

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

May 19th, 2025

The Jewell County Commissioners met on May 19th, 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.

Cindy Becker wrote in and stated that they have a termite problem at the health department. She stated it will cost Schendel pest control \$195.00 to take care of it but would like to switch to World Pest Control. The commissioners requested her to come in to discuss quotes at the next commissioner meeting.

Ervin Underwood moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to approve Resolution 25-06. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie gave an update on the new trailer he was looking at for the Solid Waste facility. He stated the trailer he was looking at was actually a 48ft trailer and he would continue looking.

Brent Beck moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the CDL reimbursement agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the May 12th, 2025, commissioner minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Ervin Underwood stated that he would like to receive a report at least once a month from the County Attorney regarding his office.

Brent Beck moved, and Ed Duskie seconded to go into executive session for 5 minutes starting at 9:01 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Don Jacobs and Kevin Peroutek present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:06 a.m. with the Commissioners stating that Don Jacobs will be the 911 coordinator and Kevin will be the Emergency Preparedness director and 911 coordinator assistant with all pay staying the same.

Don Jacobs stated that he has had three interviews. One interview was for a dispatcher and stated Brandon will be moving from the dispatcher position to deputy. Don also stated that once wording has been changed on the 287G program agreement they will have to sign it. He stated that two Deputies will watch a course for the 287G program, and they will be responsible for it. He stated if we do not follow through with the 287G agreement we could be listed as a sanctuary county.

Joel Elkins presented a job change for Lonnie Myers, moving him from operator one to operator two. Ed Duskie moved, and Ervin Underwood seconded to approve the change. Motion passed unanimously. Joel also stated that water was over multiple roads, and they have been out working on them. He stated they are blading the Athens Road this morning and are pulling the shoulders up on it.

The Commissioners opened bids for a new motor grader and stated they will be paying for the new motor grader with the insurance money received from the excavator.

Bid one: Foley Equipment

Caterpillar 140-15AWJ Motor Grader with a rear mounted ripper.

Standard Warranty- 12-month unlimited hours

Extended Warranty- 72 months or 7500 hrs. & includes travel

CSA- 72 months or 7500 hrs. Work with me

Purchase price of \$402,441.00 and an estimated delivery of August.

Bid two: Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.

John Deere 672G Motor Grader with 6WD

John Deere Preventative Maintenance- essential 72 months or 7,500 hrs. whichever occurs first

John Deere Extended warranty- comprehensive 72 months or 7,500 hrs. whichever occurs first.

Purchase Price of \$409,498.00 and an estimated delivery of August-September.

Ed Duskie moved, and Brent Beck seconded to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 5 minutes starting at 9:44 a.m. with Joel Elkins present. Motion passed unanimously. Regular session resumed at 9:49 a.m. with Brent Beck moving to accept the bid from Foley Equipment CAT for \$402,441.00. Ervin Underwood seconded with the motion with Ed Duskie voting no. Motion passed.

Chris Petet stated the extension office needs a couple doors placed. He stated that he is unable to find the original doors that were removed years ago. The Commissioners asked him to get a bid for new doors but would like him to do some more looking for the original doors.

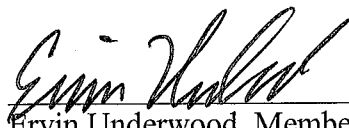
The Commissioners signed and approved bill pay vouchers and checks.

The Commissioners had questions for Brenda Eakins regarding tax sales. Brenda discussed the process of tax sale and stated she would contact the county attorney about the process. They also discussed that neighboring counties have had companies come in and do the tax sale process.

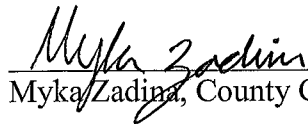
Brenda Eakins stated that the Game Warden was wondering if an account could be set up for the Wildlife and Parks. The account would be used for diversion fees so that the attorney offices receives and would go towards gun safety courses. The Commissioners stated that they are okay with opening a fund and Brenda stated that she would look into it and also contact the parks office.

The Commissioners stated the front steps, and the back driveway exit are complete, and the expenses will come out of the courthouse repairs fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 am.



Ervin Underwood, Member



Myka Zadina, County Clerk



Ed Duskie, Chairman



Brent Beck, Vice-Chairman