Jewell County Commissioners Meeting Minutes
October 13th, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Commissioners Present: Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, Ervin Underwood
Also Present: Myka Zadina, County Clerk

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1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

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2. Approval of Minutes
Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded, to approve the October 6th meeting minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

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3. Discussions

- **KCAMP Delegate**
  General discussion held. No official action recorded.

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4. Jim Foster – Road & Bridge Update

- Began hauling rock at the county line; patch work to follow.
- Project planned from Smith County line to the Nebraska line — ½ mile stretch requiring:
  - Installation of 3 large culverts
  - Tree removal
  - Raising road banks
    Jim described this as a **very large project** between Cedar and Diamond Roads and recommended **road closure** due to project scope and time constraints.
- Ervin Underwood expressed appreciation for progress on longstanding road issues.
- Ed Duskie noted the public's appreciation for the department's efforts.
- Jim recommended assigning **north and south road supervisors** for better oversight.

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5. Cindy Becker – Health Department Updates

- **Health & Wellness Promotion**
  - Proposal to sponsor an annual run.
  - Entry fees to be collected online, tied to the Health Department's account.
  - Will track waivers and entry fees; a small processing fee applies.
  - Coalition raised funds via t-shirt sales; currently held in a Venmo account.
  - Plan to open an account with Health 365 for proper fund management.
  - Brenda will discuss account logistics with the auditors.
- **WIC Program Funding**
  - Federal government shutdown is affecting the WIC program.
  - FY2025 WIC funding reduced from **$55,000 to $32,000**.
  - Funding includes registered dietician and staff wages.

- Changes noted in **state grants** and **meal reimbursements**.
- **2026 Cruise**
  - Conference trip being planned; no alcohol permitted.
  - Staff will work 40 hours during the week, including working meals.
  - Staff can use vacation time and be reimbursed by the grant post-trip.

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6. Brenda Eakins – Tax Sale
Provided an update on tax sale procedures and related title work.

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7. Dominic Antonini – Wilkens (via phone call)

- Discussed necessary repairs to the solid waste trailer.
- Repairs include:
  - Moving suspension forward
  - Removing the existing bumper and replacing it with a **rubber bumper** due to the tipper configuration

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **9:47 a.m.**

Ervin Underwood, Member

Ed Duskie, Chairman

Myka Zadina, County Clerk

Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman