

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

January 13, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met January 13, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. Commissioners Ed Duskie, Brent Beck, and Ervin Underwood were present. Myka Zadina, County Clerk, was present for the meeting.

Judge Kevin Phillips administered the oath of office to Myka Zadina, County Clerk. Myka Zadina administered the oath of office to Ervin Underwood, County Commissioner, District 2; Brent Beck, County Commissioner, District 3; Amanda Davis, Register of Deeds; and Donald Jacobs, Sheriff.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2024, Commissioners meeting. The commissioners did not meet the week of January 6, 2025.

Joel Elkins, General Superintendent, discussed the cost of hauling trash for Jewell County Solid Waste. He stated that Jon Ruthstrom will be a new motor grader operator. He will also be getting quotes from CAT, John Deere, and Case IH for a new motor grader.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to appoint Ed Duskie as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2025. Motion Passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to appoint Brent Beck as Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion that the Jewell County Record be designated as the official county newspaper. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion that all banks in Jewell County be designated as official depositories. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to reappoint Ed Duskie as Jewell County's representative for the LEPG Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to appoint Ervin Underwood as Jewell County's representative for the Juvenile Justice Authority/Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to reappoint Brent Beck as Jewell County's representative for the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to appoint Ed Duskie as Jewell County's representative for the North Central Regional Planning Commission Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to appoint Ervin Underwood as Jewell County's alternate representative for the North Central Regional Planning Commission Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to approve abatement number 2608 and INT0167. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded the motion to sign the amended 2024 employment agreement for the Road Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Brent Beck seconded to approve Resolution 25-01 for 2025 Rural Opportunity Zone program. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve Resolution 25-02 GAAP Financial Waiver for 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed applications for Amber Harding and Vincent Urbaniak for the Jewell County Emergency Medical Service Director position.

James Vaughan, Solid Waste Director, discussed different trash hauling options.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 9:36 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with James Vaughan present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:41 a.m. with Brent Beck moving and Ervin Underwood seconding to go into executive session for another 4 minutes starting at 9:42 a.m. with James Vaughan present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:46 a.m. with no action taken.

Anthony Roy, Mankato City Administrator, discussed the Mankato City Airport and the repairs that it needs for it to be used by emergency airplanes such as Children's Mercy. Anthony stated that they are working on getting a grant to help with the cost and inquired if the county would be able to put money towards the project.


Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to go into executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 10:06 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 10:16 a.m. with no action taken.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to sign the 2025 Employment Rules and Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to sign the 2025 Employment Agreements for the Ambulance, Custodian, Emergency Preparedness Director/911 Coordinator, Health Department, Noxious Weed, Highway, Bridge superintendent, and Solid Waste Departments. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes beginning at 10:26 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Regular session resumed at 10:31 a.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.


Ervin Underwood, Member


Ed Duskie, Chairman


Myka Ladina, County Clerk


Brent Beck, Vice Chairman