

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

August 4th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on August 4th, 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.

Vincent Urbaniak presented a report for the month of July with a total of 21 runs. He stated he will be attending a billing class this month and EMT classes will be done in just under a month with testing in Washington, Kansas. He also stated the driveway at the Ambulance Departments need new rock.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, FCMI, went over the 6-month review for the county's insurance.

Joel Elkins stated they are patching asphalt on the Webber Road and that the plan is to eventually asphalt all 6 miles and it will take 1700 tons of asphalt per mile. He also discussed the status of dirt roads in the county and the commissioners asked about sending multiple blade operators to work on the roads North of Esbon. Joel Elkins stated he wants to give Jeff Cheek a raise and would like him to have a county pickup to drive home. He stated without him he would be in a world of trouble. Joel stated the Road Department already has a vehicle for him to use and would not have to purchase another one.

Brent Beck stated he would like to go back to the old route for motor graders and Joel Elkins stated he would need two more employees for the old route.

Ed Duskie asked about the status of parts for the tree cutter attachment and Joel Elkins stated Finn Cool has not finished making the pieces for the mounting part and that they have been waiting almost a year for them. Ed Duskie asked about using calcium chloride on roads to help with dust and Joel stated he put some on a road a year ago and it made the roads very slick if any kind of moisture was in the air.

Ervin Underwood mentioned that there are terraces dumping directly onto county road and washing the roads out and stated if farmers would turn the terrace to dump into the ditch instead it would prevent a lot of the washed-out roads.


Ervin Underwood moved to approve abatement #2627 & #2626. Brent Beck second the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

Brent Beck moved to sign the agreement with Nex-Tech for full IT support on all county computers, office 365, cyber security and also replacing thirteen computers that will not support Windows 11. The cost will be \$6,200.00 a month for 60 months. Ervin Underwood second the motion with the motion passing unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.



Ervin Underwood, Member



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman