

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 4, 2026

The Jewell County Commissioners met Monday, May 4th, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood, and Ed Duskie were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Jay Johaneck reported that an accident occurred between the county excavator and county truck while refueling and stated information was sent to the clerk to be turned into insurance. He also discussed rocking projects on 30 rd. and 160 rd. and that grader operators have been working on pulling shoulders and cleaning ditches. Jay also stated that the impound lot is getting full at the old county shop and was wondering if Road and Bridge could clear out an area north of the shop and lay some asphalt millings so they could park impounded vehicles out of sight. The commissioners stated they would be fine with this. Brent Beck stated that L rd. east Highway 14 is very rough.

Ed Duskie moved and Ervin Underwood seconded moved to approve Lovewell Marinas' two cereal malt beverage licenses for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners reviewed grant information sent from Jen Urbaniak for a new baler for the solid waste department.

Don Jacobs presented the monthly report for April. He also stated that the Jewell County Sheriff's office does not have to join the union. He also stated there was an incident over the weekend with a at Dollar General where an arrest was made. He then stated that the county is received bills from the Mitchell County Hospital regarding an inmate for \$60,000.00. He stated that Statute 19-1910 states medical bills come out of general fund and not sheriff's budget. He also stated that we can get restitution in court for these medical bills.

Ed Duskie moved and Brent Beck seconded to approve the April 27<sup>th</sup> minute. Motion passed unanimously.

The commissioners discussed the quad county meeting and chose the date of June 15<sup>th</sup> to host.

Vincent Urbaniak presented the monthly report for April and stated they had 32 responses total. He stated they are going to start working on rocking the driveway and still he is still working on looking at ambulances.

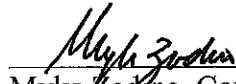
Michael Rezkalla, CEO Pawnee Mental Health, presented annual report and discussed crisis services provided by them. He stated that they provided a S.T.A.R.S. camp, Telehealth at the Jewell County Health Department and have a patient portal for clients. He also stated that Karen Boden is currently on the board representing Jewell County but has said that she is not sure how much longer she will be able to serve on the board. Michael stated that if the commissioners knew anyone who would be interested on being on the board that the commissioners could nominate them. He stated that the representative would attend the Pawnee Mental Health


meetings that are usually around an hour long in Clay Center 9 times a year on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also stated that he would provide an on boarding training for the newly appointed. Mike then discussed the annual update and stated in Jewell County Pawnee provided \$205,692.00 in services to residence with over \$32,891.00 uncompensated due to reason such as no insurance or underinsurance. He also presented the Pawnee Mental Health Services' 2027 Appropriation Request. Pawnee request that Jewell County increases its budget for mental health by 4% or by \$1,259.00 from \$31,477.00 annually to \$32,792.64 annually.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

  
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Brent Beck, Chairman

  
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Ervin Underwood, Vice-Chairman

  
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Myka Zadra, County Clerk

  
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Ed Duskie, Member