaired a gas leak on one of the boilers and that the front steps broke again.

James Vaughan stated Chad Fogo looked over the semi and discussed prices to repair it.

Amanda Davis stated that everything has been going good in her office and that Briana Kohn will be attending the Register of Deeds school in Salina.

Cindy Becker stated that the school had an Influenza A outbreak with 30 kids out for sickness. Michelle Lindberg also received her licenses as a registered diabetes lifestyle coach.

Shannon Meier stated that he had a busy month.

Kevin Peroutek reported for the Emergency Preparedness that it will be a year of change with new administration and homeland security. He also stated that he had his monthly homeland security meeting. Kevin reported for the Noxious Weed that David Gagne has been doing some late season spraying. He also stated that David will be attending a basic training at the end of February.

Anna Porter stated that her office received new ag land values from the state and discussed legislation that could affect her office.

Myka Zadina stated her office has been receiving budget reports from townships, fire districts and cemetery districts. She will also be attending a new clerk school in Topeka next month. She also reminded department heads that she is still needing inventory and copies of employees' drivers licenses.

Ervin Underwood stated he had a new commissioner training in Topeka last week and attended the JCCDA meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ed Duskie stated he attended the North Central- Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging meeting at the Mankato Senior Center. He will also be attending the Kansas Regional Planning meeting on Thursday. He also stated that he has been helping with an LEPG issue.

Brent Beck stated he went to a detention center meeting in Junction City on the 15<sup>th</sup> and attended the Hospital Board meeting last week. He also recognized Shannon Meier for his years of service with Jewell County.

Cindy Becker, Health Administrator, discussed switching phone planes from Verizon to Nex-Tech and she presented quotes from Nex-Tech. She also stated that the basement at the Health Département was still getting water in it. Morgan Harris looked over the cement apron he placed around the building to help prevent the leaking. He then went on the roof and found a hole that was resulting in water getting to the basement. Cindy also stated that she had a person interested in the dirt that was dug up around the building when the apron was

placed. Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes starting at 9:03 a.m. with Cindy Becker present for the purpose of employee evaluation. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:08 a.m. with Ed Duskie moving to go back into executive session for 3 minutes starting at 9:09 a.m. with Cindy Becker present. Brent Beck seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:12 a.m. with Cindy Becker signing her 2025 employment agreement.

Tanya Paul, DVACK, read the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation for January 2025. Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded to sign the proclamation. Motion passed unanimously. Tanya also read the National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation for January 2025. Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to sign the proclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, presented a quote for new computers from Nex-Tech. Joel stated that they hauled a load of trash Monday morning for the Solid Waste Department. He also discussed reimbursements for hauling for the Solid Waste Department, the commissioners discussed the possibility of a flat rate to be charged. Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes starting at 10:01 a.m. with Joel Elkins present for the purpose of employee evaluation. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:11 a.m. with Joel signing his 2025 employment agreement and his amended 2024 agreement.

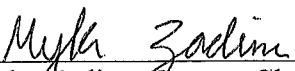
Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the minutes for the January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, commissioner meeting.

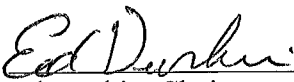
Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to appoint Mark Fleming for the Hospital Board.

Ed Duskie Moved and Brent Beck seconded that the Ambulance Director starting salary will be \$58,000 plus his longevity. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

  
Ervin Underwood, Member

  
Myka Ladina, County Clerk

  
Ed Duskie, Chairman

  
Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman